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Rear W. Marshall

From this Vigilance Committee way
gradually developed the Anti Manufacturing
League.

1893 1887

Items for the Meeting

Placard to be posted in Boston on the day of the meeting.

Have galleries reserved for ladies with gentlemen & open at 6 P.M.

(as Chairman of Committee of Arrangements)

Dr. Howe, to introduce John Quincy Adams & Stephen C. Phillips to the meeting

Dr. Howe's statement of case

Dr. Talbot's Resolutions, including one to form a Committee of Vigilance which shall have power to add to their number, so as to include every town on the Sea board or even of the state

Subscription paper of gentlemen to carry them. On tables permanently established in different parts of the hall

Charles Sumner

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Resolutions to be published in all papers & signed by President. followed by names of Committee

5'
Sept 13 1846

On Sunday morning after the unfortunate termination of the slave case in which John H Pearson Capt. Haunum & Capt. Rea were engaged, I invited twenty of those who, I knew, were among the true hearted, to meet at 8 City Place on that evening (Sept 13 1846) to consult together. Twenty two were present & on motion of Dr S. G. Howe it was voted that a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for a public Meeting in Samuel Hall.

Dr S. G. Howe
J. A. Menden
H. D. Bowditch
Richard Hilditch
Elihu Wright

was made that Committee.

A public meeting was held at the above named place, John Quincy Adams presided. (Vide Report of Proceedings)

From this meeting arose the Committee of Vigilance
whose Records will be kept in this
book (page 10) God grant that its records
may be short in consequence of slave
hunting ceasing in Massachusetts! -

F. D. B.

. 1850

Who thought then of civil war? We were no prophets & could
not see the delugeful extremities to which we were tending -
It is well that women unable to foresee them, for if the
people had clearly seen the consequences of opposition
to slavery, I fear that they would have shrunk from them
and the South would have had its way with
liberty crushed and slavery rampant.

Official Report of the Proceedings in reference to the violent abduction of a fugitive slave from South Boston.

At a meeting of Gentlemen & Ladies met at the house of Dr. H. I. Bowditch, in Boston on Sunday evening the 13th September 1850, Francis Jackson in the Chair & John A. Andrew, Secretary, to consider the subject of the recent abduction from this Commonwealth of a man found in the ordinary exercise of his liberty in the streets of Boston by fraud & force;

It was voted on motion of Dr. S. G. Howe, that it is the sense of this meeting that a public meeting of citizens be convened for the further consideration of this subject.

Voted; that a committee of five persons be appointed to make all needful arrangements for that meeting to be nominated by the Chair.

The Chair nominated the following committee
S. G. Howe, John A. Andrew, Henry I. Bowditch
Elvira Wright, Dr., Richard Hildrett,
& they were chosen.

J. E. Brackett moved the appointment of a Committee on Finance

John G. King; H. L. Bowditch, Francis Jackson
Dr. Hagg, Samuel May; J. E. Brackett
Robert Morris Jr.; T. P. Bourne & J. Ingersoll
Bowditch were appointed as that Committee.
On motion of Mr King the following persons were
chosen a committee to collect evidence relative
to the abduction alluded to, viz J. A. Andrew,
Richard Hildreth, George M. Vickar, Edmund
Jackson; J. W. Browne & John G. King

It was then voted that this meeting do
now adjourn

attest John Albion Andrew
Secretary -

The Committee to call a Public Meeting attended
to the duty assigned them & decided to invite
John Quincy Adams to preside, and to write
letters to some of the most eminent persons
of the vicinity, asking them to be present
at Faneuil Hall on the occasion -

Below will be found, the official report
of that meeting which was so crowded that
many persons could not obtain an entrance to the hall.

Official Report of the Proceedings at the
Council Hall Meeting. John Quincy Adams
in the Chair.

At a densely crowded and enthusiastic meeting held at Council Hall in the City of Boston on Thursday evg, the 24th day of September 1846; convened in consequence of the recent seizure and forcible abduction into slavery of a man found in the streets of Boston in the exercise of his liberty, without warrant of law or color of legal authority, the assembly was called to order by Dr Samuel G Flewe of Boston; whereupon John Quincy Adams was appointed to preside over its deliberations, assisted by Stephen G Phillips, & Samuel May as Vice Presidents. John Allen Andrew of Boston was chosen Secretary.

After the meeting had been briefly addressed by the President, Dr Flewe in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, who had been previously chosen at a meeting of gentlemen & ladies held at the house of Dr Bowditch in Atis Place, stated the objects & purposes for which the Committee had called upon their fellow citizens to assemble, giving the history

of the colored man "Joseph", the person who had been the victim of recent abduction, & setting forth the duties of the community in connection with this event.

The following series of resolutions, prepared by the Committee, were then read by the Secretary -

Resolved That the first duty of all government is to guarantee the personal safety of every individual upon its soil; and that the removal by fraud or force of any person beyond the jurisdiction of the laws, especially with the purpose of preventing enquiry into the rights of such persons by the competent tribunals, is an insult to the dignity of the sovereign power, and a violation as well of the rights of the government, as of the immediate victim of the outrage.

Resolved That we recognize nothing in the institutions or laws of any foreign State or Nation which can justify or excuse any violation of the smallest right or privilege of the humblest individual within the borders of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and that whatever may be the requisitions of foreign governments upon persons found within reach of their legal process; here, at least, shall the equal laws of our reasonable Commonwealth be respected as supreme & inviolable.

Resolved That the spirit of justice & freedom will be dead amongst us, when an injury done to the least individual shall cease to be felt as a wrong to the whole community.

Resolved That the late seizure and abducting into

into slavery, without any pretence of legal authority, of a man, found in the exercise of his freedom in the streets of Boston should be felt as an alarming menace against the personal rights & safety of every citizen.

Resolved That every person who by active or tacit cooperation has aided or abetted in kidnapping this individual, and carrying him back into slavery, deserves the stern reprobation of a community which has solemnly branded the slave-trade as equivalent to piracy.

Resolved That we call upon the owners of the bark Niagara who have been charged, in the public prints, by Capt. Haunard, the immediate abductor of the individual in question, with having aided in and consented to this illegal and shameful act, publicly to disavow all participation in a proceeding, so fatal to their character as merchants and as men, or to make all the reparation in their power, by rescuing the individual sufferer from the tortures to which their ship has illegally borne him back, at whatever expense of money or of effort to themselves.

Resolved That this meeting recommended the formation of a Committee of Vigilance, whose duty it shall be to take all needed measures to secure the protection of the laws to all persons who may hereafter be in danger of abduction from this Commonwealth.

The meeting was then successively addressed, in answer to calls from the audience, by Charles Sumner, Stephen C. Phillips, of Salem, Wendell Phillips, Theodore Parker, Charles Francis Adams, Rev. L. J. Stone of Salem.

George B Emerson; after which the question being put upon the adoption of the resolutions, they were passed by the affirmative vote of a very large majority.

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John A Andrew,	Samuel May,	Charles F. Hoey,
George W Bond,	William C Nell,	S. E Brackett,
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J. B. Smith,	William D Bowditch,	Cornelius Braumhall,
S. E. Sewall,	Anson L Stone,	Henry B Stanton,
John G King,	Benjamin Wenden,	Wendell Phillips,
John L Emerson,	A. B Phelps,	H. L. Bowditch,
Theodore Parker (Sr.),	S. S. Curtis,	Thos. J. Bourne,
Richard Hildrett,	Joseph Smithwick,	James M. Buffum of Salem,
J. A. Innes, of Salem,	Walter Channing,	William F Channing,
James F. Follen,	A. C. Spooner,	James F Clarke (Sr.),
William F Weld,	Anson B Merrill,	George Lodge,
	Henry James Prentiss,	

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| x Theodore Parker (Sr), | S. S. Curtis, | x Thos. J. Bourne, |
| Richard Childett, | Joseph Southwick, | James M. Buffum of Salem, |
| L. A. Arms, of Salem, | x William Channing, | William F Channing, |
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