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GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

May Session, 1873.

Resolved by this Assembly:

That the State Librarian be directed to publish one thousand copies of the Journal of the Convention which framed the Constitution of this State in the year 1818, for the use of the General Assembly.

NOTE.

The Journal of the Convention, which, in 1818, framed the Constitution of Connecticut, was never engrossed, but remains as it was written from day to day. It is contained in two paper books of unequal size, the first embracing the proceedings to September 9th, inclusive, and the other the remainder; and each of these books is certified by the Clerks of the Convention.

There is annexed to the Journal a list of Delegates, with their votes on several questions, taken by yeas and nays; as also printed copies of the Reports of the Committee of Twenty-four appointed to draft a Constitution. It has not been thought necessary to reproduce the alterations of these drafts made by the Convention, indicated by pen-marks on the printed reports, because they will appear from the Journal, and by a comparison of the drafts with the Constitution as adopted.

A report of the Debates in the Convention may be found in the newspapers of the period printed in Hartford.

To the Journal as now published is prefixed the Resolve of the General Assembly by which the Convention was called; and there is added the Constitution as adopted, the Votes upon its Ratification, and the proceedings of the Legislature, with the Proclamation of the Governor thereupon.

STATE LIBRARY,
Hartford, June 2d, 1873.

C. J. H.

RESOLVE CALLING A CONSTITUTIONAL CON- VENTION.

*At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hart-
ford in said State, on the second Thursday of May in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen :*

Resolved by this Assembly, That it be, and it is hereby recommended to the people of this state, who are qualified to vote in town or freemen's meetings, to assemble in their respective towns on the fourth day of July next at nine o'clock in the morning, at their usual place of holding town or freemen's meetings, and after having chosen their presiding officer, then and there to elect, by ballot, as many delegates as said towns now choose representatives to the General Assembly, who shall meet in convention at the state-house in Hartford, on the fourth Wednesday of August next; and when so convened, shall, if it be by them deemed expedient, proceed to the formation of a constitution of civil government for the people of this state; a copy of which constitution, when so formed, shall be by said convention forthwith transmitted to each town clerk in this state, to be by him submitted to the qualified voters in the town to which he belongs, assembled at such time as said convention may designate, which time shall not be less than one week, nor more than three weeks from the rising of said convention, for their approbation and ratification: and said constitution, when ratified and approved by such majority of said qualified voters convened as aforesaid as shall be directed by said convention, shall be and remain the supreme law of this state.

And be it further Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the selectmen in the several towns aforesaid to give legal notice of the time, place, and object of holding town meetings as aforesaid, whether for the election of delegates, or for the ratification of the constitution; and the votes in the meetings for the choice of delegates shall be

counted, and certificates of election shall be supplied to said delegates in the same manner as is now practised in the election of representatives to the General Assembly. And the presiding officer chosen by said meetings for ratifying the constitution as aforesaid, shall, as soon as may be, transmit by the representatives of their respective towns, to the General Assembly next after such meetings are held, a certified statement of the number of votes given in said towns on the question of ratifying said constitution, both affirmative and negative, and a like statement said presiding officer shall also lodge with the town clerks of their respective towns, which votes shall be returned to said assembly and counted in the same manner, as is by law provided for returning and counting the votes for governor of this state.

And be it further Resolved, That two-thirds of the whole number of delegates so elected shall form a quorum, and said convention shall choose a president and clerk; and the clerk of said convention having been sworn to a faithful discharge of the duties of his office, shall proceed to administer to the president and members thereof the following oath or affirmation, viz:

“You being chosen delegates to this convention for the purpose, if need be, of framing and devising a constitution of civil government for the people of the State of Connecticut, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will faithfully discharge the trust confided to you.”

And said delegates shall be allowed the same fees for travel and attendance on said convention, as is now by law allowed to the representatives to the General Assembly.

Be it further Resolved, That all such persons as are, or may, at the time of either of said meetings, be qualified by law, and duly certified as such by the lawful board for said purpose, to be made freemen of this state, may then and there be admitted and sworn, and shall be authorized to act as such in the business of said meetings.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ss.
HARTFORD, AUGUST 20TH, A. D. 1818.

This day by virtue of a Resolve of the Honourable General Assembly of this State, passed in May, A. D. 1818, a Convention of Delegates was formed, consisting of the following members, that is to say:

HARTFORD, Sylvester Wells, Nathaniel Terry.
Berlin, Samuel Hart, Samuel Norton.
Bristol, Bryan Hooker.
Burlington, Bliss Hart.
Canton, Solomon Everest.
East Hartford, Richard Pitkin, Samuel Pitkin.
East Windsor, Charles Jenks, Abner Beed.
Enfield, Henry Terry, William Dixon.
Farmington, Timothy Pitkin, John Treadwell.
Glastenbury, Samuel Wells, David E. Hubbard.
Granby, Sadoce Wilcox, Reuben Barker.
Hartland, Aaron Church, John Treat.
Marlborough, Elisha Buell.
Simsbury, Elisha Phelps, Jonathan Pettibone, jr.
Southington, Roger Whittlesey, Chester Grannis.
Suffield, Christopher Jones, Asabel Morse.
Weathersfield, Stephen Mix Mitchell, Levi Lusk.