

Constitution.

Article I. — Name & Objects.

Sec. 1. This Association shall be known as "the Liberty Bell Democratic Association,"

Sec. 2. Its objects shall be to preserve peace, order, and the rights of property, to conserve law, and by all legitimate means to preserve our Constitutional Rights.

Sec. 3. As conducive to these ends, we resort to association to give direction and unity to our action within the District, to secure concert and harmony with those similarly engaged elsewhere, and to establish confidence and extend information among ourselves, while by exchange of views with like associations in this and other States, we may make available political opinions and principles, which however valuable and truthful can be only efficient under party organization.

Article II. — Officers.

Sec. 1. The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, & three Vice Presidents, one of which Vice Presidents shall be styled and elected as Senior Vice President, — Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Sec. 2. The said Officers shall hold their offices for one year from the date of their

election, and to be elected at the regular annual meeting by ballot or viva voce as the meeting may determine, and in case of vacancy in any office, it shall be filled for the unexpired term at an election at the first succeeding meeting.

Sec. 3. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Association, to call meetings whenever requested by three or more of the Vice Presidents, or of his own motion when the occasion may require.

Sec. 4. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice President shall preside and assume all the duties of the President, until the Association shall otherwise provide.

Sec. 5. The duties of the Vice Presidents shall be to assist and counsel the President, to preside at meetings as called to the chair in the absence of the President and Senior Vice Presidents, and to act as a Council of Safety.

Sec. 6. The duties of the Corresponding Secretaries shall be to correspond with similar Associations, to receive and impart necessary and important information under the direction of the President and Vice Presidents, and to file with the Recording Secretary for record and the information of members

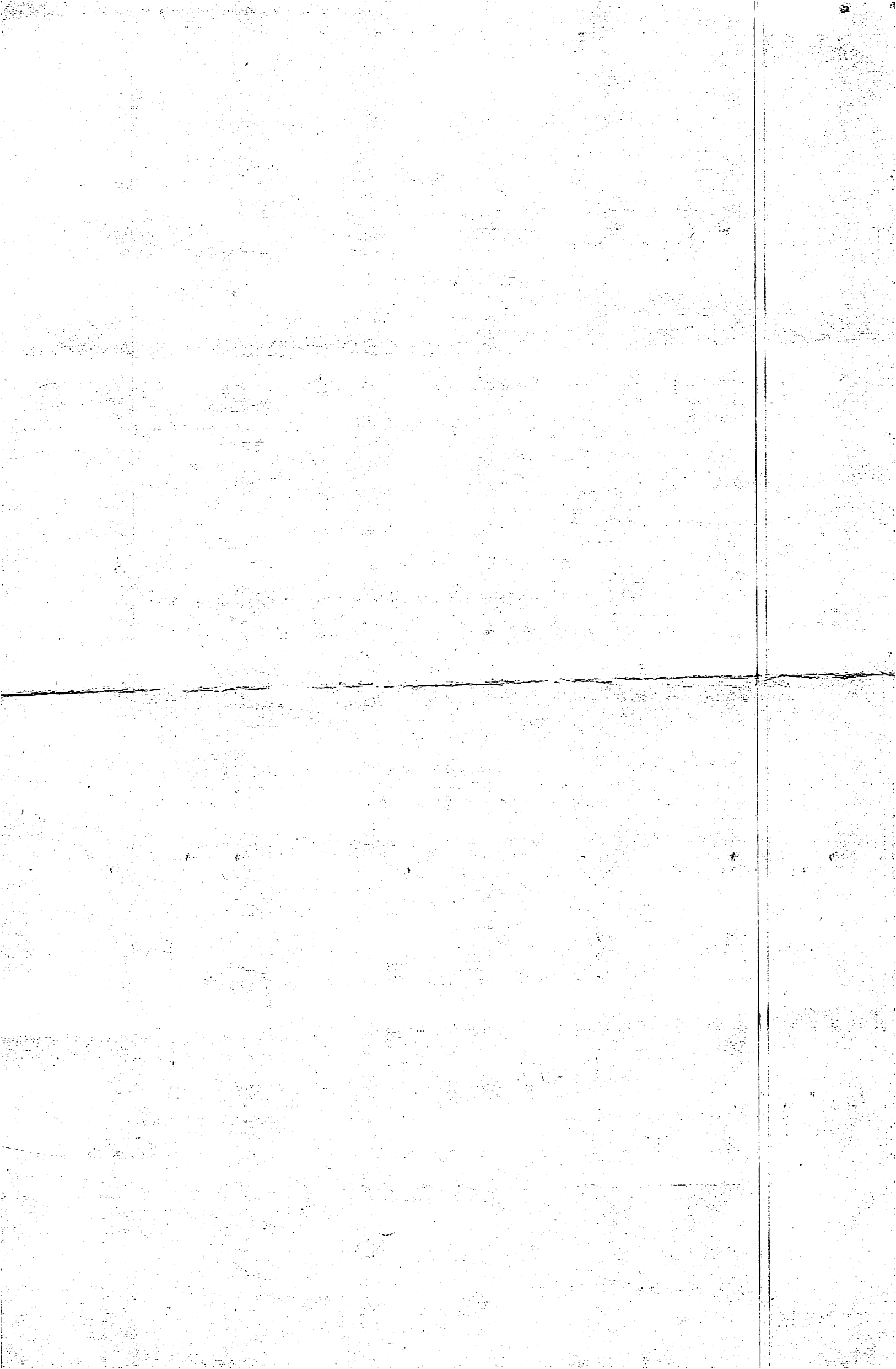
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bers such correspondence as the President may deem of sufficient importance.

Sec. 7. The duties of Recording Secretary shall be to record the proceedings of all meetings, and such other matters as the President or ^{the} Association may direct, to keep a list of members, and to publish calls of meetings, &c.

Sec. 8. The duties of Treasurer shall be to keep safely the funds of the Association, and to pay out the same upon the check of the President, and to keep an accurate account of his receipts and expenditures.

Article III. - Meetings.

Sec. 1. There shall be a meeting of the Association on the first ^{of the} ~~Monday~~ ^{Thursday} of each month at 10 o'clock P.M. unless the members at a regular meeting otherwise order.

Sec. 2. The President may at any time call an extra meeting, when in his judgment the exigency requires it, and he shall do so upon the demand of three Vice Presidents.

Article IV. - Membership.

Sec. 1. All order-loving, law-abiding citizens are invited to become members of this Association, but can only do so by recording their names at a public

meeting with the Recording Secretary or if absent by recommendation of a member and a vote of the Association.

Sec. 3. If upon the application of any person to enroll his name as a member objections be made, the President shall appoint a committee of five to examine into and report upon the matter, and upon which a majority of the meeting shall decide.

Liberty Hill S. C. May 11th 1865

We the undersigned do hereby agree to form ourselves into a Democratic Association under the Constitution presented to and adopted by a public meeting of the citizens of Liberty Hill held this day for the objects declared in said Constitution.

Names.

- John G. Richards
- J. P. Thompson
- Wm Dixon
- W. E. Johnson Sr
- A. D. Jones
- J. J. Jones
- B. P. Hester

Names.

- L. L. Thompson
- Henry Broome
- W. H. Patterson
- R. P. Patterson
- C. B. Curran
- Wylie Patterson
- P. R. ...

J. F. McDow
 W. C. Brown
 J. J. Atkins
 J. Walker Floyd
 Marion Blackmon
 C. M. Richards
 Alexander Matheson
 Joseph Pinson
 H. M. Thomas
 W. C. Thomas
 R. B. Cunningham
 J. P. Patterson
 A. Johnson
 Wyatt James
 Giles Cunningham
 Wyatt Miller
 Cato James
 Brown Hancock
 Henry Canty
 George Bruce
 L. P. Powers
 Marcellus Smith
 Green Washington
 Robert Frederick

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Thos. N. Gore
 L. A. George
 John ^{his} ~~Thorn~~ ^{most}
 W. Cunningham
 J. Cunningham
 J. S. Thompson
 R. C. Johnson
 Willie Johnson
 J. C. Cunningham
 J. & Matheson
 Mess. Reed
 G. J. Washington
 John Snowden Brown
 Thos. G. Beece
 Lewis Lescar.
 J. E. Gans
 W. C. Brown
 Saml. M. Boy
 Bartlet Simpson
 H. L. Hunter
 J. P. Bush M.D.
 Mess. Rivers
 L. J. Parker

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