

# MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

## ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT: PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST DAY.

{ CONVENTION-ROOM, SAN FELIPE  
DE AUSTIN, NOV. 3, 1835, 2  
O'CLOCK, P. M.

There being a quorum present, on motion of Samuel Houston, the house proceeded to an election of president and other officers; whereupon

B. T. Archer was elected president, and P. B. Dexter, secretary.

B. T. Archer, on taking the chair, delivered the following address.

GENTLEMEN,—I return to you my thanks for the honor you have conferred on me. The duties which devolve upon the members of this body are arduous and highly important: in fact, the destinies of Texas are placed in your hands; and I hope that you are now assembled, in every way prepared to discharge those duties in a manner creditable to yourselves, and beneficial to your country. I call upon each and all of you, to divest yourselves of all party feelings, to discard every selfish motive, and

ment, and to carry on the war in which we are now engaged. It will, therefore, be our duty to elect agents to procure those funds. I have too high an opinion of the plain practical sense of the members of this body, to think for a moment that they will elect any, but some of our most influential citizens, to this important post. Without funds, however heroically your armies may fight, however wisely your councils may legislate, they will but erect a baseless fabric, that will fall of its own weight.

There are several warlike and powerful tribes of Indians, that claim certain portions of our land. Locations have been made within the limits they claim, which has created great dissatisfaction amongst them. Some of the chiefs of those tribes are expected here in a few days; deem it expedient to make some arrangement of the matter, the satisfactory to them.

Permit me to call your

men, the destinies of millions yet unborn, and, perhaps, the cause of liberty itself. I do not view the cause in which we are engaged as that of freemen fighting alone against military despotism: I do not view it as Texas battling alone for her rights and her liberties: I view it in a nobler, more exalted light; I view it as the great work of laying the corner stone of liberty in the great Mexican republic.

On motion,

Colonel William Pettus was appointed sergeant-at-arms of the Convention, with the privilege (in the event of his having more important duties to perform) of appointing a deputy.

The following resolution, offered by general Houston, was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the General Convention of all Texas assembled have learned, with great pleasure, that a detachment of the army of the people, under the command of colo-

gates of all Texas, in General Convention assembled."

On motion of J. A. Wharton,

Resolved, That the president appoint a committee of twelve, composed of one member from each jurisdiction, to make a declaration, setting forth to the world the causes that impelled us to take up arms, and the objects for which we fight.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the president appointed the following gentlemen:

From the Jurisdiction of

Columbia  
Austin  
Matagorda  
Harrisburg  
Washington  
Gonzales  
Mina  
Nacogdoches  
San Angustin  
Bevil

J. A. Wharton,  
Wm. Menifee,  
R. R. Royall,  
L. de Zavala,  
Asa Mitchell,  
W. Fisher,  
R. M. Williamson,  
Samuel Houston,  
A. Houston,  
W. Hanks,