

RESOLUTIONS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF MAINE,

IN FAVOR OF

*The United States co-operating with any State which may adopt a gradual abolishment of slavery, giving to such State pecuniary aid, to be used to compensate for the inconveniences, public and private, produced by such system.*

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MARCH 31, 1862.—Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

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STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES in relation to extending pecuniary aid to States abolishing slavery.

Whereas the President of the United States recently submitted to the consideration of Congress the following resolve: "*Resolved*, That the United States ought to co-operate with any State which may adopt a gradual abolishment of slavery, giving to such State pecuniary aid, to be used by such State, in its discretion, to compensate for the inconveniences, public and private, produced by such system:" Therefore—

*Resolved*, That the people of Maine cordially approve the suggestion contained in the above proposition, and will cheerfully furnish their proportion of any sum required to effect the object contemplated by the President.

*Resolved*, That the senators and representatives in Congress from this State be requested to vote for the speedy emancipation of all slaves in the District of Columbia, making reasonable and just compensation for the losses of loyal citizens resulting from such emancipation.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolves to the President of the United States, and to each of the senators and representatives in Congress from this State.

In the house of representatives, March 19, 1862, read and passed.  
J. G. BLAINE, *Speaker*.

In senate, March 19, 1862, read and passed.  
JOHN H. GOODENOW, *President*.

Approved March 19, 1862.

ISRAEL WASHBURN, Jr.

## ABOLISHMENT OF SLAVERY.

STATE OF MAINE, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
*Augusta, March 25, 1862.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original,  
as deposited in this office.

JOSEPH B. HALL,  
*Secretary of State.*