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**JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

OF THE

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ALABAMA,**

IN RELATION TO THE

**NORTH-EASTERN BOUNDARY.**

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*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I herewith lay before you Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, responsive to certain Resolutions of this State, in relation to the North-Eastern Boundary question.

EDWARD KENT.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
February 12, 1841. }



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }  
Tuscaloosa, Jan. 15th, 1841. }

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose you Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, responsive to certain resolutions of the State over which you preside, in relation to the North-Eastern Boundary.

With perfect respect,

I am, your ob't serv't,

A. P. BAGLEY.

To his Excellency,

The Governor of Maine.





## JOINT RESOLUTIONS

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
IN RESPONSE TO CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE  
OF MAINE, IN RELATION TO THE NORTH-EASTERN  
BOUNDARY QUESTION.

*Be it resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, in General Assembly convened, 1st.* That we hold it to be the solemn and imperative duty of the Federal Government, faithfully to maintain toward the State of Maine, every obligation she is under, touching the establishment of the North-Eastern Boundary line of said State.

2d. That said Government is further bound in defence of her own honor, to not concede to Great Britain any claim not strictly founded in right and justice in the matter aforesaid.

3d. That we sincerely deprecate a resort to force, until every honorable, peaceful expedient has been exhausted, in this and in every other like controversy.

4th. That the question of the North-Eastern Boundary concerns the whole Union, and is not one local in its character to the State of Maine, although she is confessedly more interested than any other in its adjustment; and that, for the reason here set forth, it is the duty of the State of Maine to trust the decision of the matter to the councils of the Union, and abide thereby, whatever it may finally be, whether exactly consistent with her wishes or not. If Congress says go to war, we will cheerfully obey the mandate, but we should deeply regret to see the State of Maine take any rash step, which might tend to plunge her sister States into war, more through mere feeling and sympathy than from deliberate choice and determination on their part.

5th. That the Governor of this State be requested to forward to the Governor of Maine a copy of the foregoing Resolutions as the response of this General Assembly to her Resolutions of the 18th May [March] last, communicated to us by the Governor of this State, agreeably to a request contained in her said Resolutions.

(Signed,) J. L. F. COTTRELL, *President Senate.*  
R. A. BAKER, *Speaker of the House*  
*of Representatives.*

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 12, 1841.

ORDERED, That 500 copies of this Communication and accompanying Resolutions be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

ATTEST,

DANIEL SANBORN, *Secretary.*