

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF RHODE ISLAND,

Recommending the Senators and Representatives of that State in Congress to oppose the passage of any law tending to disturb the provisions of the act of March 6, 1820, commonly called the "Missouri Compromise Act," in regard to slavery.

JANUARY 30, 1854.—Ordered to be printed.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1854.

WHEREAS, Congress, by a provision of an act approved the 6th day of March, 1820, commonly called the "Missouri Compromise Act," forever prohibited slavery or involuntary servitude, except for crime, north of the parallel of thirty-six and a half degrees ($36\frac{1}{2}$) of latitude, in all the territory acquired from France, except that portion lying within the State of Missouri; and whereas, certain propositions have recently been made tending to disturb this compromise, it is—

Resolved, That it be recommended to our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to prevent the passage of any law whereby slavery or involuntary servitude, except for crime, can, under any circumstances, ever be introduced or established north of said parallel.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to be by them presented to their respective houses.

A true copy, (per order.)

Attest :

A. POTTER,
Secretary of State.