

FUGITIVE SLAVES IN CANADA.

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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE,

IN REFERENCE TO

*The negotiation of a treaty with Great Britain for the rendition of fugitive slaves.*

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JOINT RESOLUTIONS requesting senators and representatives in Congress.

Whereas, under the continued aggressions of the abolition party, the slavery question has for the last forty years been distracting the happiness of the people of the southern States, and affording an opportunity for northern fanatics to steal the slaves of the southern owner, and transport them beyond the limits of the United States; and whereas the British provinces lying on our northern border, owned and controlled by the kingdom of Great Britain, has become a harbor for such slaves as have escaped and been stolen from the southern States; and whereas there are now supposed to be within those provinces one hundred millions of dollars worth of slave property justly belonging to the southern owner, who is prevented from reclaiming such property for the want of treaty stipulations with the kingdom aforesaid for the rendition of fugitives: Therefore—

*Be it resolved by the general assembly of the State of Tennessee,* That our senators and representatives in the Congress of the United States be, and they are hereby, requested to use every legitimate effort to procure the negotiation and ratification of a treaty with the kingdom of Great Britain for the rendition of fugitive slaves from labor.

*And resolved, further,* That the governor is hereby requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

W. C. WHITTHORNE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

TAZ. W. NEWMAN,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

Passed March 23, 1860.

A true copy.

J. E. R. RAY,  
*Secretary of State.*

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SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,  
*Nashville, Tennessee, May 15, 1860.*

SIR: I am instructed by the governor to forward to you the foregoing resolutions.

Very respectfully,

J. E. R. RAY,  
*Secretary of State.*