

propose, that each county in this State shall have the privilege of sending any number of Delegates not exceeding six, as they may deem proper, and our brethren throughout the State are requested to hold meetings (by legal permission) in their several counties, for the purpose of selecting their Delegates, and to collect money to defray the expenses they may incur by attending the said Convention.

As the object for which this Convention is called is one of vital importance to the Free Colored People of Maryland, it is greatly to be desired, and confidently expected, that a full attendance of Delegates will be present on the occasion, who will calmly, deliberately and intelligently consider the object for which they have been called together, and that each Delegate will come prepared to contribute his portion of information, and fully and freely to express his views on the great subject of our future destiny.

Delegates are requested to bring credentials of their appointment from the chairman and secretary of the meeting at which they were appointed, but in counties where no formal meeting is held, delegates are requested to procure a certificate from some respectable person, either white or colored, a well known resident of the county from whence he or they may come. All delegates complying with the above requisitions, shall be duly admitted to the Convention.

All communications in relation to the Convention must be directed to the care of H. H. Webb, St James' School Room, corner of Saratoga and North streets.

JAMES A. HANDY, *Chairman.*

JOHN H. WALKER, *Secretary.*

*Baltimore, June 14th, 1852.*

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE FREE COLORED PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

In pursuance of a public notice, a meeting of delegates to the Convention of Free Colored People of the State was held in the lower room of Washington Hall, yesterday afternoon. The Convention was temporarily organized at 3 o'clock by calling James A. Handy of Fell's Point, to the chair, John H. Walker being appointed secretary. Mr. Handy returned his thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

On motion of Charles O. Fisher of Fell's Point, a committee of one from each delegation present was appointed to nominate permanent officers of the Convention.

On motion of James F. Jackson, the credentials of the delegates were handed in, and the following sections of the State were found to be represented:

East Baltimore.—James A. Handy, James T. Jackson, Charles O. Fisher, Stephen W. Hill, Daniel Koburn, David G. Bailey.

Kent County.—James A. Jones, Isaac Anderson, Levi Rogers, Wm. Perkins.

Dorchester County.—B. Jenifer, C. Sinclair, S. Green, Thomas Fuller, S. Camper, J. Hughes.

Caroline County.—Jacob Lewis, Philip Canada, John Webb.

Northwest Baltimore.—Samuel B. Hutchings, David P. Jones, Wm. H. White, Francis Johns, John H. Walker, Cornelius Thompson.

Frederick County.—Rev. William Tasker, Perry E. Walker, Joseph Lises, Robert Trosby, Ephraim Lawson, Nicholas Penn.

Northeast Baltimore.—Chas. Williamson, Rev. Darius Stokes, H. H. Webb, J. Forty, C. Perry, Fred. Harris.

Harford County.—Daniel Ross, Henry Hopkins.

Talbot County.—Garrison Gibson, Charles Dobson, Joseph Bantem.

There was considerable excitement among a number of "outsiders," opposed to the meeting and its objects, who frequently assailed the delegates coming to the Convention, and a large number of whom, having come into the room, were ripe for any further opposition they could exhibit.

The Dorchester county delegation having seen this state of things, several of them arose and remarked that they did not think that their presence here could be of any benefit, and they therefore proposed to withdraw and go home. This announcement was received with applause, and of "good" from the opponents of colonization.

A member from Kent county begged the delegates to stand firm in their position, and the result of their labors would be of much benefit. (Applause and hisses.)

John H. Walker, of Baltimore, arose and read the circular calling the Convention, which was to take into consideration the present condition and future prospects of the colored race. He said they lived in the same State that their fathers had

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