

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1833.

Resolves, respecting the Senators of the United States from the State of Maine.

IN consideration that the Legislature of Maine, at the last Session, after mature deliberation and as the known will of the people, instructed the Senators of this State in Congress to oppose and vote against a renewal of the charter of the Bank of the United States, and to procure a modification of the Tariff so "that the revenue accruing shall be no more than is sufficient for the expenditures of the Government;" and in consideration that said Senators, in flagrant violation of their duty which required an observance by them of the will of their constituents, made known through their immediate Representatives as aforesaid, disregarded those instructions,

Resolved, As the sense of this Legislature, that the people of Maine disapprove the conduct of both their Senators in the Congress of the United States, relative to the renewal of the Charter of the United States Bank and also relative to the Tariff; and in consequence of the utter disregard by said Senators of the instructions of the last Legislature, solemnly declared as the voice and will of the people, each of said Senators has forfeited the confidence of his constituents, and destroyed their reliance upon his devotion to their wishes and interests, and is in duty required to resign the trust which he has abused, and which he cannot longer retain except against their known will.

Resolved, That it is the unquestioned right of State Legislatures, as the immediate Representatives and appropriate organs of the people, restricted only by the rights reserved to the people, and by the provision of the Con-

stitution, to declare the sense and the will of the people of their respective States, whenever an occasion shall, in their opinion, require it ; and also, in such cases, to instruct the Senators of their respective States in Congress, in conformity thereto, and to exact of such Senators a strict observance of such instructions ; that, to admit the contrary, would be subversive of the fundamental principles of Representative Governments, and a substitution of the will of individuals for that of a sovereign State.

Resolved, That no one ought to accept the office of Senator in the Congress of the United States from this State, who does not consider himself bound by the deliberate and palpable will of his constituents, solemnly expressed and made known by instructions of the State Legislature for the time being.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted by the Governor to the President of the Senate of the United States, and to both of the delinquent Senators from Maine.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
 January 9, 1833. }

Ordered, That four hundred copies of the foregoing Preamble and Resolves be printed for the use of the Members.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest:

ASAPH R. NICHOLS, *Clerk*.