

with the principles of musical harmony evinced their assiduity as well as the capacity and fidelity of their instructor.

“A numerous and respectable audience attended, who behaved with the utmost propriety, and appeared much gratified with every part of the solemn exercises. How gratifying to the pious mind to observe the human voice, with its admirable powers of melody, consecrated to the noble purpose of celebrating the wonders of creating and redeeming love!”

Meetings on Currency

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

ON Wednesday, January 28th, 1818, a meeting of citizens of the borough of Lancaster convened, pursuant to public notice, at the Red Lion tavern on West King street, conducted by William Cooper. John Neff, of Strasburg, was appointed chairman, and George R. Porter secretary.¹

The object of the meeting, it was stated, was to agree, if possible, on some plan which might have the effect of making the circulating currency of the county at par with Philadelphia bank notes. A committee, consisting of Adam Reigart, John Myers, Francis Kendrick, Benjamin Ober and Jacob Grosh, was appointed to propose a remedy to relieve the inconvenience arising from the large quantity of bank paper of every description then circulating in the county. The committee recommended to storekeepers, iron masters, millers, distillers, farmers, and citizens generally, to refuse or discontinue to take, after the first day of April, 1818, any bank paper, except of Lancaster county, or such as was at par with the Philadelphia bank paper. The committee also recommended that on and after March 1st, 1818, no checks or notes, of a denomination less than a dollar, be accepted. The citizens in the boroughs and townships of the county were urged to hold meetings to assist in carrying these recommendations into effect.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1818, a meeting of citizens of Warwick township, Lancaster county, convened, pursuant to public notice, at the house of Christian Hall, in Lititz.² Jacob Leib was appointed chairman, and John Levering secretary. The object of the meeting was to consider the measures recommended by the county meeting in Lancaster on January 28th, 1818, namely: to bring good bank paper into circulation in place of the depreciated notes which were circulating at a loss to citizens of the county.

A committee, consisting of Peter Hole, Jr., John Keller, Sr.,

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, January 30th, 1818.

² Lancaster Journal, Wednesday, April 1st, 1818.

Samuel Grosh, Henry Becker and Benjamin Kreider, was appointed to draft resolutions. This committee presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That we give our hearty concurrence to the measures recommended to the citizens of Lancaster county by the meeting held at Lancaster some time ago; and that, therefore, from and after the 10th day of April next, we will not receive any bank notes whatever which are not at par in Philadelphia, or equal in value to gold and silver, except we take off the discount.

"Resolved, That each and every bank note which is not at par, and can, therefore, not be passed for its full value in Philadelphia, we will not receive for the value printed on such note, but the same shall be subject to a discount.

"Resolved, That it be recommended to the printers of the English and German papers, to publish every week the discount which is on the notes.

"Resolved, That we recommend to our fellow citizens of the city and county of Lancaster to hold meetings similar to this, and to concur in the resolutions adopted by this meeting, as we consistently believe this to be the only and sure way to bring good paper again in circulation in our county."

On Friday, October 16th, 1818, a general meeting of the inhabitants of the city and county of Lancaster was held in the court house, pursuant to public notice.³ The object of the meeting was to take into consideration the alarming and oppressive depreciation of the circulating monetary medium of the county. Benjamin Owen was appointed chairman, and George L. Mayer secretary. A committee, consisting of Adam Reigart, William Hunt and J. F. Lightner, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this meeting recommend to the inhabitants of the city and county of Lancaster, to hold township meetings for the purpose of adopting such measures as may seem best calculated to prevent the circulation of depreciated bank paper, and to recommend that no bank notes, which are not at par in the city of Philadelphia, be received after the 14th of November.

"Resolved, That this meeting will not, from the date above mentioned, receive any bank paper which is not at par, unless the discount, as stated in the Philadelphia price current, be deducted from the amount of the bill."

In view of the fact that the meeting on October 16th was unusually large, it was recommended to the inhabitants of Lancaster city that one be held on Saturday evening, October 24th, in the court house.⁴ At this meeting William Dickson was appointed chairman, and George L. Mayer secretary. John Myers, Samuel White and Benjamin Ober, committee, reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this meeting approve of the proceedings of a county meeting held at the court house on Friday, October 16th.

"Resolved, That it be recommended to our fellow citizens, that after the 14th of November next, to receive no other notes than those at par in Philadelphia or Baltimore, without deducting such discount as will make them equal to par money—excepting only the notes of the banks in this city which pay specie when demanded, or such notes as will be received by said banks in payment of debts."

³ Lancaster Journal, Monday, October 19th, 1818.

⁴ Lancaster Journal, Wednesday, October 28th, 1818.

A committee, consisting of Jeremiah Mosher, Henry Keffer, John Bachman, Peter Shindle, J. F. Steinman, Jr., John Christ, Benjamin Ober and J. Whiteside, was appointed to call on the merchants and traders of this city to get their signatures to these resolutions.

The Lancaster Journal of Monday, November 9th, 1818, stated that the committee had attended to its duty, and had obtained the signatures of the principal dealers in Lancaster city, as follows:

Philip Albright, Sarah Atlee.

John Baughman, Andrew Boggs, John Bomberger, Benjamin Bricelane, Peter Bright, Luke Brown, John Burg.

Henry Carpenter, Jr., Carpenter and Kauffman, John Christ, Robert Coleman, William Cooper.

George Danner, Samuel Danner, Samuel Davis, William Dickson, Jacob Duchman

John Eberle, John Eberman, William Eberman, Joseph Ehenfried, Henry Eicholtz, Jacob Eichholtz, Leonard Eichholtz, Robert Elliott, R. J. Evans, John Erben.

Jacob Fordney, Jr., Melchoir Fordney, C. Franciscus, C. Freeman.

Mary Gallacher, John Getz, William Glenn, George Graeff, John Graff, Richard Gray, Michael Gundaker, John Guy.

Bernhart Haag, Michael Hambright, William Hamilton, Daniel Harmon, Peter Hawman, J. F. Heinitsh, Philip Heitshu, William Hensel, Charles Herbst, Godleib Hill, Charles Hinkle, George Hoff, George R. Hopkins, Jos. and F. Hubley.

Thomas Jefferies, James Johnston.

Henry Keffer, George Keiss, George King, William Kirkpatrick, George H. Krug, Christopher Kurtz.

John Landis, John Landis (innkeeper), John N. Landis, Henry M. Lane, Jacob Leibly, Jacob Lemon, John Leonard, Lewis Levy, Jacob Lindy, Jacob Long, J. and P. Long, John Longenecker.

John Mathiot, George Matter, Hugh Maxwell, George L. Mayer, Peter McDonough, Peter McGrath, Philip Messenkope, Adam Metzger, Philip Metzger, John Michael, George Miller, Jacob Miller, Martin Miller, Ann Moore, James Moore, Jeremiah Mosher, George Musser, John Musser, Jacob Myers, John Myer.

John Neff.

Ober and Kline.

John Passmore, Jonathan Pew.

Peter Reed, Adam Reigart, Daniel Reigart, Emanuel C. Reigart, John Reitzel, John Reitzel, Jr., John Reynolds, George Riceenger, John Risdell, John Ross, John Rupley.

Emanuel Schaeffer, Jacob Sherer, George Shindle, Jacob Shindle, Peter Shindle, Martin Shriner, John Shumard, Jacob Slough, Christian Smith, John Smith, Nathaniel Smith, Jacob Snyder, Jacob Steffy, Steinman and Cottrell, Benjamin Steman, John W. Sturm.

Joseph Tripple, Adam R. Trissler.

John Upperman.

John F. Voight.

John Welsh, Samuel White, John Whiteside, Adam Wilhelm, Robert Wilson, John Wind, Ingham Wood.

Although the resolutions permitted the receiving of depreciated paper at a discount, the committee earnestly recommended to the citizens of Lancaster city and county to receive no bank paper whatever west of Chambersburg, Pa., as the greater part of it could not be discounted at any rate in Philadelphia.

A number of citizens of Leacock township met at the house of widow Sides, in the township, on Saturday, October 31st, 1818, to take into consideration the depreciated state of bank paper. Adam Bair was appointed chairman, and John Bair secretary.⁵

A committee, composed of Mark Grove, Jr., Stalker Coates, Martin Meixell, Jr., David Nelson and Christian Sook, Sr., reported the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"Resolved, That it be recommended to the citizens of Leacock township not to receive any other bank notes than those which are at par in Philadelphia (excepting those in the city of Lancaster which pay specie when demanded) after the 14th day of November next."

⁵ Lancaster Journal, Wednesday, November 4th, 1818.

The Lancaster County Society for the Encouragement of American Manufactures

By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

A MEETING of citizens of the city of Lancaster convened at the court house (pursuant to public notice) on Saturday, October 2nd, 1819, at 4 P. M., to consult upon measures for the promotion of economy and domestic manufactures.¹ Walter Franklin, Esq., was appointed chairman, and John Passmore secretary. The following action was taken:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a petition, for signature, to be presented to Congress at its next session, for the effectual and permanent protection of every essential domestic manufacture; and to draft a constitution for the government of a society to be formed in the city and county of Lancaster, for the furtherance of the objects of this meeting; and ordered that Robert Coleman, John Passmore, Molton C. Rogers, Adam Reigart and James Humes be said committee.

"Resolved, That when this meeting adjourn, it adjourn to meet again at this place on Friday, the 15th instant, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to hear, and, if approved, to adopt the reports of the aforesaid committee, which meeting the citizens, generally, are invited to attend."

At the meeting held on Friday, October 15th, 1819, the following preamble and constitution² were adopted:

¹ Lancaster Journal, Friday, October 8th, 1819.

² Lancaster Journal, Friday, November 5th, 1819.