

SEGUIN, SEPTEMBER 4th, 1854.

Sir:—

The undersigned were appointed at a public meeting held at this place on the 26th ult., to select a standing committee of twenty discreet men in various parts of the County, who were instructed to act as a general vigilance and police body for the county, touching all matters referred to by said meeting. They were also authorized to select, PRIVATELY, a committee of Ten, whose duties are embraced in the Resolutions annexed. The undersigned refer you for more full information to the published proceedings in the Texan Mercury of the 2d instant and 9th, and desire that you will do all in your power to act for the good of the country, and with a desire to have its social condition benefitted by rigid police with ourselves, and drive out a worthless and lazy race from amongst us.

We copy for your benefit the most important of the resolutions adopted, and add a list of both committees so that you may correspond one with the other, and aid in carrying into full effect the wish of the people. Be pleased to advise the members of your respective committees, or as many as you can conveniently, in the cases which ought to receive attention, and call a general meeting if necessary. Prosecute such as violate the law by trading with slaves, and if you cannot find legal evidence to convict, keep an eye on parties implicated, so that they may be dealt with when proof is evident.

The citizens of San Antonio are also acting on the subject, and are organizing for protection on a similar basis.

Most respectfully submitted,

A. NEILL,
J. W. YOUNG,
JOS. F. JOHNSON.

Whereas, there have been divers instances of recent date, of slaves in this county, deserting their masters, and attempting then to escape into the neighboring territory of Mexico. Evidence sufficient has come to the knowledge of this meeting to authorise the conclusion that these slaves have been decoyed off, and that the straggling Mexican population of this county are implicated in the charge of these aggressions upon the property of our citizens. Now therefore, in view of this assault upon our rights of property and the necessities of our situation, be it

Resolved, first—That no Mexican of the class known as Peons, shall enter the limits of this county or reside within the same.

Resolved, second—That a standing Committee of twenty discreet men be selected to see that the above resolution is enforced at all hazards, and by the use of such means as the necessities of each case may require.

Resolved, third—That the Slave holders of western Texas, and all other citizens interested in the preservation of the rights of property in slaves, are hereby invited to hold meetings, and appoint delegates to attend some future mass meeting; to be held at some convenient place, to take in consideration the means necessary to be devised to sustain our rights in the premises.

Resolved, fourth—That in view of the fact that slaves are continually escaping to the West bank of the Rio Grande—by means of which, our citizens lose their property,—and others are deterred from emigrating to this section of the State with their slaves: Therefore we will appoint a committee to memorialize the Legislature upon this subject, and solicit such action as may be in the power of that body to prevent a recurrence of the evil complained of.

To which the following resolutions were added:

First, Resolved that we have every confidence in the integrity of those of our Mexican population who have resided with their families amongst us since the revolution, and whilst taking decisive steps against the floating and vagrant population; we tender to the former class our warmest sympathies and will extend protection at all times.

Second, Resolved, That we will take prompt and violent steps against any one, in our town or county, who will in any way trade with, or hold communication with our slaves, without permission of those having controll of them.

Third, Resolved that we will in addition to the means embraced in the above resolution, use all reasonable means to see the law enforced against them.

On motion, it was resolved that a committee of ten be appointed to take all laudable means to ascertain if the negroes who escaped from this town, were supplied with arms, ammunition, or provisions, and if so by whom.

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COMMITTEE OF TWENTY.

Seguin.

J. R. JEFFERSON, Wm. M. CARPENTER, JNO. H. PETTY, E. C. ANDERSON.

Guadalupe River, above Town:

W. SAFFOLD, J. B. GILLESPIE, ANDREW N. ERSKINE, JOS. W. YOUNG.

On the River, below Town:

S. Mc C. FENNER, J. W. FRANKS, JAS. M. MILLER.

San Marcos:

LEONIDAS HARDEMAN, Wm. T. JONES.

Yorks Creek and Geronimo:

H. R. CRAWFORD, SAM. MILLETT, THOS. W. WILSON.

Cibolo:

THOS. J. PERRYMAN, JOHN W. WICKS, J. T. MONTGOMERY, W. R. WISEMAN.

COMMITTEE OF TEN.

C. JORDIN, JAS. L. CALVERT, W. C. BAXTER, ALFRD SHELBY, JONATHAN DOUGLASS,
ED. RUST, ANDREW C. HERRON, R. J. COORPENDER, JOHN CAMPBELL, H. A. PERRYMAN.

