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[May 12, 1849]

Emancipation Meeting

At a meeting of a portion of the citizens of Worcester, held at the rooms of Thomas Dring, in the Town of Bowling Green, on Saturday the 12 day of May, 1848, Mr. Samuel Russell was called to the chair, and Thos. Atchinson appointed secretary. James M. Peniston stated the object of the meeting and the following preamble and resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas we are apprised that the views and wishes of those who are emancipationist have been grossly misrepresented and are greatly misunderstood by many of the good citizens of this commonwealth, who would otherwise be thought of doing intentional injury to any man, and desire to place ourselves and our opinions properly before