



## Proceedings of the Whig State Convention

Since no national Whig platform was published, it cannot be said that this regional platform represented the entire party. However, it does reveal the political positions of the Whigs in one region. All of the language in the following excerpt is from the original (found on the EDSITEment resource **American Memory** [<http://memory.loc.gov>]) except as follows:

- Explanations for words in italics are in parentheses.
- Some punctuation and/or spelling may be standardized.

Worcester, Mass., June 17, 1840

*Resolved*, That our beloved country calls aloud this day upon her sons, and with a voice hardly less imploring than that with which she called five and sixty years ago on their Fathers, to rise up and rescue her from misrule and oppression.

*Resolved*, That an *Elective Despotism* (The power of the executive under Jackson and his hand-picked successor Van Buren is portrayed as having grown too great.) is not the Government which our Fathers fought for; and that unless the tyrannical domination which now overshadows the liberties of this country be defeated in its desperate efforts to perpetuate its power, the blood of Bunker Hill will have been shed in vain.

*Resolved*, That the administration of our National affairs for twelve years past has been one continued scene of injustice and outrage--that the Constitution has been violated, the most solemn Treaties trampled on, the Laws disregarded, the public Treasure seized and squandered, the People's interests overlooked, the people's rights overleaped, and the People's will defied.

*Resolved*, That *the derangement of the currency* (referring to the recent depressions and issues related to the negative Democrat position on paper money and the National Bank), the confusion of the exchange, the depression of prices, the reduction of wages, the stagnation of trade, and the general discontent and distress of the People are the legitimate results of bad government, ruinous measures, and wrong-headed men.

*Resolved*, That we cannot repress our indignation, when we behold the rulers of the nation, instead of applying themselves to repairing the mischiefs they have occasioned, engaged in devising new modes of oppression, and urging forward the adoption of measures by which the wages of the working man will be reduced still lower, and the bounties of the fishermen abolished altogether.

*Resolved*, That there can be no substantial and permanent relief from existing evils, and no sure and lasting escape from other and even greater evils impending, but in a change of the National Administration.

*Resolved*, That in WM. H. HARRISON of Ohio, we recognize the selected instrument by whom relief is to be administered to the People--the destined agent of the People themselves, in restoring the country to the prosperity and purity of its best and brightest days;--that his honesty, his ability, his bravery, his patriotism, his true hearted democratic republicanism, having stood the test of more than forty years of service, in peace and in war, can now alike dispense with the praises of his friends, and defy the slanders of his enemies;--and that we pledge to him our unanimous support for the presidency.

*Resolved*, That we have entire confidence in the integrity and capacity of JOHN TYLER of Virginia, and that we cordially concur with the Harrisburg Convention, in associating his name with that of Gen. Harrison's, for the two highest offices in the gift of the People.