

ADMISSION OF NEW STATES—SLAVERY, &c.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF CONNECTICUT,

RELATIVE TO

*The admission of new States into the Union, &c., &c.*

DECEMBER 15, 1845.

Read, and laid upon the table.

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, in said State, on the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1845:

*Resolved by this Assembly,* That the power to admit into this Union new States not formed from the original territory of the United States, is not conferred upon Congress by the constitution.

*Resolved,* That the annexation of a large slaveholding territory by the government of the United States, with the declared intention of giving strength to the institution of domestic slavery in these States, is an alarming encroachment upon the rights of the freemen of the Union, a perversion of the principles of republican government, a deliberate assault upon the compromises of the constitution, and demands the strenuous, united, and persevering opposition of all persons who claim to be the friends of human liberty.

*Resolved,* That a measure so unfounded in principle, so dangerous as a precedent, and so destructive in its tendency to the peace and prosperity of the country, and the objects of the Union, can never receive the sanction of the people of Connecticut.

*Resolved,* That the governor be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ss.  
Office of Secretary of State.

The foregoing is a true copy, as on file in this office.

Attest,

DANIEL P. TYLER,  
Secretary of State.