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CALL FOR A MEETING
TO FORM AN
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

DEAR SIR:

It is proposed to have an informal meeting at Saratoga, N. Y., on Wednesday morning, August 21, 1878, to consider the feasibility and expediency of establishing an AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION. The suggestion came from one of the State Bar Associations, in January last, and the undersigned have been favorably impressed by it. A body of delegates, representing the profession in all parts of the country, which should meet annually, for a comparison of views and friendly intercourse, might be not only a pleasant thing for those taking part in it, but of great service in helping to assimilate the laws of the different States, in extending the benefit of true reforms and in publishing the failure of unsuccessful experiments in legislation.

This circular will be sent to a few members of the Bar in each State,—whom, it is thought, such a project might interest.

If possible, we hope you will be present on the day named at Saratoga; but in any event, please communicate your views on the subject of the proposed organization to Simeon E. Baldwin, New Haven, Conn., who will report to the meeting the substance of the responses received.

BENJAMIN H. BRISTOW, KENTUCKY.
WILLIAM M. EVARTS, NEW YORK.
GEORGE HOADLY, OHIO.
HENRY HITCHCOCK, MISSOURI.
CARLETON HUNT, LOUISIANA.
RICHARD D. HUBBARD, CONNECTICUT.
ALEXANDER R. LAWTON, GEORGIA.
RICHARD C. McMURTRIE, PENNSYLVANIA.
STANLEY MATHEWS, OHIO.
E. J. PHELPS, VERMONT.
JOHN K. PORTER, NEW YORK.
LYMAN TRUMBULL, ILLINOIS.
CHARLES R. TRAIN, MASSACHUSETTS.
J. RANDOLPH TUCKER, VIRGINIA.

JULY 1, 1878.

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE CONFERENCE CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING
A NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION,
AND OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

A number of members of the bar, called together by a circular letter for the purpose of forming a National Bar Association, met in the court room of the Town Hall, at Saratoga Springs, New York, on Wednesday, August 21st, 1878, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Roger Averill, of Danbury, Connecticut, called the meeting to order and nominated as Temporary Chairman, Mr. John H. B. Latrobe, of Baltimore, who was unanimously elected.

Mr. Simeon E. Baldwin of New Haven, Connecticut, nominated Mr. Francis Rawle, of Philadelphia, as Secretary, who was unanimously elected.

Mr. Latrobe, upon taking the chair, briefly addressed the meeting.

Mr. Bullard, of Saratoga, nominated Mr. Isaac Grant Thompson, of Troy, New York, as an additional Secretary of the meeting; he was unanimously elected.

Mr. Baldwin stated that a register had been prepared, to be signed by gentlemen present by invitation from different

States, and Mr. Thompson proceeded to call the roll of States.

Pending the call, a gentleman present asked whether members of the bar present at the meeting, who had not received special invitations, were to be considered as members of the Conference.

A motion was then made that a committee of five on permanent organization, be appointed.

Mr. Semmes, of New Orleans, suggested that the meeting be first organized by those present who had received invitations, and, upon the motion pending having been withdrawn, put his remarks into the form of a motion, which was *adopted*.

The call of States was then proceeded with, when Mr. Armstrong, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, moved to reconsider the vote upon Mr. Semmes' resolution. A discussion then followed, in which Mr. Poché, of Louisiana, Mr. Smith, of Albany, and Mr. Baldwin took part. The reading of the circular of invitation was then called for; after it had been read, the President ruled that, in order to solve the difficulty and prevent a lengthy discussion, the original motion of Mr. Semmes still stood, and requested those present who had received invitations to register their names.

The names of those present who registered their names were as follows :

ARKANSAS.

U. M. Rose.

CONNECTICUT.

John O. Day,
Simeon E. Baldwin,
Roger Averill,
Asa B. Woodward,
W. F. Willcox.

Charles B. Andrews,
Lyman D. Brewster,
Calvin G. Child,
Charles J. McCurdy,

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

J. Hubley Ashton.

GEORGIA.

L. N. Whittle,

George A. Mercer.

INDIANA.

Thos. F. Davidson,

R. S. Taylor.

IOWA.

John N. Rogers.

KENTUCKY.

B. H. Bristow,

James S. Pirtle.

LOUISIANA.

Edwin T. Merrick,
Thos. J. Semmes,
Thos. L. Bayne,

Carleton Hunt,
Thos. Allen Clark,
Felin P. Poché.

MARYLAND.

Julian J. Alexander,
Charles J. Bonaparte,
A. Leo Knott,
William A. Fisher,

John H. B. Latrobe,
Henry Stockbridge,
Edward Otis Hinkley.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Daniel A. Richardson,
Gustavus A. Somerby,
Francis W. Hurd,
William Gaston,

Edward L. Pierce,
G. N. Baldwin,
Frank Goodwin,
Alfred Hemenway.

MICHIGAN.

O. J. Atkinson.

MISSISSIPPI.

Joseph E. Leigh.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

MISSOURI.

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| James O. Broadhead, | J. B. Henderson, |
| Henry Hitchcock, | P. Bliss. |

NEBRASKA.

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| N. C. Abbott, | George K. Amory. |
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NEW JERSEY.

A. Q. Keasbey.

NEW YORK.

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| George H. Forster, | E. F. Bullard, |
| Benjamin A. Willis, | Henry L. Burnett, |
| J. B. Perkins, | Henry Smith, |
| Wm. C. Ruger, | Homer A. Nelson, |
| Isaac Grant Thompson, | Calvin Frost. |

OHIO.

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| Rufus King, | Calvin S. Brice, |
| Wm. T. McClintock. | |

PENNSYLVANIA.

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| Albert A. Outerbridge, | Francis Rawle, |
| Wm. H. Armstrong, | L. D. Shoemaker, |
| S. A. Bridges, | Henry Green. |

TENNESSEE.

Henry G. Smith.

VERMONT.

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| Edward J. Phelps, | Charles N. Davenport, |
| Guy C. Noble, | J. B. Bromley, |
| Luke P. Poland, | Hiram F. Stevens. |

VIRGINIA.

Legh B. Page.

Mr. Baldwin moved that a committee on Permanent Organization and Credentials be appointed, to consist of one from each State represented and to be appointed by the President. *Adopted.*

The President appointed the following as the committee :

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| U. M. Rose..... | Arkansas. |
| Simeon E. Baldwin..... | Connecticut. |
| J. Hubley Ashton..... | District of Columbia. |
| L. N. Whittle..... | Georgia. |
| Thos. F. Davidson..... | Indiana. |
| J. N. Rogers | Iowa. |
| B. H. Bristow..... | Kentucky. |
| Carleton Hunt..... | Louisiana. |
| Edward O. Hinkley..... | Maryland. |
| William Gaston..... | Massachusetts. |
| J. B. Henderson..... | Missouri. |
| George K. Amory..... | Nebraska. |
| A. Q. Keasbey..... | New Jersey. |
| Henry Smith..... | New York. |
| Rufus King..... | Ohio. |
| Henry Green..... | Pennsylvania. |
| Henry G. Smith..... | Tennessee. |
| E. J. Phelps..... | Vermont. |
| Legh R. Page..... | Virginia. |

After a recess the Conference was called to order, and the Committee on Permanent Organization and Credentials reported the following resolution :

Resolved. That all gentlemen who have signed the register this day are properly accredited and constitute the members of this Conference. *Adopted.*

The committee then reported the following nominees for permanent officers of the Conference :