

## ANTI-TARIFF CONVENTION.

*Milledgeville, November 12, 1832*

For the last two days, the Members to the Anti-Tariff Convention, and many others, prompted probably by interest or curiosity, have been flocking in, and Milledgeville now holds a crowd perhaps unprecedented in its history. The Convention met this afternoon at three o'clock, and John Moore, Esq. after some discussion, was called to the Chair; having received 64 votes, and Doct. Reese of Jasper 53. Col. W. C. Dawson, was, on motion, requested to act as Secretary.— After the counties had been called, and the delegates had presented their credentials, Mr. Gordon of Putnam, introduced a resolution that the President should be appointed by ballot, which was adopted. In accordance with this resolution, the votes were taken, and on counting out, it appeared that the Hon. George R. Gilmer, of Oglethorpe had 70 votes, and Doct. Reese 53; upon which Mr. Gilmer was declared duly elected. On taking the Chair, Mr. Gilmer made a few appropriate and excellent remarks. Messrs Hansell, Torrance and Moseley were then elected Secretaries.

Mr. Torrance introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee to report resolutions relating to the protective system, and what course the convention should pursue. It was opposed on the ground that no step should be taken until it was ascertained whether the delegates present had been so elected as to represent a majority of the people of their several counties. Without this qualification it was contended they were not in fact the representatives of the people, and consequently not entitled to seats in the Convention. In the debate which ensued, Messrs. Forsyth, Berrien, Cumming, Blackshear and Spalding participated. Mr. Forsyth moved to postpone the consideration of the resolution, which was lost by a small majority. The resolution of Mr. Torrance was then adopted—after which the Convention adjourned until to-morrow.

*Milledgeville, November 13*

The Convention, agreeably to adjournment, assembled at 3 o'clock P. M. The Committee appointed to prepare rules and regulations for the government of the Convention, reported, when Mr. Rockwell, chairman of the Committee, moved that the report be adopted, which was agreed to, after several unsuccessful amendments had been proposed.

Mr. Forsyth introduced the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed by the President to examine and report to this body at its next meeting, the authority of the persons assembled as Delegates from the different counties of the State, to represent the people of their respective counties: the resolutions, if any, under which the election in each county was held, the notice given of the time of the election, the manner of holding it, the number of votes given at the election, and the number of voters in the county.

*Resolved*, That the individuals who have acted as a Committee, of what is known as the Athens meeting, be, and they are hereby requested to present to this bo-

dy, the correspondence they have held connected with the object of their appointment.

Upon the former of these resolutions a lengthy and interesting discussion took place, much more, however, upon the objects of the Convention, the evils of the protective system, &c. than upon the resolution itself. The realms of fancy and of fact, of argument and sarcasm, were all traversed, displaying, as we conceive, the varied talents of the different speakers, immeasurably more than their sincere desire to do a service to their cause and the state, by that *mutual concession* which alone can produce harmonious counsels. Substitutes and amendments were proposed, which were withdrawn, except the following by Mr. Torrance:

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Elections and Appointments be now appointed, to inquire into the right of any member to hold his seat, whenever the same shall be contested, and report the facts to the Convention.

The question was not taken, either upon the resolutions or substitute, previous to adjournment.

Agreeably to a resolution of yesterday, the President announced the following gentlemen as composing the Committee to take into consideration the protective system, &c., viz: Messrs. Blackshear, Berrien, Forsyth, Cumming, Clayton, Cuthbert, Gamble, Reese, Spalding, Tate, Rockwell, Beall of Bibb, Taylor of Burke, Bailey, Warner, Dawson, Haynes, Gordon of Putnam, Clark of Henry, James, and Harris—after which the Convention adjourned.

Nov. 11.—The Convention met this day as usual, at 3 o'clock P. M. After the roll had been called, and the proceedings of yesterday read, a communication was received from the members of the Legislature from McIntosh county, protesting against the right of the sitting delegates from that county to seats in the Convention; also a apology from Mr. Oliver of Lee, in regard to his dehortment yesterday. A resolution was introduced, and after amendment adopted, to provide seats for His Excellency the Governor, Judges of the Superior Court, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Editors and Reporters, and Judges Johnson and Harpær, the former from the Union, and the latter from the Free Trade party of South Carolina.

Mr. Forsyth's resolutions, with the substitute offered by Mr. Torrance, then came under discussion. Mr. Berrien proposed an amendment to the former of the original resolutions, in substance as follows: After the words "respective counties," insert—and that the report, if approved by the Convention, be appended to the proceedings of the Convention, to be submitted to the people, for their approbation or rejection.

The remainder of the day was spent in debate upon this question, during which a large audience were entertained with many bursts of eloquence, and not a little effervescence of feeling—but alas! without effecting a single object calculated to do good to the country. As was the case yesterday, the Convention adjourned without taking the question, leaving it still undecided, whether the persons assembled have yet the right to declare themselves the legitimate representatives of the free people of Georgia.