

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

IN FAVOR OF

*The prohibition of slavery in any new territory that may be acquired.*

FEBRUARY 16, 1847.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

RESOLUTIONS relative to the acquisition of new territory.

Whereas the existing war with Mexico may result in the acquisition of new territory to the Union :

And whereas measures are now pending in Congress having in view the appropriation of money, and the conferring authority upon the treaty making power : to this end, therefore,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met,* That our Senators and our Representatives in Congress be requested to vote against any measure whatever by which territory will accrue to the Union, unless, as a part of the fundamental law upon which any compact or treaty for this purpose is based, slavery or involuntary servitude, except for crime, shall be forever prohibited.

*Resolved,* That the governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

JAMES COOPER,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

CH. GIBBONS,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

Adopted in the House of Representatives January 22, 1847.

D. FLEMING, *Clerk.*

Adopted in the Senate January 22, 1847.

GEO. W. HAMERSLEY, *Clerk.*

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

*Harrisburg, February 3, 1847.*

SIR: In compliance with the request of the General Assembly, I have the honor herewith to transmit to you a copy of the resolutions relative to the acquisition of new territory.

I am yours, very respectfully,

FRS. R. SHUNK.

Hon. SIMON CAMERON.