

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF WISCONSIN,

In relation to slavery.

FEBRUARY 26, 1849.

Ordered to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS relative to slavery and the slave trade.

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin, That our senators in Congress be, and they are hereby instructed, and our representatives requested—

First. To oppose the passage of any act for the government of New Mexico and California, or any other Territory now belonging to the United States, or which may hereafter be acquired, unless it shall contain a provision forever prohibiting the introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude into said Territories, except as a punishment for crimes.

Second. To oppose the admission of any more slave States into the federal Union.

Third. To exert their influence to procure the repeal of all laws sustaining slavery and the slave trade in the District of Columbia, or in any other place under the control of the national government, and to secure the passage of laws prohibiting slavery and the slave trade in all places under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor is hereby requested immediately to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, to be by them laid before Congress.

HARRISON C. HOBART,

Speaker of the Assembly.

JOHN E. HOLMES,

Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

I certify that resolutions of which the foregoing are a true copy, were passed by the legislature of the State of Wisconsin this eighth day of February, 1849.

NELSON DEWEY.