

PENNSYLVANIA.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

A MEETING OF THE CITIZENS OF HANOVER DISTRICT,

In relation to the Currency.

MAY 12, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

At a meeting of the citizens, voters of the Hanover district, York county, Pennsylvania, held on the 5th of April, 1834, at which Matthias Forney was President, Jacob Barnitz (farmer) and Luther H. Skinner, Vice Presidents, and Doctor Henry C. Wampler, Secretary, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, to wit :

Whereas, deeming ourselves, as we do, free citizens, entitled to the privilege of expressing our opinions with regard to public men and public measures, as well as to the unrestrained right of suffrage ; and deeming it, as we do, to be incumbent upon free citizens of the United States to apprise their representatives of the effect produced, and likely to be produced, upon the country by a perseverance in any course of measures ; and satisfied, as we are, that the course of measures recommended and adopted by the President of the United States against the United States Bank, although supported by a large portion of the members of Congress, is not only unjust in its operation against the Bank, inasmuch as it is in violation of the express conditions of its charter, but ruinous in its effect upon the agricultural, the laboring, the manufacturing, and the commercial interests of the country : Therefore,

Resolved, That the removal of the deposits from the United States Bank, by order and direction of the President, and on his "*responsibility*," is an assumption of that power by him which belongs to another department of Government, and an assumption which ought to be resisted by every American citizen, *under any circumstances*, and much more so when there was not, as the President himself acknowledges, any danger of loss accruing to the Government by those deposits remaining in the place designated by law.

Resolved, That we will, to the utmost of our power, resist Executive encroachments and Executive usurpation.

Resolved, That, as an act of justice to the United States Bank, the deposits ought to be restored ; and that if other motives than a desire to do

justice be wanting to induce Congress to restore those deposits, thus unjustly and illegally removed from the Bank of the United States, they have the additional motive of restoring an almost ruined country to a degree of prosperity approximating to that from which it has been prostrated by this act of Executive usurpation.

Resolved, That the only means of completely restoring confidence in the country, as well between man and man as in the Government of our country, is the recharter of the United States Bank, with such additional restrictions as Congress have it in their power to impose.

Resolved, That while we disapprove the vacillating and time-serving policy of the Governor of Pennsylvania with regard to the United States Bank, we highly commend the course pursued toward that institution by Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Horace Binney, Mr. McDuffie, and their associates in Congress.

Resolved, That we approve of the course pursued thus far by our fellow-citizen, Charles A. Barnitz, Esq., the Representative in Congress from this district, and that we recommend him to advocate the principles supported by these resolutions.

Resolved, That copies of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the Hon. Henry Clay, of the Senate of the United States, to the Hon. C. A. Barnitz, of the House of Representatives, and to our representatives in the Legislature of Pennsylvania, with a request that they present them to the respective bodies of which they are members, and that they be published in the papers of the county of York.

MATTHIAS FORNEY, President.

JACOB BARNITZ,

LUTHER H. SKINNER,

Vice Presidents.

HENRY C. WAMPLER, Secretary.