



## **February 9, 1861 - The vote against secession, and against "Convention" or "No Convention"**

In the election on February 9, old *Vox Populi* spoke emphatically. On the plain question of Secession, the vote was heavily pro-Union, the returns showing a vote of 88,803 for Union candidates and 22,749 for Secession candidates. In regard to the calling of a Convention, the movement was rejected by a vote of 69,675 to 57,798. The decision by the people was a significant one, in that the action of both Governor Harris and the General Assembly was rebuked.

*Messages of the Governors of Tennessee*, p. 272.

