

Resolutions of Republican members of New York legislature, [c23 April 1823]

Whereas the period fixed for the election of a chief magistrate of the United States has so nearly approached that the members of the Legislatures of several ^{of our} Sister[^] States have already thought it advisable to express their feelings upon the occasion, and have, thereby, rendered it proper that those who have been elected in a similar capacity to represent the State of Newyork, should ~~have~~ ^{leave} no reason for supposing that this State is more insensible than other members of the confederacy to the importance of such a question.

Therefore Resolved. That we consider an explicit avowal of our Sentiments in the matter as not only called for by the occasion, but due to the commendable solicitude which is felt by our Republican brethren in other parts of the Union.

That it is highly essential to the interests of those who have the happiness to live under a Republican form of Government that its administration should be committed to persons whose opinions and feelings are in coincidence with its fundamental principles, and whose lives and conduct furnish the most unequivocal evidence of their entire devotion to the preservation of those principles.

That the practice of making nominations for the office of President by individual states, has a tendency to disturb the harmony of the great Republican family, by creating & stenghtening individual predilections & local feelings, and thereby preventing that concert of action which has heretofore crowned their exertions with success.

That although ~~tha~~ nomination by the Republican members of congress is not entirely free from objections, yet that, assembled as they are from the different quarters of the union, coming from the various classes of the community, elected during the pendency & discussion of the question & in a great degree with reference to it, they bring into one body ~~was perfect~~ a representation ^{as can be expected} of the interests and wishes of all & of each, ~~as can be expected~~ & that a nomination made by them in the ~~usual~~ manner which has heretofore been usual, is the best attainable mode of effecting the great object in view which has as yet been suggestd.

That we fully believe that a convention thus constituted will be less liable to be influenced by those sectional jealousies, agt. which the father of his country has so

solemnly & so justly cautioned us; more like to cherish those purely national feelings, which it is the interest & should be the pride of every state to protect; & better calculated to preserve unbroken those political ties which bind together the Republicans of the north & the South, the East & ^the^ West, and which are commemorative of consecrated by the recollection of times & events dear to the recollection of the Democracy of the Nation which triumphed in the election and prospered under the administration of the illustrious Jefferson.

That we feel an unhesitating confidence that when the proper time for making such nomination shall arrive, the Republican members of Congress will select, as a candidate for an office of general supervision over the great political agricultural manufacturing and commercial interests of the nation, one, who is not only a sound democratic Republican in principle & practice but who will labour with equal assiduity for the just promotion of all those great interests, and to whom the Republicans of Newyork can give them ^willing^ support consistently with their principle & true interests.

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