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“[Virginia] has, in conjunction with the State executive, instituted wherever their usurped power extends, a reign of terror intended to suppress the free expression of the will of the people, making elections a mockery and a fraud.”

John Carlile included those words in “A Declaration of the People of Virginia,” a proposed reorganization of Virginia’s government that was presented to the Second Wheeling Convention on June 13. Two days before the presentation of Carlile’s document, the Convention had elected Arthur Boreman as its president.

Both men would play significant roles in the creation of West Virginia. Carlile served as a United States senator for the Reorganized Government of Virginia while Boreman was elected the first governor of West Virginia.



John Carlile



Arthur Boreman



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