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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE


NEW YORK ELECTORAL COLLEGE,

HELD AT THE

CAPITOL IN THE CITY OF ALBANY,

December 4, 1860.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THE Electors convened on Tuesday, December 4th, at 4 o'clock, P. M., in the Senate Chamber, in the city of Albany, when Hon. D. R. FLOYD JONES, Secretary of State, took the Lieutenant-Governor's chair and called the College to order. On a call of the roll the Electors all responded to their names.

On motion of Hon. WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT,

Ex-Governor JOHN A. KING, of the first district, was elected President of the College. The Secretary of State named Hon. W. C. BRYANT and Hon. ABIJAH BECKWITH, a committee to conduct the President to the chair.

On motion of Hon. JAMES KELLY of New York, JAMES PARKER of the thirty-third district, and Dr. N. EDSON SHELDON of the fifteenth district, were elected Secretaries.

On motion of Hon. JAMES O. PUTNAM of Chautauqua,

Resolved, That the president be requested to invite some resident clergyman of the city of Albany to open the meeting of the Electors on Wednesday the 5th inst., with prayer.

The College being thus organized, Gov. KING briefly addressed the Electors as follows:

Gentlemen of the Electoral College :

I am unacquainted with the manner of proceedings in such assemblages, and I am, therefore, somewhat at a loss to decide whether at this preliminary meeting it would be proper to address the College upon the purpose for which it is convened. If not now, another opportunity may be afforded me, when it will be more appropriate to do so. But I can have no doubt, indeed every feeling of my heart prompts me to acknowledge in the warmest manner the honor you have conferred upon me. It is a mark of your confidence and personal regard, such as must be ever indelibly impressed upon my heart while I have the power to feel and appreciate it.

On motion of E. W. FISKE, Esq.,

The College adjourned to meet in the Senate Chamber on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 10 o'clock,

A. M.

SESSION OF WEDNESDAY.

Ex-Governor KING took the Lieutenant-Governor's chair at 10 o'clock, A. M., and called the College to order.

In obedience to the resolution of yesterday the President introduced Rev. Dr. CAMPBELL, of the Presbyterian Church, who offered up an eloquent and fervent prayer.

The President then announced that the first business in order was for the Electors to proceed to ballot for President and Vice-President of the United States.

On motion of Hon. JAMES KELLY,

Hon. WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT and Hon. JAMES O. PUTNAM were appointed Tellers, to receive and count the ballots.

The ballots, neatly printed on cards, were then distributed, but without the name of the State of the candidates.

On motion of Hon. JAMES S. WADSWORTH,

Each Elector was instructed to add to his ballot the name of the State in which the candidate resides.

The Electors then proceeded to ballot, when the Tellers reported thirty-five votes cast, and all for

ABRAHAM LINCOLN of Illinois, for President of the United States. The President then announced the result amid great applause from the galleries.

The vote was then taken for Vice-President, and the Tellers announced thirty-five votes cast, all for HANNIBAL HAMLIN of Maine. This result was also received with continued applause by the crowded galleries.

On motion of Hon. JAMES KELLY,

Resolved, That STEWART L. WOODFORD, Esq., of New York city, be and he is hereby appointed Messenger to convey the lists and certificates of the vote of the Electoral College to the President of the United States Senate, at the seat of Government, in obedience to the provisions of the statute of the State.

On motion of Hon. JAMES O. PUTNAM,

Resolved, That CYRUS O. POOLE, Esq., of Buffalo, be appointed the Messenger to convey one copy of the list of the votes of this Electoral College to the United States Judge for the Northern District of New York, as provided by sec. 28, of art. 3, chap. 6, title 6, part 1, of the Revised Statutes of New York.

On motion,

The President appointed Hons. EDWARDS W. FISKE, JACOB H. TEN EYCK and JOHN F. WINSLOW, a committee to deposit one copy of said lists of votes in the Albany post-office.

On motion of Hon. JAMES O. PUTNAM,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Electoral College be tendered to Rev. Dr. CAMPBELL for his services in officiating as its Chaplain.

The following is a copy of the certificate of the vote for President.

The undersigned, Electors for President and Vice-President of the United States for the State of New York, do hereby certify, that having met at the Capitol of the said State, in the city of Albany, and organized the Electoral College of the said State, according to law, did this day proceed at the Capitol aforesaid, to vote by ballot for President and Vice-President of the United States: that thirty-five votes were cast for President, all of which thirty-five votes were cast for ABRAHAM LINCOLN of the State of Illinois, for President of the United States.

In witness whereof, we, the said Electors, have hereunto subscribed our names, at the Capitol aforesaid, this fifth day of December, A. D., 1860.

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| WILLIAM C. BRYANT, | ROBERT S. HALE, |
| JAMES O. PUTNAM, | ABIJAH BECKWITH, |
| JOHN A. KING, | HENRY CHURCHILL, |
| EDWARDS W. FISKE, | JAMES R. ALLABEN, |
| ANDREW CARRIGAN, | BENJAMIN N. HUNTINGTON, |
| JAMES KELLY, | SHERMAN D. PHELPS, |
| SIGISMUND KAUFMANN, | JOHN J. FOOTE, |
| FREDERICK KAPP, | HIRAM DEWEY, |
| WASHINGTON SMITH, | JAMES L. VOORHEES, |
| WILLIAM A. DARLING, | WILLIAM VAN MARTER, |
| WM. H. ROBERTSON, | JOHN E. SEELEY, |
| GEORGE M. GRIER, | FRANK L. JONES, |
| RUFUS H. KING, | JAMES S. WADSWORTH, |
| JACOB B. CARPENTER, | EZRA M. PARSONS, |
| JOHN F. WINSLOW, | CHARLES C. PARKER, |
| JACOB H. TEN EYCK, | ELISHA S. WHALEN, |
| N. EDSON SHELDON, | JOHN GREINER, JR., |

JAMES PARKER.

The certificate of the vote for Vice-President was the same in form except the difference of the name and office.

The certificate of the authority to the several Messengers to carry the votes were then prepared, signed and delivered.

On motion of Hon. JAMES S. WADSWORTH,

The thanks of the College were tendered to Ex-Governor KING, for the prompt and able manner in which he has presided over its deliberations.

On motion of Hon. W. A. DARLING,

The thanks of the College were tendered to the Secretaries of the College for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

On motion of Hon. JAMES KELLY,

The thanks of the College were tendered to the Hon. D. R. FLOYD JONES, Secretary of State, for his kindness and assistance to this Electoral College.

On motion of Hon. J. R. ALLABEN,

The thanks of the College were tendered to Hon. P. DORSHEIMER, State Treasurer, who with his clerks had appeared in the circle, and rendered the members of the College very *necessary and especial service*. Also to Mr. GEORGE JENKINS for the neat and comfortable manner in which he has prepared the Senate Chamber for our use.

On motion of Hon. JAMES O. PUTNAM,

Resolved, That the President and Secretaries of the College be requested and directed to certify on behalf of the College on the envelopes which shall contain the lists of the votes of the State of New York, for President and Vice-President of the United States in accordance with the statute of this State.

On motion of Hon. JAMES O. PUTNAM,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be requested to publish the proceedings of the Electoral College in pamphlet form, and furnish each member of it with twenty-five copies of the same.

Hon. E. W. FISKE from the Committee appointed to deposit a list of the votes of the College in the post-office, reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them, and taken the Post Master's receipt for the same.

The report of the Committee was adopted, the Committee discharged and the Post Master's receipt ordered on file in the office of the Secretary of State.

The hour of 2 o'clock, P. M., having arrived, and the business of the Electoral College having been completed according to law, the President addressed the College, as follows :

Gentlemen of the College of Electors :

Having completed the business for which we came together, I desire before we separate to congratulate you on the vote which has just been cast for ABRAHAM LINCOLN and HANNIBAL HAMLIN, the Republican candidates for President and Vice-President. By this solemn act we have executed the will of our constituents, and having thus faithfully discharged the trust reposed in us, it becomes us calmly to await, in common with those who think and act with us, as well as all other citizens of the United States, the period which is to transfer to the hands of the President elect the executive power of the Federal Government. In the meanwhile, we rely upon the equal national and fixed principles of the Republican party, declared and set forth at Chicago, and upon the firm conservative character of him whom we have chosen to give effect to those principles, to vindicate our choice before the American people. In wishing you all a safe return to your homes, and again renewing my thanks for the honor you have conferred on me, I declare this College of Electors adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN A. KING,

President of the Electoral College.

JAMES PARKER, }
N. EDSON SHELDON, } *Secretaries.*

LIST OF ELECTORS,

WITH THEIR AGES AND RESIDENCES.

| NAME. | AGE. | RESIDENCE. |
|--------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM C. BRYANT,..... | .. | Roslyn, Queens County. |
| JAMES O. PUTNAM,..... | 42 | Fredonia, Chautauqua Co. |
| JOHN A. KING,..... | 73 | Jamaica, Queens County. |
| EDWARDS W. FISKE,..... | .. | New York, New York Co. |
| ANDREW CARRIGAN,..... | .. | New York, New York Co. |
| JAMES KELLY,..... | 49 | New York, New York Co. |
| SIGISMUND KAUFMANN,.... | 34 | New York, New York Co. |
| FREDERICK KAPP,..... | 36 | New York, New York Co. |
| WASHINGTON SMITH,..... | 50 | New York, New York Co. |
| WILLIAM A. DARLING,..... | 43 | New York, New York Co. |
| WILLIAM H. ROBERTSON, .. | 37 | Katona, Westchester Co. |
| GEORGE M. GRIER,..... | 57 | Goshen, Orange County. |
| RUFUS H. KING,..... | 40 | Catskill, Greene County. |
| JACOB B. CARPENTER,..... | 33 | Northeast, Dutchess Co. |
| JOHN F. WINSLOW,..... | 50 | Troy, Rensselaer County. |
| JACOB H. TEN EYCK,..... | 80 | Albany, Albany County. |
| N. EDSON SHELDON,..... | 55 | Glens Falls, Warren Co. |
| ROBERT S. HALE,..... | 38 | Elizabethtown, Essex Co. |
| ABJAH BECKWITH,..... | 76 | Cedarville, Herkimer Co. |
| HENRY CHURCHILL,..... | 53 | Gloversville, Fulton Co. |
| JAMES R. ALLABEN,..... | 37 | Delhi, Delaware County. |
| BENJAMIN N. HUNTINGTON,. | 44 | Rome, Oneida County. |
| SHERMAN D. PHELPS,..... | 45 | Binghamton, Broome Co. |
| JOHN J. FOOTE,..... | 44 | Hamilton, Madison Co. |
| HIRAM DEWEY,..... | 47 | Lafargeville, Jefferson Co. |
| JAMES L. VOORHEES,..... | 66 | Syracuse, Onondaga Co. |
| WILLIAM VAN MARTER, ... | 41 | Lyons, Wayne County. |
| JOHN E. SEELEY,..... | 50 | Ovid, Seneca County. |
| FRANK L. JONES,..... | 38 | Owego, Tioga County. |
| JAMES S. WADSWORTH,.... | 53 | Geneseo, Livingston Co. |
| EZRA M. PARSONS,..... | 62 | Rochester, Monroe Co. |
| CHARLES C. PARKER,..... | 28 | Belmont, Allegany Co. |
| ELISHA S. WHALEN,..... | 43 | Medina, Orleans County. |
| JOHN GREINER, JR.,..... | 38 | Buffalo, Erie County. |
| JAMES PARKER,..... | 42 | Frewsburgh, Chauta'a Co. |

