

RESOLUTIONS

OF

SUNDRY DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN CITIZENS OF ROXBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA,

In favor of the measures of the Executive in relation to the Bank of the United States.

JUNE 27, 1834.

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

DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

The democratic republican citizens of Roxborough township, friendly to the National and State administrations, who love the liberties and independence of their country, the purity of its republican institutions, and who are ready and willing at all personal sacrifice to support the honest, faithful, undaunted, and patriotic Chief Magistrate of the Union and his administration in the political warfare now carried on against it by the United States' Bank, and all other aristocratic stock-jobbing and moneyed institutions of the country, are requested to meet at the Leverington Hotel, on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 7 o'clock.

Michael Levering
David Tibben
John Rex
Daniel M. Fielding
Daniel Levering
Henry Naylor
Joseph Bicking
Joseph Katz
George Barr
Christian Shermer
Joseph Davis
William Williams
James Nicholas
Joseph Wolf
William L. Rex
Charles Huvan
William Razor
John Ulmer
Samuel G. Will
George Williams
William Wampole
George Moyer

Charles H. Farris
Abraham Still
Benjamin Williams
Andrew Zell
John Levering
Charles Carpenter
Joseph Gilkeson
Enoch Keyser
William Anslé
John Rex
William J. Runkel
Jacob H. Ozias
Henry Rex
Owen Ashton
William Stailey
Joseph Hiltner
Maurice Bartle
Christopher Jacoby
John Jordan
Joseph Streeper
Lewis Hiltner
Frederick Kerper

William Johnson
 Hiram Johnson
 John Bigoney
 John Bigonet
 John Lare
 Peter Reyet
 Jonathan Jones
 Charles Bartle
 John Wintz
 George Snyder
 Charles Burk
 Albert Ulmer
 John Nicholas
 Henry Kelso
 William Hesser
 William Wolf
 William Ashton
 John Bicking
 William Bicking
 Abraham Wolf
 Charles Keeley
 Thomas S. Tryan
 David Tartar
 Henry Book
 Alexander Snodgrass
 Erasmus Carpenter
 Christopher Ozoias
 Christian Worts
 Robert Allaway
 John Barnholt
 George Barnholt
 Henry Barnholt
 Godfrey Bockius
 Joseph Bockius
 Jacob Bowman
 George Moyer, del.
 John Moyer
 Albert Moyer
 John Root, sr.
 John Root, jr.
 Benjamin Moyer
 Christian Barndoller
 Nathan Davis
 George Reckard
 David Miller
 Peter Ruch
 Windle Holloway
 William Hinkle
 Loyd Smick
 Reuben Norney
 Jacob Dager
 Fleeson Levering

Clement Levering
 Henry Katz, jr.
 George W. Smick
 Matthias Gorgas
 Robert Mole
 Enos Cook
 Joseph Levering, sr.
 Frederic Crider
 John Morris
 George Book
 John Mullen
 George Carpenter
 Samuel Carpenter
 John Marshall
 William Levering
 Samuel Reaver
 Jacob Merwine
 Charles Righter
 Joseph Levering, jr.
 John Lodge
 Jonathan Street
 George Cowker
 Daniel Smith, jr.
 Daniel Smith, sr.
 Jonathan L. Righter
 Hugh D. Grant
 William King
 Henry Root
 William Shurr
 Samuel Levering
 William Boyd
 Samuel B. Righter
 Samuel Slingluff
 Enoch Levering
 William Stout
 Josiah Wood
 Peter Widener
 Jesse Righter
 Nicholas Boyer
 John Showaker
 John Bloom
 Andrew Lafferty
 Alh'nan Omensetter
 Jesse Rittenhonshe
 Michael Snyder
 William Gilmore
 G. H. Beamer, M. D.
 Charles Hubbs
 William Ferral
 Samuel Ogden
 James France
 Charles Bartle

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| Moses Durham | James Waters |
| Benjamin Williams, jr. | Jacob Miller |
| Michael Gallagher | Jacob Dewees |
| Denry Dotts | Henry Miller |
| Daniel Hughes | Patk. Higgins |
| Francis Bartly | James Leonard |
| Robert Baird | George Ulmer |
| John D. Roberts | Charles V. Hagner |
| Benjamin Williams, sr. | John Burns |
| Benjamin Osmond | John Collins |
| William Cooper | James M'Gee |
| Henry Barr | William Lackey |
| Samuel Moore | Benjamin F. Peterman |
| Christ'r de Swan, jr. | Jacob Murray |
| E. Thompson | John King |
| Morris Shane | William King |
| William Welch | Andrew Barr |
| Thomas Fitzgiles | Christopher de Swan, sr. |
| Sylvester Stout | William M'Fadden |
| William Fleu | Charles Ott |
| William Roche | Hugh Wallace, jr. |
| Cornelius Sweeny | Waits Praynard |
| William Reaver | Ehsur Foster |
| Jesse Brooks | Baniel Shoemaker |
| William H. Singer | James M. Morris |
| Joseph Bailiff | David Bannister |
| Michael H. Skeeahan | Samuel Tool |
| William Stacks | Abraham Snyder |
| George Plunket | Frederick Altemus |
| D. W. Denson | Abm. Hendricks |
| William Walden | William Rambo |
| Charles L. Vaughn | Robert F. Levering |
| Samuel Shuster, sr. | James Johnson |
| William Moore | Silas Timbers |
| Jonathan Timbers | Amos Phillips |
| Charles Shuster | John Calwell |
| George Shuster | John Brant |
| John Thomas | John Wood |
| Robert Carr | Hugh Wallace, sr. |
| Samuel Shuster, jr. | Henry Walker, |
| George Wightsides | Thomas Evans |
| Peter Gaulen | William M'Cartney |
| Peter Galaher | Henry Pemberton |
| John Mann | John Hollowell |
| John H. Brill | James Wilson |
| Patk. Winters | M. K. de Haven |
| William Pool | Philip Gagle |
| William D. Johnson | William Valentine |
| William Lee | John Small |
| Charles Calwell | Henry Hipple |
| Barte'w Bartle | John Zell |
| Gladwin Bartle | William Rex |
| George W. Davis | Thomas Levering. |

ROXBOROUGH AND MANAYUNK—GREAT DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

The largest public meeting ever held in Roxborough Township.

At a very numerous and respectable meeting of the democratic citizens of Roxborough township, including the villages of Roxborough and Manayunk, held agreeably to public notice at the Leverington Hotel, Saturday evening, May 31st, 1834, George W. Smick, esq., was chosen president, and Michael Levering, Henry Rex, George Moyer, Henry Root, of Roxborough, and C. V. Hagner, Amos Phillips, Michael Snyder, and George H. Beam-er, M. D., of Manayunk, vice presidents, and John Levering, Joseph Gilkeson, and William Gilmore, secretaries.

The chairman having stated the object of the meeting, it was found necessary, in consequence of the crowded state of the house, many outside unable to gain admission, to adjourn to the yard.

A call was then made upon N. Nathans, esq., late of Roxborough township, to address the meeting, who, in an eloquent and forcible manner, tempered with moderation, made a powerful appeal, which was heartily responded to by all present. After which the committee appointed for that purpose at a former meeting, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, in the exercise of one of our invaluable and unalienable rights, and in the performance of a duty we owe to the legally constituted authorities of our country, and to our immediate representatives in Congress, we, the democratic citizens of Roxborough township, Philadelphia county, have assembled together for the purpose of making known to them our views and sentiments in relation to matters now before them.

And whereas the startling and frightful assumptions, abuses, and corruptions of the United States' Bank, its meddling interference, secretly and openly, with the politics of the country, its purchase of presses, its large loans to editors upon such securities and on such time as no merchant could borrow, entirely unprecedented in ordinary mercantile and banking transactions; the prevarications, finesse, and refined and petty quibbles to avoid an examination into its affairs; the refusal of the directors to be sworn, and to produce its books; its studied and glaring insults, and its high-toned aristocratic contempt evinced towards the Chief Magistrate of the Union and the House of Representatives, and, through them, to the American people, imperiously demand an expression of our opinions on the subject: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That lamentable experience has proved beyond all doubt that the United States' Bank, with its immense moneyed power, is an institution decidedly hostile to the liberties, independence, and free institutions of our country, and ought not, under any circumstances, to be rechartered.

Resolved, That we look to the blessings of Providence, to our own industry, and to the free institutions left us by our patriot fathers, as the true sources of American happiness; and any system that interferes with, or subjects the welfare of our country, directly or indirectly, to the whims and caprices of irresponsible bank directors, over whom we have no control, is radically wrong, and ought to be corrected forthwith.

Resolved, That our much abused and grossly slandered patriot President, deserves and will receive the gratitude of the American people for his able and manly defence and support of true American principles. That all the

measures pursued by him in reference to the United States' Bank meet our decided approbation, and that he may rest assured that the "notorious patriotism of Pennsylvania" will never forsake him in any contest between a haughty, presumptuous, and imperious moneyed corporation, and the legally constituted authorities of the country.

Resolved, That we do most heartily respond to, and adopt the sentiment uttered by our worthy Chief Magistrate in his celebrated protest, "that it is not in a splendid government, supported by monopolies and aristocratical establishments, that the American people will find happiness, and their liberties protection, but in a plain system, void of pomp, protecting all and granting favors to none; dispensing its blessings, like the dews of Heaven, unseen and unfelt save in the freshness and beauty they contribute to produce."

Resolved, That the present and almost annual pressure we have been subjected to for years past is owing to the wretched banking system of the country, and an erroneous departure from first principles in the currency—the principles laid down in the constitution; and that the Senators and Representatives in Congress, who are now so manfully struggling to bring us back to those first principles, deserve and will receive the thanks of a grateful people.

Resolved, That we approve of the course pursued by the committee of the House of Representatives appointed to inquire into the transactions of the United States' Bank, and consider the refusal of its directors to submit to the inquiry a strong presumptive proof (if proof were wanted) of the charges of misconduct made against that institution.

Resolved, That we highly approve of the firm and manly stand taken by George Wolf, Governor of Pennsylvania, against the attempts made to coerce and embarrass his administration; and, also, in his determination to oppose the chartering of any new banks, for which purpose we recommend to him a free use of the "veto power," should our representatives continue so lost to the interests and opinions of the large body of their constituents as to institute any more of these "paper manufactories."

Resolved, That we consider the right of instruction to be the great landmark of democracy and republicanism; that the representatives of the people are their servants, not their masters; and that they who abandon these principles, and presumingly set up their own wills in opposition to those they represent, are no more worthy of trust, and should never be forgotten by the people.

Resolved, That the honorable William C. Rives, of Virginia, and late of the Senate, in his practical acknowledgment of the right of instruction, has shown himself to be a true disciple of the Jefferson school, and worthy of receiving future honors.

Resolved, That we highly approve of the conduct of our representative in Congress from this district, the honorable Joel B. Sutherland, in his firm and manly support of the administration in the present crisis, and for the many and powerful exertions made by him in advocating the interests of this township, and for which he has received so few thanks from those most interested.

Resolved, That, if the effect produced, directly or indirectly, by large manufacturing establishments, which have so long received the fostering care of Government, is to enslave the minds of the citizens employed in them, and if they are, through fear or favor, to be led in mass to public meetings, jubilees, &c., contrary to their own convictions, thus giving a false

direction to their real views and sentiments; and if, for the free exercise of the invaluable right of suffrage, a right sacred to every American citizen, and for which our patriot fathers sacrificed so much, they are to be proscribed and turned out of employment, it is high time for the American people "to count their cost," and to inquire whether such establishments are the best preservatives of our free institutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to N. Nathans, esq., for his able and lucid address to this meeting.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be transmitted to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and be published in all the democratic papers of Philadelphia, the Germantown Telegraph, and the Globe of the city of Washington.

After the above resolutions were adopted, Samuel Ogden, a venerable and interesting old man, between seventy and eighty years of age, addressed the meeting, and stated that he had been many years in this country, and for the last twenty years a citizen; that, during that time, he has never voted or meddled with politics; but having read and informed himself thoroughly in reference to the course pursued by the present Chief Magistrate—the firm stand taken by him in defence of the people against the operations of the mammoth bank and would-be nobility of the country, he could not refrain from expressing his opinions on the subject, and joining in support of the President of the United States and his patriotic measures, for which his daughters, upon whom he and their aged mother chiefly depend for support, have been, without previous notice, discharged from employment in one of the factories of Manayunk.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

GEORGE W. SMICK, *President*.

MICHAEL LEVERING,

HENRY REX,

GEORGE MOYER,

HENRY ROOT,

CHARLES V. HAGNER,

AMOS PHILLIPS,

MICHAEL SNYDER,

GEO. H. BEAMER, *M. D.* }

Vice Presidents.

JOHN LEVERING,

JOSEPH GILKESON,

WM. GILMORE,

} *Secretaries.*

