

SLAVERY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF RHODE ISLAND,

RELATIVE TO

The abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia.

MAY 31, 1848.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *May Session, A. D. 1848.*

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge upon their respective bodies immediately, and upon all suitable occasions, the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia; or, if, in the opinion of our Senators and Representatives, such a course would be unconstitutional or impracticable, then to urge upon their respective bodies the passage of an act providing for the immediate removal of the seat of government of the United States within the limits of some of the free States of the Union.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with the request that they will present them to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

True copy—witness:

HENRY BOWEN,
Secretary of State.