

SUPPLEMENT TO THE HIGHLAND BLADE.

MOREHEAD, ROWAN Co., JANUARY 18, 1888.

The Mass Meeting at Morehead.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE.

At a large meeting of the citizens of Rowan county held at the court house in Morehead, Monday, Jan., 16th 1888, J. T. Hazelrigg was called to the chair and A. J. Thurber appointed Secty. On motion a committee consisting of J. E. Clarke, G. W. Saulsberry, Ned Hamilton, D. G. Ham and W. L. Parker were appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, who reported the following:

WHEREAS, We have heard with much concern of the proposition pending before the Legislature of Ky. to repeal the act establishing the county of Rowan; therefore

Resolved, That we appeal to the Legislature as a body, not to divest us of the rights with which we were invested by the act of Assembly establishing the county.

Resolved, That we appeal to our Senator from this district, and to our Representative in the lower house, to do all in their power to prevent such a result.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the repeal of the act establishing this county would be fraught with nothing but mischief to our people, and in this connection, we call the attention of the Legislature to the fact that it is not only in the county of Rowan that a season of lawlessness has prevailed, but in other portions of the State, and for years past up to the present other counties have been equally lawless, and if the repeal of the act establishing the county of Rowan should be thought to be a remedy for such lawlessness, then why does not the same reason apply with equal force, and why should not the same remedy be resorted to in all the counties of the State where like lawlessness has prevailed.

Resolved, That it is the earnest desire of the citizens in this mass meeting assembled that Rowan county should be henceforward as famous for peace and for the preservation of law and order, as it has been for riot and disorder, and that we hereby pledge ourselves our persons and property, that in the future

we will, by all means in our power, do all that we can in the interests of peace. That, without regard to past affiliations of any sort, feud or tie, we will uphold and maintain the integrity of the law, and will, in our capacity as citizens, as far as in us lies, enforce and assist in enforcing the law, and therein the good order of society without fear, favor or affection to any class, individual or combination whatever; and that herein we will do equal and exact justice to all men whatever their past record or offenses, so far as we have knowledge of the right and wrong, and in this connection we also call attention to the fact that the great body of the citizens of Rowan county have always been peaceable and law abiding, and that lawlessness has been confined to comparatively a few in number, who, for the time being, set the law at defiance, and further that a great part of the lawlessness is caused by people coming from adjoining counties, and not the people of Rowan.

Resolved, As it is said that we are a pauper county we maintain that the charge loses much of its force when it is known that we have sixteen miles of the Newport News and Mississippi Railway, with all its property, which is subject to taxation, and in this connection that within all our borders we now have peace; that two good schools are being maintained and taught in Morehead the county seat, and that the entire county is on the up grade. We earnestly, but respectfully protest against being unnecessarily compelled to attend other courts on legal business, and thereby deprived of our present vested rights, and herein we simply ask an opportunity to discharge our duties as citizens, and to have our rights maintained intact and as they should be.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be immediately forwarded to our Senator and Representative, and that THE HIGHLAND BLADE, Mt. Sterling Sentinel-Democrat and Gazette, and such other papers as see fit to publish the same, and that Members of the Legislature be furnished a copy.