

EXTENSION OF SLAVERY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY,

RELATIVE TO

The extension of slavery in any territory that may be annexed to the United States.

FEBRUARY 26, 1847.

Read, and laid upon the table.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the extension of slavery in any territory which may be annexed to the United States.

1. *Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State be requested to use their best efforts to secure as a fundamental condition to or provision in any act of annexation of any territory hereafter to be acquired by the United States as an indemnity for claims, or otherwise obtained, that slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crimes, shall be forever excluded from the territory to be annexed.

2. *Resolved*, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.
Approved February 16, 1847.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY:

I, Charles G. McChesney, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of joint resolutions passed by the legislature of said State, and approved by the governor February 16th, A. D. 1847, as taken from and compared with the original now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
[SEAL.] my seal of office, at Trenton, this sixteenth day of February,
A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

CHARLES G. MCCHESENEY,
Secretary of State.