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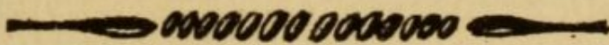
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OF the Convention of the Alabama Territory, begun and held at the town of Huntsville on the fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the forty fourth, being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Convention for the purpose of forming a Constitution and State Government; By virtue of an act of Congress "Entitled an act to enable the people of the Alabama Territory, to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States," passed on the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

The following members appeared and took their seats, to wit:

From the county of Madison—*Clement C. Clay, John Leigh Townes, Henry Chambers, Lemuel Mead, Henry Minor, Gabriel Moore, John W. Walker, and John M. Taylor.*

From the county of Monroe—*John Murphy, John Watkins, and James Pickens.*

From the county of Blount—*Isaac Brown, John Brown, and Gabriel Hanby.*

From the county of Limestone—*Thomas Bibb, Beverly Hughes and Nicholas P. Davis.*

From the county of Shelby—*George Phillips and Thomas A. Rogers.*

From the county of Montgomery—*John D. Bibb, and James W. Armstrong.*

From the county of Washington—*Israel Pickens and Henry Hitchcock.*

From the county of Tuscaloosa—*Marmaduke Williams and John L. Tindal.*

From the county of Lawrence—*Arthur F. Hopkins and Daniel Wright.*

From the county of Franklin—*Richard Ellis and William Metcalf.*

From the county of Catoosa—*Melkijah Vaughan and Thomas D. Crabb.*

From the county of Clark—*Reuben Saffold & Jas. M'Goffin.*

From the county of Cahaba—*Littlepage Sims.*

From the county of Conecuh—*Samuel Cook.*

From the county of Dallas—*William R King.*

From the county of Marengo—*Washington Thompson.*

From the county of Marion—*John D. Terril.*

From the county of Lauderdale—*Hugh M'Vay.*

From the county of St. Clair—*David Conner.*

From the county of Autauga—*James Jackson.*

A sufficient number being present to proceed to business: On motion of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Pickens (of Washington) was called to the chair.

On motion of Mr. Taylor *Resolved*, that this Convention do now proceed to elect a President.

On motion of Mr. Clay *Resolved*, that tellers be appointed for the purpose of counting the ballots: Whereupon Mr. Clay and Mr. Phillips were appointed: and upon counting the ballots it appeared that Mr. John W. Walker was unanimously elected, who being conducted to the chair, returned his acknowledgements, and proceeded to the duties thereof.

On motion of Mr. Clay *Resolved*, that the Convention do now proceed to the election of a Secretary: Mr. Taylor and Mr. M'Vay were appointed tellers; and upon counting the ballots it appeared that Mr. John Campbell was duly elected, whereupon he was notified of his appointment, and entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Pickens (of Washington) *Resolved*, that the Convention do now proceed to the election of a Doorkeeper, and on counting the ballots it appeared that Daniel Rather was duly elected, who entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Pickens (of Washington) *Resolved*, that a committee of five members be appointed to draft Rules of order and decorum for the Government of this Convention; whereupon Messrs. Pickens (of Washington,) Minor, Hanby, Rogers and Moore, were appointed.

On motion of Mr. Hitchcock—*Resolved*, That a Committee of Elections be appointed to consist of five members: whereupon Messrs. Hitchcock, M'Goffin, Townes, Ellis and Williams were appointed.

On motion of Mr. Hitchcock—*Resolved*, That the rules for the government of the House of Representatives of the Alabama Territory be adopted as the rules for the government of this Convention, so far as they are applicable, until otherwise ordered by the Convention.

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**On motion, ordered that the Convention do now adjourn till
10 o'clock tomorrow morning.**