tion the Legislature for an equal and impartial exercise of the elective franchise, until they effect a consummation of their desires.

Resolved, That the petition which has been used in various places in the State, and copies of which we have at hand, be recommended to our people for the purpose of petitioning.

Respectfully submitted, ALEX. CRUMMELL, Ch'n.

JAMES W. DUFFIN, J. N. MARS, Committee.

The Business Committee reported the following resolution:

On motion, Resolved, That the report of the Committee be accepted and adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That we recommend to our people to become possessors of the soil within the limits of this State, if possible; as a means to their becoming more permanent residents, happier in their circumstances, and elevated in their condition.

Resolved, That in recommending our people to possess themselves of the soil, we no less protest against that clause in the Constitution of the State, which requires a property-qualification of us, in order to exercise the elective franchise—considering it wrong in principle, sapping the foundation of self-government, and contrary to all notions of natural justice.

Resolved, That each delegate be assessed in the sum of 25 cents, to defray in part the expense of publishing the proceedings of this Convention, and that a committee of three be appointed to attend to this business forthwith.

Henry R. Crummell, U. Boston, and J. W. Loguen, were appointed the Committee, who occupied the rest of the session in performing the duty assigned, bringing in a report before adjournment, of $27 47 cts. collected.

The Convention adjourned at a quarter past 5 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, Aug. 20. The Convention opened at 9 o'clock, with prayer by the Rev. Thomas James, of Rochester. The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Business Committee reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the idea contained in the Declaration of Independence, that men should inherit rights aside from accidental circumstances or factitious arrangements, is a sentiment set forth not merely in that document, but one that is also consonant universally with reason and revelation.

Resolved, That the framers of the State Constitution, in practically embodying the principles contained in the above resolution, formed the government of the State fundamentally republican,