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from doing anything in the way of a settlement, and in view of all the facts, is really conduct which should not go unrebuked by the people.

Meeting in Bath County.

At a meeting of a portion of the citizens of Bath county, in the neighborhood of the Red Holes, met at the School House, near New Hebron Church, on the night of the 23d of January, 1861, for the purpose of giving expression to their views with regard to the dangers now threatening this glorious republic and the means best calculated to meet or avert those dangers.

On motion, A. W. Brown was called to the Chair, and J. C. Matheny appointed Secretary.

After due explanations in regard to the object of the meeting, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

We, a portion of the citizens of the aforesaid county, seeing no remedy in secession for the aggressions of the North against the South; believing that the Constitution gives ample security to all sections of our country and needs be obeyed rather than amended, be it therefore

Resolved, That in our belief simply declaring our withdrawal from the General Government will not stay the hands of the Black Republican party in case they wish to oppress the South and trample it under foot.

Resolved, That we will take the Constitution as our guide, and maintain our rights in the Union against the aggressions of the North or any other section from whence they may come.

Resolved, That we direct our representative in the coming Convention to do all in his power to prevent the secession of Virginia.

Resolved, That we deem it expedient that the action of said Convention be referred back to the people for ratification or rejection.

Resolved, That we believe that every State having passed the ordinance of secession should speedily re-unite themselves with the general government and maintain their rights under the Constitution at all hazards.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the Spectator for publication.

On motion the meeting adjourned.
A. W. BURNS, Chairman.
J. C. MATHENY, Secretary.

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