

Free Trade Meeting.—In pursuance of a suggestion thrown out in the Georgia Journal lately, and noticed in this paper two weeks since, the friends of Free Trade and Equal rights held a meeting at the College Chapel in this place on Thursday evening the 4th inst. A large number of persons assembled, and much interest was manifested on the occasion, yet we regret to say that it was confined, almost exclusively, to but one of our political parties. The only gentlemen of the Clark party who manifested any disposition to take a part in the proceedings, were *A. H. Pemberton, Esq.* of Augusta, and *Garnet Andrews, Esq.* of Washington, who both addressed the meeting with much animation. It was desirable that on this subject at least we should combine all our efforts, without the influence of partisan feelings; but from what cause we know not, the Clark party chose to stand aloof; and on this account alone, were all the delegates appointed members of the Troup party. Those on the opposite side would not be represented here, and we could not, therefore, presume they wished to be represented at the General Convention. Perhaps they were afraid they should meet with nullification—-we know not but a less liberal feeling actuated them—-but the result proves, as they were assured before, that nothing tending to nullification or disunion was contemplated; it was merely to aid in an attempt by a combined effort of the several Anti-Tariff States, to induce Congress to pay some regard to the interests of this whole country, and, returning to those sacred principles inculcated in our Constitution, and from which we believe they have most wantonly departed, remove at once the burthens under which we are laboring by reason of the restrictive system of protecting or prohibitory duties. This was our object, and in furthering it we did hope that all the talent and influence of this enlightened community, would become enlisted. Below will be seen the proceedings signed by the Chairman and Secretary, together with the eloquent address of Judge Clayton. The meeting was called by handbills posted at public places, as follows:

Free Trade Meeting.—All persons in favor of selecting Delegates to the general Convention to be held at Philadelphia in September next, for the purpose of expressing the views of the South upon the subject of the unconstitutionality of the Tariff of 1828, are requested to meet at the Chapel this day, at 4 o'clock P. M.

In pursuance of the above notice, a large and respectable meeting of the citizens of Georgia who were in attendance on the Commencement of Franklin College, convened in the College Chapel on the 3d instant. On motion of Gen. Harden, the Hon. William H. Crawford was called to the chair, and Asbury Hull appointed Secretary. Judge Clayton explained the object of the meeting, and moved the appointment of a Committee to nominate delegates to the convention, which was carried; whereupon the chair appointed the following gentlemen, viz:

Hon. A. S. Clayton, of	<i>Clark,</i>
Hines Holt, Esq.	<i>Baldwin,</i>
Gen. Harden,	<i>Clark,</i>
Dr. Johnson,	<i>Richmond,</i>
Dr. Whitehead,	<i>Burke,</i>
Dr. Habersham,	<i>Chatham,</i>
Thomas Stocks, Esq.	<i>Greene,</i>
Gen. J. V. Harris,	<i>Elbert,</i>
Garnett Andrews, Esq.	<i>Wilkes,</i>
Patrick Carnes, Esq.	<i>Richmond,</i>
Edward Paine, Esq.	<i>Clark.</i>

The Committee having retired a short time, made a report, which after discussion and amendment was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the object of said Convention, so far as it proposes by peaceable and Constitutional means a redress of grievances, resulting from the unjust and unequal burthens of the Tariff System, is approved, and that it is expedient to have the State of Georgia represented in the Convention.

Resolved, That John M. Berrien, of Savannah, A. S. Clayton, of Clark; John Cumming, of Savannah, Wm. Gaston, of do. Richard Habersham, of do. Alexander Telfair, of do. William Cumming, of Augusta, William H. Torrence, of Baldwin, Eli S. Shorter, of Putnam, James Camak, of Baldwin, John Floyd, of McIntosh, John Wingfield, of Morgan, M. B. Lamar of Columbus, S. Harlow, of Burke, James H. Cooper, of McIntosh, Joel Crawford, of Hancock, Warren Jourdan, of Jones, and Seaborn Jones, of Columbus, be, and they are hereby appointed, Delegates for the purpose above expressed, and that they unite with their fellow-citizens from the other parts of the Union in their best exertions to procure from Congress, a repeal or modification of said Tariff System.

Resolved, As this meeting entertains the most lively devotion to the Union of the States, and to prevent a misunderstanding of its views, that our State Delegates be instructed to confine their discussions and the result thereof, exclusively, to a removal of the oppression under which the country labors in consequence of the system aforesaid, and that they refrain from all deliberations tending either directly or remotely, to the dismemberment of the Union.

Resolved, That it is expected by this meeting, that their delegates will oppose the said system on the grounds of its unconstitutionality, as well as inexpediency.

On motion of Col. J. F. Foster, it was Resolved, that the Chairman and Secretary sign the proceedings, and that they be published.

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD, *Chairman.*
ASBURY HULL, *Secretary.*

The following is the address of Judge Clayton delivered at the abovementioned meeting.

Mr. Chairman,—We have assembled for the purpose of taking into consideration the proposition of a meeting, in Philadelphia, to hold a Convention in that place, with a view to memorialize Congress on the subject of grievances, resulting from the Tariff System. (Here Judge Clayton read the resolution of that meeting.) To complain by petition is allowed the meanest subject, in the worst of governments; and it has been frequently told us by the friends of the Tariff, in their keen and bitter sarcasms against our murmurs, that such is the course we ought to pursue, and not to break out into such a noisy clamour against the measures of our masters. Humble and humiliating as it may be, for the sake of peace and harmony, this is the course the CONVENTION intends to pursue; and with such sentiments in view, all persons of all parties in this State, have been invited to attend this meeting. A confident hope has been indulged that, forgetting our party strifes, we should, on this subject, cordially unite and make one firm and concerted effort, to be relieved from our intolerable burthens.

I look around upon this numerous and respectable assembly with a fond expectation that such a temper has been universally felt and answered. That we have grievances, of no ordinary character, none will deny. That the Tariff system in this state is opposed by an overwhelming majority of the people is equally true, and that they have long struggled through all their public functionaries, to have its effects either removed or mitigated. But in vain! Another effort is about to be made, in union with other suffering portions of this wide and extended empire, under a rational belief that such a voice cannot be heard of