Public Meeting
At Champawick, May 2d, 1843

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of
the Willamette Settlement, held in accordance
with the call of the committee, chosen at a
former meeting, for the purpose of taking
steps to organize themselves into a civil com-
community, and provide themselves with the pro-
tection, peace by the enforcement of law
and order

Dr. J. D. Babcock was chosen Chairman
and James Craig, Dr. Britton and Wilson, Secretaries.

The committee made their report— which
was read, and

A motion was made that it be accepted
—which was lost

Considerable confusion existing in conse-
quency— It was moved by Mr. Britton &
seconded by Mr. Craig— that the meeting de-
plore, preformato to being committed—those
in favor of the objects of this meeting taking the
right, and those of a contrary mind taking the
left— which being done carried by acclama-
tion, and a great majority being found in favor
of organization, the greater part of the dissent
withdrew.

It was then moved and carried, that the report
of the committee be taken up and disposed of article
by article.
A motion was made and carried that a Supreme Judge, with probate powers, be chosen to officiate in this community.

Moved and carried that a Clerk of the Court or Recorder be chosen.

Moved and carried that a Sheriff be chosen.

Moved and carried that three Magistrates be chosen.

Moved and carried that three Constables be chosen.

Moved and carried that a committee of nine persons be chosen for the purpose of drafting a code of laws for the government of this community, to be presented a to a public meeting to be hereafter called by them on the 5th day of July next, for their acceptance.

A motion was made and carried that a Deacon be chosen.

Moved and carried that a Major and three Captains be chosen.

Moved and carried that we now proceed to choose the persons to fill the various offices by ballot.

W. E. Wilson was chosen to act as Supreme Judge, with probate powers.

E. W. Blackton was chosen to act as Clerk of Court or Recorder.

P. C. Meek was chosen to fill the office of Sheriff.

W. R. Wilson was chosen Treasurer.

Moved and carried that the remainder of the officers be chosen by hand ballot, nomination from the floor.

Messrs. Will, Charles, Hewitt, Russ, Hubbard, Gray, O'Neill, Moore, and Doughtery, were chosen to act as the Legislative Committee.

Messrs. Runk, Hudson, and A. Y. Smith were chosen to act as Magistrates.

Messrs. Elbert, Bridges & Lewis were chosen to act as Constables.
The John Todd was chosen Major. James W. Dickey, C. W. Gray, E. C. Smith were chosen Captains. Moved to carry that the Legislative Committee make their report on the 1st day of July next at Champaign.

Moved and caried that the services of the Legislative Committee be paid for at $1.25 per day, and that the money be raised by subscription.

Moved and carried that the Major and Captains be instructed to enlist men to form companies of Premier riflemen.

Moved to carry that an additional Majistrate and Constable be chosen.

Mr. Campe was chosen an additional Majistrate, Mr. Matthias was chosen an additional Constable.

Moved to carry that the Legislative Committee shall not sit over six days.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The question having arisen with regard to what time the newly appointed officers shall commence their duties, the meeting was again called to order, when it was moved and carried that the new officers remain in office till the laws are drawn and accepted, or until the next Public meeting.

Attent:

C. W. S. Baxton