

**FREE TRADE MEETING AT ATHENS.**

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.

August 3, 1831.

In pursuance of the above notice, a large and respectable number of the citizens of Georgia, who were in attendance on the Commencement of Franklin College, convened in the College Chapel on the 3d inst.

On motion of Gen. EDWARD HARDEN, the Hon. WM. H. CRAWFORD was called to the Chair, and ASBURY HULL was appointed Secretary.

The Hon. Judge CLAYTON explained the object of the meeting, and moved the appointment of a committee to nominate Delegates to the Convention, which was carried. [Judge Clayton's speech hereafter.]

Whereupon the Chair appointed the following gentlemen, namely :

The Hon. A. S. Clayton, of Clark county.  
Hines Holt, Esq. of Baldwin.

Gen. E. Harden, of Clark.

Doct. Wm. Johnson, of Richmond.

Doct. James Whitehead, of Burke.

Doct. — Habersham, of Savannah.

Thomas Stocks, Esq. of Greene.

Gen. J. V. Harris, of Elbert.

Garnet Andrews, Esq. of Wilkes.

Patrick Carnes, Esq. Richmond.

Edward Paine, Esq. of Clark.

The committee having retired for a short time, made a Report, which after discussion and amendment, was adopted as follows :

At a public meeting of the people assembled from different parts of the State at Athens, on the 3d of August, inst. to take into consideration the notice of a proposition to hold an Anti-Tariff Convention in the City of Philadelphia, on the 30th September next—The following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That the object of said Convention, so far 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 Chatham,  
AUGUSTIN S. CLAYTON, of Clark,  
JOSEPH CUMMING, of Chatham,  
WILLIAM GASTON, of do.  
RICHARD HABERSHAM, of do.  
ALEXANDER TELFAIR, of do.  
WILLIAM CUMMING, of Richmond,  
WM. H. TORRANCE, of Milledgeville  
ELI S. SHORTER, of Putnam,  
JAMES CAMAK, of Milledgeville,  
JOHN FLOYD, of Camden,  
JOHN WINGFIELD, of Morgan,  
M. B. LAMAR, of Muscogee,  
S. HARLOW, of Burke,  
JAMES H. COUPER, of St. Simons,  
JOEL CRAWFORD, of Sparta,  
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 labours 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. T. F. FOSTER, it was

*Resolved*, That the Chairman and Secretary sign the proceedings, and that they be published.

WM. H. CRAWFORD, Chairman.

A. HULL, Secretary.