

## MEMORIAL

OF

SUNDRY INHABITANTS OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO,

*Opposed to the measures of the Executive concerning the Bank of the United States, &c.*

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JUNE 27, 1834.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

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*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:*

We, your memorialists, beg leave to state that we are citizens of Harrison township, Pickaway county, Ohio—a township of eighteen square miles in area, situated in the fertile valley of Scioto, being entirely an agricultural community, or, what is termed among us, graziers and feeders of cattle, &c. Our exports consist principally of beef and pork, flour and whiskey. We export annually seven or eight hundred head of beef cattle, which, until a year past, were worth from four dollars and half to five and a quarter at home, but will not, at this time, bring four dollars per hundred. This reduction in one of the staple articles of our country, is, in our opinion, owing to the general derangement of the moneyed concerns of the eastern cities, and the consequent impossibility of procuring capital for the western trade, which we attribute to the “experiment” of the Executive.

Eastern drovers have come to our farms and purchased our cattle until this spring, when but few came, and sales could not be effected, unless the feeder would sustain a loss nearly equal to the value of his crop; and but few had the discernment to sell even at those prices, the balance still hoping that Congress would do something to restore public confidence to the trading community. But we had the mortification of having our hopes blasted, our labors sacrificed, our best interests destroyed, to satisfy the *will of one man*, or rather a *cabal*, at Washington City, who we believe to be ruling the destinies of our country for self-aggrandizement and party purposes. Finally, after every expectation failed us from that source, we had no other alternative but to compound, and sell to three or four of our neighbors for the best prices we could, who are now in the eastern cities disposing of their stock at a loss of from four to eight dollars per head.

Last autumn and winter we sold rising of seventeen hundred head of hogs at from three dollars to three and a half per hundred, which were slaughtered and packed in this vicinity, and still remains in possession of the packers, and cannot be sold without a loss of from two to three dollars per barrel. The time is now at hand when farmers expect to make contracts

for their pork—the highest price offered is from two dollars to two and a half per cwt.; and your memorialists verily believe that, if something is not done to grant relief to our suffering community before Congress rises, even that price cannot be obtained.

Your memorialists would further state that we have three flouring mills in our township, which manufactured from four to five thousand barrels of flour within the last year, and not more than five months since our millers were paying us 62½ cents per bushel for our wheat, and were packing flour in good faith, with the expectation of effecting a sale on the opening of our canal. The canal was opened, but brought no purchasers for their flour as heretofore, and they have now the mortification of knowing that there is no market, and that they must sustain a loss of from one dollar to one dollar and a quarter per barrel. We have three distilleries, manufacturing about fifteen hundred barrels of whiskey annually, which have sustained a loss of twenty-five per cent. This is the season of the year when graziers, and feeders of cattle and hogs, lay in their stock to prepare them for feeding the coming crop, and most of these graziers and feeders depend upon bank accommodations; but, alas! there are none. We confess that we are “borrowers of money,” but permit us to state that we are *not* “slaves to the lender;” nor do we think we “ought to be broke” for pursuing that honorable course which we have always found to advance our prosperity. We have found it our interest when we have a surplus capital to extend and improve our farms; the banks have ever been ready to accommodate us in that branch of business, but they have been compelled to close their doors against us by the late unprecedented acts of the Executive, which makes it impossible for us to pursue our straight forward and usual course of business; and yet, with all these facts staring us in the face, we are represented in the American Senate as a prosperous and happy people!—no distress in Ohio!! all is well!!! produce *never* bore better prices!!!!

Would to God these were facts—we should not *then* trouble your honorable body with this, our memorial. But it is in vain for a suffering community to be gulled any longer by vague assertions and misrepresentations. We come not to you as partisans; we come as free, as independent American citizens, asking redress of our grievances; and, as expressive of the sense of this meeting, the following resolutions are subjoined.

*Resolved, 1st,* That the late procedure of the Executive in “assuming the responsibility,” and directing the removal of the public deposits from their safe depository, the vaults of the Bank of the United States, is an open and violate infraction of the chartered rights of that institution, and a falsification of the faith of the nation which was pledged in said article of contract to sustain it until its lawful expiration.

*Resolved, 2d,* That a National Bank is absolutely necessary in order to afford facilities for the transaction of national and private business, and to establish a uniform currency; and to that end it is necessary to recharter the present bank or establish a similar institution.

*Resolved, 3d,* That the President, in his late “protest,” has offered an indignity to the National Senate, that great safeguard of this republic; is guilty of an unwarrantable usurpation of executive power; and has propagated doctrines repugnant to, and inconsistent with, the constitution and laws of the United States, and in derogation of both.

*Resolved, 4th,* That the Ohio Legislature, in their late instructions to our Senators, and requests to our Representatives in Congress relative to the

measures of the Executive, and Mr. Clay's land bill, were guilty of a departure from their duties as the Representatives of the sovereign people of the State, and are not expressive of, but in opposition to, their will.

*Resolved, 5th,* That we approve of the conduct of our honorable Senator, Thomas Ewing, esq., and all other whig Senators and Representatives who have stood as faithful sentinels at their posts in time of alarm, in their vindication of the constitution and laws of the republic in opposition to the unprecedented grasping after Executive or imperial power by our present Chief Magistrate.

*Resolved, 6th,* That, as *Americans, republicans, and whigs,* we will be free, and will use all lawful means to save ourselves from the iron grasp of our *mis-rulers,* who are only waiting time and opportunity to appear in regal costume, and sway the imperial sceptre over this great nation.

*Resolved, 7th,* That our honorable Senator, Thomas Ewing, esq., and Representative, Joseph Vance, esq., be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of this meeting, and that they be published in the Circleville Herald.

*Resolved, 8th,* That this meeting adjourn, *sine die.*

Signed officially this 24th day of May, 1834, by us,

JOHN COCHRAN, *President.*

JOHN HOLMES,

CHAS. McDONALD, } *Vice Presidents.*

G. A. PATTERSON, *Secretary.*

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