

## RESOLUTIONS

OF

## THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW YORK,

FOR

*The abolition of the slave trade in the District of Columbia; against an extension of slavery into the territory acquired from Mexico; against the extension of slavery or the jurisdiction of Texas over any part of New Mexico; for the admission of California, and in favor of the preservation of the Union.*

FEBRUARY 21, 1850.

Referred to the Committee on Territories, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
In Senate, January 16, 1850.

*Resolved*, (if the Assembly concur,) That as the federal constitution was formed and adopted expressly to secure the blessings of liberty to the people of the United States, and their posterity, therefore the federal government ought to relieve itself from all responsibility for the existence or continuance of slavery or the slave trade, wherever it has the constitutional power over those subjects; and our senators in Congress are hereby instructed, and our representatives are requested, to use their best efforts to procure the passage of laws that will effectually and forever put an end to the slave trade in the District of Columbia.

*Resolved*, (if the Assembly concur,) That the determination indicated by the governor's messages and the resolutions of the legislatures of various of the slave-holding States, and by the representatives of such States in Congress, to extend domestic slavery over the territory acquired by the late treaty of peace with the republic of Mexico, we feel bound to oppose by all constitutional means; and recognising the constitutional power of Congress to prohibit, by positive enactment, the extension of slavery into free territory, our senators in Congress are hereby instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their best efforts to insert such a positive prohibition into any law they may pass for the government of the territories in question.

*Resolved*, (if the Assembly concur,) That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to resist firmly, and to the utmost of their ability, and by such positive legislation as may be necessary, the extension of human slavery, or the jurisdiction of Texas over any part of New Mexico.

*Resolved*, (if the Assembly concur,) That we have learned with great satisfaction that the people of California have adopted a constitution

which is entirely in accordance with the spirit of the free institutions of our country, and our senators in Congress are hereby instructed, and our representatives requested, to aid in the passage of such laws as may be necessary to admit that State into the Union.

*Resolved*, (if the Assembly concur,) That the people of this State are desirous of preserving inviolate the federal Union, and that they will strenuously oppose all attempts, from whatever source they may emanate, or under whatever pretence they may be made, to effect its dissolution.

*Resolved*, (if the Assembly concur,) That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of the senators and representatives from this State in Congress.

By order of the Senate:

WILLIAM HENRY BOGART, *Clerk*.

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STATE OF NEW YORK,  
*In Assembly, February 14, 1850.*

*Resolved*, That the Assembly do concur in the passage of the foregoing resolutions.

By order:

JAS. R. ROSE, *Clerk*.