

RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

APPROVING OF

*The recent message of the President of the United States recommending the co-operation of the government with any State for the gradual abolishment of slavery.*

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APRIL 10, 1862.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO.

RESOLVES in approval of the recent message of the President of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the senate and house of representatives in general court assembled, hereby express their approval of the recent message of the President of the United States recommending the adoption by Congress of a resolution substantially as follows :

*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 inconvenience, public and private, produced by such change of system."

*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States and to our senators and representatives in Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *April 1, 1862.*

Passed.

ALEX. H. BULLOCK, *Speaker.*

## ABOLISHMENT OF SLAVERY.

IN SENATE, *April 2, 1862.*

Passed.

JOHN H. CLIFFORD, *President.*

APRIL 4, 1862.

Approved.

JOHN. A. ANDREW.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,  
*Boston, April 8, 1862.*

A true copy. Attest:

OLIVER WARNER,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*