

SLAVERY.

RESOLVES

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AGAINST THE

Further extension of slavery.

FEBRUARY 15, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the extension of slavery.

Whereas the people of the State of Michigan have shown an unyielding hostility to the further extension of slavery by a large majority at every election since (1854) eighteen hundred and fifty-four, when their will could be expressed in reference to that subject;

And whereas the legislature of the State of Michigan have, on two several occasions, instructed their senators and requested their representatives to act in accordance with the above expressed sentiment in Congress, which instructions have been, by some of those thus instructed, wholly disregarded; therefore—

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the State of Michigan, That our senators be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use all proper means to prevent the further extension of slavery in the Territories of the United States, or the admission of any more slave States into the Union; to oppose the admission of Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton constitution, or any constitution maintaining slavery therein.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution to our senators and representatives in Congress.

GEORGE A. COE,
President of the Senate.

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

Approved February 3, 1858.

KINSLEY S. BINGHAM.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
Office of the Secretary of State. } ss.

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 the State of Michigan with the original, now on file in this office, and that it is a true copy thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the
[L. s.] great seal of the said State, at Lansing, this 4th day of February, A. D. 1858.

JOHN MCKINNEY,
Secretary of State.