

RESOLUTIONS

Authorizing the President of the United States to negotiate with foreign governments on the means of effecting an entire abolition of the African slave trade, and for other purposes.

MAY 8, 1820.

Read, and committed to the committee of the whole House, on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force 'An act to protect the commerce of the United States, and punish the crime of piracy,' &c. &c.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be requested to consult and negotiate with all the governments where ministers of the United States are, or shall be accredited, on the means of effecting an entire and immediate abolition of the African slave trade.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be requested to enter into a stipulation, or formal declaration, with the several maritime powers, recognizing the independence and permanent neutrality of any colony of the free people of colour of the United States, which shall be established on the western coast of Africa.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be requested, in such use as he may deem it expedient to make of the public ships of the United States, to afford every aid, not inconsistent with the public welfare, to the efforts of the American Society for colonizing the free people of color of the United States, upon the western coast of Africa.