among themselves, refusing Placerville, it seems to me, will be reflecting on the county, and equivalent to placing all our people there under ban."

Mr. H. M. Collins, asked, "is Mr. Booth a Delegate from El Dorado county?"

Mr. Booth said, "I am not sent as a Delegate from Placerville, though a resident of that place. I am here as a member of the Executive Committee, appointed by the Convention of last year. The people there did, at first, propose to send Mr. Lawrence to this Convention, with three other gentlemen, but afterwards decided to send no Delegate. As Mr. Lawrence is here, I wished the Convention to receive him that we might get his statement of facts."

Mr. Moore said, "we can avoid getting into trouble ourselves; let us go right; the question is, has the gentleman got credentials? Is he delegated by the people of Placerville? Delegate means one sent and empowered to act for others. Is he sent to this Convention? This will be the best way of coming to a decision upon the question of admitting or not."

Mr. Ferguson, though averse under ordinary circumstances to shutting of discussion, "because I am in favor of the largest liberty, liberty of speech. Yet, it is plain we may not otherwise be able to decide as to the propriety or impropriety of receiving the gentleman from Placerville, and for the purpose of facilitating business, I will move that the previous question be now put." The motion being seconded, was sustained.

The President then put the motion of Mr. Booth, that J. F. Lawrence, of Placerville, be invited to take a seat as a Delegate, and it was carried.

Mr. Peter Anderson stated that he intended, during the Session of the Convention, to bring in a series of resolutions in favor of a State Press.

Mr. M. S. Haynes moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the charges presented against Placerville, and report upon the same to the Convention.

H. M. Collins proposed to amend by appointing five on that committee; amendment accepted. The chair appointed Messrs. H. M. Collins, E. A. Booth, Richard Hall, Charles M. Wilson, William H. Thomas.

Mr. S. Howard asked permission to read a series of resolutions—granted. The resolutions having been read, were, by vote, laid on the table. The Business Committee, by its chairman, J. H. Townsend, reported the following preamble and series of resolutions.

Whereas, The state and condition of the colored citizens of California is one of political as well as social debasement, and calls loudly upon them to exert themselves in behalf of reform, and to unite their energies to repeal and overthrow the cruel and unjust laws of this State which are imposed upon them, and

Whereas, We are satisfied that our condition, according to the opportunities enjoyed, will bear a favorable comparison with that of any other class of men in this State; and being fully determined to use every proper exertion to obtain those great and inestimable rights for which our fathers fought and bled, in common with others, that they might secure them as an inheritance to us, their children. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will use every means in our power to exhibit a true state of our condition, repudiating the base slanders and falsehoods that have been fabricated against us.

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Resolved, That we will continually remind our white fellow-citizens that they are imposing upon us the same wrongs and grievances which caused their forefathers to rebel against Great Britain, and to appeal to their arms, and the God of battles.

Resolved, That the laws of the State of California disfranchising its colored citizens, on the ground of color, are a foul blot upon the Statutes of the State, having no precedent in the annals of the world, unworthy of, and a disgrace to, the enlightened and progressive spirit of the American people.

Resolved, That we claim our rights in this country, as any other class, not as citizens by adoption, but by right of birth; that we hail with delight its onward progress; sympathise with it in its adversity; and would freely