

SLAVERY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, &c.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF VERMONT,

ON THE

Subject of slavery in the District of Columbia, &c.

DECEMBER 31, 1849.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS relative to slavery in the District of Columbia and on the high seas, and on the application of the ordinance of 1787.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to introduce a resolution, at its next session, directing the appropriate committee in each branch of our national legislature to report a bill to prohibit the traffic in slaves in the District of Columbia, and on the high seas; also, a bill to repeal all laws that legalize slavery in the District of Columbia; and that on said resolution they demand the yeas and nays.

Resolved, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their influence by direct vote, whenever an opportunity shall occur, to procure the application of the ordinance of 1787 to all newly acquired territory belonging to the United States.

Resolved, That his Excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

STATE OF VERMONT.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,
Montpelier, November 14, 1849:

I hereby certify that the foregoing are correct copies of resolutions on file in this office.

FERRAND F. MERRILL,
Secretary of State.