

# STATE GUBERNATORIAL CONVENTION.

*City of Nauvoo, Illinois,  
December 20th, A. D. 1841.*

To my friends in Illinois:—

The Gubernatorial Convention of the State of Illinois have nominated COLONEL ADAM W. SNYDER for GOVERNOR, and COLONEL JOHN MOORE for LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of the *State of Illinois*—election to take place in August next. COLONEL MOORE, like JUDGE DOUGLASS, and Esq. WARREN, was an intimate friend of GENERAL BENNETT long before that gentleman became a member of our community; and General Bennett informs us that no men were more efficient in assisting him to procure our *great chartered privileges* than were *Colonel Snyder, and Colonel Moore*.—They are sterling men, and friends of equal rights—opposed to the oppressor's grasp, and the tyrant's rod. With such men at the head of our State Government we have nothing to fear. In the next canvass we shall be influenced by no *party* consideration—and no Carthaginian coalescence or collusion, with our people, will be suffered to affect, or operate against, *General Bennett or any other of our tried friends already semi-officially in the field*; so the partizans in this county who expect to divide the friends of humanity and equal rights will find themselves mistaken—we care not a fig for *Whig or Democrat*: they are both alike to us; but we shall go for our *friends*, our TRIED FRIENDS, and the cause of *human liberty* which is the cause of God. We are aware that “*divide and conquer*” is the watch-word with many, but with us it cannot be done—we love liberty too well—we have suffered too much to be easily duped—we have no cat's-paws amongst us. We voted for GENERAL HARRISON because we *loved* him—he was a *gallant officer* and a *tried statesman*; but this is no reason why we should always be governed by his *friends*—he is now DEAD, and all of *his* friends are not *ours*. We claim the privileges of freemen, and shall act accordingly. DOUGLASS is a *Master Spirit*, and *his friends are our friends*—we are willing

to cast our banners on the air, and fight by his side in the cause of humanity, and equal rights—the cause of liberty and the law. SNYDER, and MOORE, are *his* friends—they are *ours*. These men are free from the prejudices and superstitions of the age, and such men we *love*, and such men will ever receive our support, be their *political predilections* what they may. Snyder, and Moore, are *known* to be our friends; their friendship is *vouched* for by those whom we have tried. We will never be justly charged with the sin of ingratitude—they *have* served us, and we *will* serve them.

JOSEPH SMITH.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL OF THE  
NAUVOO LEGION.

*Minutes of a Conference held in Attica,  
Wyoming co., N. Y. on the 28-9th of  
August, 1841.*

According to previous notice, the Elders and members of the branches of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, composing the Genessee Conference, met at the time and place above stated, and proceeded to business, by choosing Elder Almon Babbett, of Kirtland, President, and L. E. Harrington, Clerk.

On motion of the President, a committee of three were chosen to receive and investigate notices of ordination. Whereupon Elders Charles Thompson, James Bartholf and Joel McWithey were appointed said committee.

After singing and prayer, the President read from the book of Doctrine and Covenants concerning the duties of the officers and members of the church, also proceeded to make some remarks concerning them, and the proper business of the conference which were instructive and appropriate.

Elder C. Thompson presented an adjourned case from the Batavia branch, relating to priest Tyler receiving an Elders licence or ordination from a branch to which he did not belong; after many explanations by those interested, and the president, the ordination was confirmed.

Adjourned for one hour.

Met pursuant to adjournment; Conference opened by singing and prayer.

Elder J. Bartholf represented the Batavia branch containing 30 members in good standing, 3 Elders, 2 Priests, 1 Teacher; 1 member expelled and 3 baptized since last conference.



Teacher Moore represented the Ackron branch, consisting of 53 members, all in good Standing but one; 4 Elders, 2 Priests, 2 Teachers, and 1 Deacon; 1 expelled and 2 deaths since last Conference.

Elder McWithey represented the Bennington branch consisting of 26 members in good standing, 1 Elder, 1 Priest, and 1 Teacher; 1 expelled.

Priest Sprague represented the Castile branch, consisting of 10 members, 1 Elder, 1 Priest, and 4 baptized.

Priest Webster represented the Attica branch consisting of 11 members, 1 priest and 2 baptized.

Elder Winnegar represented the Alabama branch, consisting of 11 members, 1 Elder, 1 Teacher, and 3 Baptized.—Priest Wheeler of Alabama, having previously denied the faith, and requested it, was expelled.

Elder Stratton represented 5 members near Rochester, not organized.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Heard and accepted the report of the committee of investigation.

Elder Almon Babbett was appointed to address the Conference. He spoke on the subject of Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezer's dream, his vision of the beasts, kingdoms, &c.

In the afternoon, Elder C. Thompson delivered a discourse on the gathering of Israel, the book of Mormon, &c.

On Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening, meetings were held, in which several short addresses were made by different Elders, Priests and members, all tending to give life and interest to the occasion on which they were assembled.

There were several ordinations, baptisms, &c., administered, which I have not the minutes of in possession.

Adjourned to meet in Castile, Wyoming county, on the last Saturday and Sunday in December next.

ALMON BABBETT, President.

L. E. HARRINGTON, Clerk.

#### COMMON SCHOOL BOOKS ADOPTED.

Extract from the minutes of the Board of Regents.

"University of the City of Nauvoo, Illinois, Dec. 18th, A. D. 1841.

Gentlemen of the Board of Regents:—

Permit me to present for your adoption, the following series of books

for Common Schools, which I have carefully selected and approved; to wit:

Town's Spelling Book.

Town's Introduction to Analysis.

Town's Analysis.

M'Vickar's Political Economy for Schools.

Help to Young Writers.

Girl's Reading Book, by Mrs. Sigourney.

Boy's Reading Book, by Mrs. Sigourney.

Bennett's Arithmetic.

Bennett's Book Keeping.

Kirkham's English Grammar.

Olney's Geography.

JOHN C. BENNETT, Chancellor.

Adopted as follows; to wit:

Yeas—Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, Charles C. Rich, Heber C. Kimball, John Taylor, N. K. Whitney, Samuel H. Smith, John Snider, Wm. Marks, Ebenezer Robinson, Elias Higbee, (Regents,) William Law, (Registrar,) John C. Bennett, (Chancellor.) 13.

Nays—None.

Absent—Sidney Rigdon, Daniel H. Wells, John T. Barnett, Wilson Law, John P. Green, Vinson Knight, Isaac Galland, Robert D. Foster, James Adams, Samuel Bennett, George Miller, Lenos M. Knight, (Regents,) 12.

As the above series of books has been adopted for the use of the Common Schools of this city, we would esteem it a favor if J. ORVILLE TAYLOR, Esq., Secretary of the *American Common School Society*, No. 128 Fulton Street, City of New-York, would furnish E. ROBINSON, Book-Seller and Stationer, City of Nauvoo, Illinois, with the above works, for sale, at his earliest convenience. The demand must necessarily be great, as other school books will be excluded so soon as the above list can be obtained. Mr. SALEM TOWN, Aurora, Cayuga County, New-York, and JAMES BENNETT, Esq., Arlington House, Long Island, New York, would find it to their advantage to notice the adoption of the above series.

Will the NEW YORK WEEKLY HERALD please re-publish the above?

Any communications on the subject addressed to "EBENEZER ROBINSON,

Editor of the *Times & Seasons*;

City of Nauvoo,

Illinois."

Will receive prompt attention.

NEW YORK WEEKLY HERALD—JAMES GORDON BENNETT.

Extract from the minutes of the City Council.

"The Council then received the following communication from the Mayor; to wit:

"City of Nauvoo, Illinois,

Mayor's Office, Dec. 18th, A. D. 1841.

Gentlemen of the City Council,

Aldermen and Councillors:—

Permit me to call your attention to that excellent and useful paper—

"THE NEW YORK WEEKLY HERALD,"—and its able and persevering Editor—JAMES GORDON



BENNETT. The public press, when under the supervision of virtuous, intellectual and energetic minds, is the great safe-guard of morality and religion; and a principal medium of early and correct information in relation to men and things,—and gratitude is a property of mental excellence which should ever be cherished both by individuals and compacts. Such a press is the *Herald*, and the warmest gratitude is due from this community to its noble and patriotic Editor. Tho' opposed to most of us in matters of religion he is perfectly liberal; and, as a public journalist, he has no superior. The articles admitted into the *Herald*, from the "*Times and Seasons*," have never been garbled, but published entire, with editorials free from the prejudices and superstitions of the age. That deservedly popular, and widely circulated paper, has been of incalculable benefit to us, as a people, by conveying to the ears of thousands, who would otherwise have remained in ignorance, correct information in relation to our doctrines and practices—our men and our measures: and, further, it furnishes us with eastern news, and returns western, far in advance of any other journal. Articles from the "*Times and Seasons*" are frequently republished in the *Herald* and reach Philadelphia before the subscribers to the first named periodical—the "*Times and Seasons*"—in that city, receive their regular files from Nauvoo! the *Herald*, likewise, uniformly brings us news from three to four days later than that found in any other eastern paper received at our Post-Office. Such an Editor, of such a paper, should receive from us a favorable demonstration in our corporate capacity; and to that end I present it for your deliberate action. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. BENNETT, Mayor.'

Whereupon Gen. Joseph Smith offered the following resolutions; to wit:

"Resolved by the City Council of the City of Nauvoo. That the high-minded and honorable Editor of the *New York Weekly Herald*—JAMES GORDON BENNETT, Esq., is deserving of the lasting gratitude of this community for his very liberal and unprejudiced course towards us as a people in giving us a fair hearing in his paper—thus enabling us to reach the ears of a portion of the community who, otherwise, would ever have remained ignorant of our principles and practices.

Resolved, That we recommend to our fellow-citizens to subscribe for the "*NEW YORK WEEKLY HERALD*," and thus be found patronising true merit, industry, and enterprise."

Which resolutions were carried as follows; to wit:

Yeas—Joseph Smith, Hyrum Smith, Charles C. Rich, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Hugh McFall, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, William Law, Willard Richards, Orson Pratt, (Councillors.) William Marks, N. K. Whitney, Samuel H. Smith, Orson Spencer, George W. Harris, Gustavus Hills, Hiram Kimball, (Aldermen,) John C. Bennett, (Mayor.) 19.

Nays—None.

Absent—John P. Green, Jonn T. Barnett, Vinson Knight, Wilson Law, Lyman Wight, (Councillors,) Daniel H. Wells, (Alderman.) 6"

It is said that the six absentees are all in favor of the above proceedings; and amongst the numerous spectators present there was but one feeling—a feeling approbatory of the act of the City Council. Thus has the "*Zoroaster*," the "*Odin*," the "*Confucius*," the "*Charlemagne*," the "*Napolion*," of the American press received a strong, but merited, demonstration of praise from our public authorities.

### "CHOIR OF THE STAKE OF ZION IN THE CITY OF NAUVOO."

The Choir of Singers presented a petition to the Board of Regents of the University, at their last sitting, for the appointment of a "Professor and Wardens in the Department of Music in the University of the City of Nauvoo," to constitute a board for the regulation of Music in this city, which was adopted, and the following persons appointed; to wit:  
GUSTAVUS HILLS, *Professor*.

#### WARDENS.

B. S. WILBER, *1st Ward*.

STEPHEN H. GODDARD, *2nd Ward*.

TITUS BILLINGS, *3rd Ward*.

JOHN PACK, *4th Ward*.

The Chancellor, General Bennett, recommended the Regents to instruct the board composed of the Professor and Wardens, aforesaid, to prohibit the *flat* sound of the notes, and adopt the *broad*; whereupon General Joseph Smith, observed "I move the instruction, for I was always opposed to any thing *flat*." The motion prevailed—*Nem. con.*

### An Ordinance concerning fire arms, and Parties Lilitant.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Nauvoo, That if any person shall fire or shoot a gun, pistol, or other fire arms, idly or for sport or amusement, in the night, or on Sunday, the person so doing shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding fifty Dollars; provided, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to affect any officer of this city for firing or shooting as aforesaid while in the execution of his duty.

Sec. 2. That if any person shall prosecute another before the authorities of this city, (in a criminal case,) and fail to procure a conviction, said person shall be taxed with the costs of suit, if said authorities shall consider it a malicious