SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Vandalia Fourier—Extra.

TEXAS HISTORY, Feb. 23, 1840.

Yesterday morning the Texan Wall was robbed *in this town!* The letter bag was enclosed in the large bag of papers, placed in the wagon, was cut open and stolen, and other bags, &c. at the post office. The driver says, he drove to the Ferry, a few hundred yards distant, and when he left, and when the ferry boat had crossed to this side to receive him, he was fast asleep. The Ferry man, was questioned by some boys who found part of the letters on the river bank; but how they found their way to the post office, or the rascal who rifled them, we know not. The letter has been returned to the office, how many more of the same kind were in, also a bundle of those which were opened, we know not. The whole affair is shrouded, in mystery.

On yesterday, the Governor made a second nomination for Secretary of State. It will be recollected that some weeks since, John A. M'Clerand, Esq. was nominated to that office by the Governor, and was rejected, *legally*, on the ground that there was no vacancy. No vacancy has been created since that time, and it seems to us strange proceeding on the part of his Excellency, thus to trifle with the feelings of a gentleman, so highly distinguished a fellow citizen, and to commit a solecism upon the treasury (for which public individuals would be invested with lasting infamy, and consigned to the cells of a penitentiary) as is evidenced by the fact that one sub-treasurer alone has footed with enough of the people's money in his pockets, obtained in the name of Secretary, to purchase hundreds of two thousand four families, whilst the hand of smaller sub-treasurers are flying in every direction, with similar booty, and in the same way; and whereas the great Whig and conservative parties of the Union believe that the PEOPLE will not much longer submit to the grinding and rebukes the corruptions of executive patronage and power, and assist in re-establishing the principles of the Constitution, and whereas we believe that the republican principles of the government cannot be maintained by that party, as established and practised by Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and their compatriots, without a change in the present administration of the affairs of the nation; and whereas we have confidence in the patriotism, wisdom and integrity of the Whig and Conservative parties, and believe that they will not present to the American people, a candidate, or a platform, for the chief man who is not eminently qualified for that station by his talents, attainments, his integrity of purpose, his devotion to republican principles, and his attachment to the Union, therefore,

Resolved, That we will unitedly, and zealously support for the next presidency the man who may be presented by the Whig and Conservative parties as the opponent of Martin Van Buren, the present incumbent, Martin Van Buren.

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Mr. Lee, Esq. offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of nine be appointed by this meeting, to draft an address to the people of this State, setting forth the causes of our opposition to the present administration, and recommending the nomination of the Hero of the Thames, as the common platform of Union and compromise.

Mr. Hamilton, Esq. offered a resolution the Chair appointed A. Lincoln, O. H. Browning, W. H. Bissell, J. T. Stuart, J. A. Williams, R. B. Servant and W. Ross, Esq's. said committee.

Col. R. B. Servant offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the President and Secretaries, and published in the Vandalia Free Press, with a request that all the Whig papers in the State will copy them.

On motion of O. H. Browning, the meeting adjourned.

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OUTRAGE ON THE PRESS.

We have the authority of the Montreal Gazette of a lawless incendiary outrage, committed on the printing establishment at Caldwell's Manor, on about 20 miles of the United States, on the night of the 12th inst. when disguised, broke into the House of a man named Vosburgh, bound him and his son with cords, and set the house on fire, so that the life of a lady, and the lives of the family were in imminent danger, and then set fire to the house. The flames were extinguished by the exertions of Vosburgh's family, and the lady. But one of the petitioners, who had assisted in the Hall of the House of Assembly, in Upper Canada, in presenting the petition on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, was the principal officer in this outrage.

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Mr. Lincoln briefly explained the object of the meeting, and was followed by Mr. O. H. Browning, Esqr. who made some further explanatory remarks, and in pursuance of the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

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