

thousand seven hundred and nineteen votes, for a Convention, and three thousand nine hundred and seventy four votes against it, making a majority of two thousand seven hundred and forty-five votes in those counties in favor of a Convention, and as that majority exceeds by upwards of a thousand the aggregate votes cast in the said counties of Washington and Clayton at the election held in October last for a delegate to Congress, and Davis being one of the recent organised counties, it is manifest (in the absence of the returns from the three counties aforesaid,) that there is a large majority of the legal votes in the Territory in favor of a Convention. It will therefore become the duty of all officers and persons concerned in making preparation for and conducting the general election to be held in the month of August next, to conform to the provisions of the Legislative assembly aforesaid, for the election of members of a Convention to form a State Constitution for Iowa.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of L. S. the said Territory to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the city of Burlington this first day of May, in the year 1844.

JOHN CHAMBERS.

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*ON THANKSGIVING*

OCTOBER 12, 1844

*From the Iowa Standard, Vol. IV, No. 48, Nov. 28, 1844*

*Territory of Iowa:*

At the request of many of my Fellow Citizens, I have deemed it proper to recommend that Thursday, the 12th day of December next, be observed throughout the Terri-

tory, as a day of general Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many and great blessings we enjoy as a people and individually, and of prayer and supplication for the continuance of his mercy and goodness towards us; and for the prosperity, happiness and ultimate salvation of the American people.

We are told that, "righteousness exalteth a nation," and are taught by divine authority that the voice of thanksgiving and prayer is acceptable to our Father in Heaven. Let us then, on the day designated, unite our voices, in the humble hope that they will reach the Throne of Grace and obtain for us a continuation and increase of blessings.

Done at the Executive Office, in the city of Burlington, this twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1844.

JOHN CHAMBERS.

*By the Governor:*

S. J. BURR, Secretary of the Territory.

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*DECLARING THE VOTE ON A STATE CONSTITUTION*

MAY 9, 1845

*From the Iowa Capitol Reporter, Vol, IV, No. 14, May 10, 1845*

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By an act of the Legislative Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the expression of the opinion of the people of the Territory of Iowa, upon the subject of the formation of a State Constitution for the State of Iowa;" approved 12th Feb'y, 1844, it is made the duty of the Secretary of the Territory to open and count in the presence of the Governor, the votes given at the April election of the present year,