

SLAVERY IN THE TERRITORIES.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

IN RELATION TO

*Slavery in the Territories.*

—  
FEBRUARY 18, 1857.—Ordered to be printed.  
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JOINT RESOLUTION respecting slavery in the Territories.

Whereas the people of this State did, at the late presidential and State election, unequivocally condemn the fugitive-slave law of 1850 and the principles and practical workings of the Kansas-Nebraska act of 1854, repudiating, by a most distinct and emphatic utterance, the repeal of the Missouri restriction and the doctrine of squatter sovereignty; and whereas the people have thus, by an overwhelming and unprecedented majority, endorsed the resolutions of instruction passed by the last session of this body; and whereas these instructions were utterly disregarded, notwithstanding the previous and oft-repeated avowal on the part of our senators of the doctrine of instructions; and whereas the experience of the last two years has but deepened our conviction of the imperative necessity of checking the encroachments of the slave power: Therefore

*Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives, That, in the name and by the authority of the people of the State of Michigan, we respectfully demand of our senators, and earnestly ask of our representatives in Congress, to resist to the utmost the admission of any more slave States into the Union, and to use their best exertions to secure the immediate admission of Kansas as a free State, the repeal of the fugitive-slave law of 1850, and the prohibition by law of slavery in all the Territories and in the District of Columbia.*

*Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward copies of the*

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foregoing preamble and resolution to our senators and representatives in Congress.

This joint resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

GEORGE A. COX,  
*President of the Senate.*

BYRON G. STOUT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Approved February 4, 1857.

KINSLEY S. BINGHAM.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE.

I, John McKinney, secretary of state, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a joint resolution passed by the legislature of this State, and now on file in this office, and that it is a true copy of the same.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, this fifth day  
[L. s.] of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

JOHN MCKINNEY,  
*Secretary of State.*