

SLAVERY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF WISCONSIN,

RELATIVE TO

The introduction of slavery into territory, already or to be acquired, and which is now free.

JULY 21, 1848.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to free territory.

Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin, That the existence of slavery in this country is to be deeply deplored; that its extension ought to be prohibited by every constitutional barrier within the power of Congress; that, in the admission of new territory into the Union, there ought to be an inhibitory provision against its introduction.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be, and they are hereby, instructed, and our Representatives are requested, to use their influence to insert into the organic act for the government of any new territory already acquired, or hereafter to be acquired, that is now free, an ordinance forever prohibiting the introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude into said territory, except as a punishment for crime of which the party shall have been duly convicted according to law.

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.

N. F. WHITESIDE,
Speaker of the Assembly.
JOHN E. HOLMES,
President of the Senate.

Approved June 21, 1848.

NELSON DEWEY.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, ss:

I, Thomas McHugh, secretary of the said State, hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions are true copies of the original as appears of record in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Wisconsin, at Madison, this twenty-first day of June, A. D., 1848.

THOMAS McHUGH,

Secretary of State.