

## **THE NATIONAL COLORED CONVENTION.**

The call for a national convention of colored men, to be held in this city, brought together yesterday in the Hall of the House of Representatives forty very intelligent specimens of our colored fellow-citizens. Quite a large number of outsiders—white and colored, of the male gender, and a few of the female gender—were present to witness the proceedings.

The convention was called to order a few minutes after twelve o'clock by the Hon. Alonzo J. Ransier, Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, who, after reading the call for the convention, addressed it as follows:

**GENTLEMEN**—We are here pursuant to the above call, to consider ways and means necessary to the conservation of the material and political interests of the colored people of our country.