

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1843.**

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No. 48.]

[SENATE.]

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RESOLVES

IN RELATION TO

CERTAIN CITIZENS OF THIS STATE.

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# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 10, 1843.

Laid on the table, and 500 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JERE HASKELL, *Secretary.*

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES in relation to the rights of certain citizens  
of this State.

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RESOLVED, That while we deprecate all interference  
2 with the social institutions and rights of other States,  
3 and while we hold ourselves bound by the strongest  
4 possible obligation to comply with every requisition  
5 of the constitution of the United States, and especially  
6 with that of section second, article fourth, we do hold  
7 the right of every citizen, colored or not colored, to  
8 the protection of that constitution in his person and  
9 his property to be equally good.

RESOLVED, That we do most solemnly, in behalf of  
2 the people of this State, protest against the existence  
3 of any laws in any of the States or Territories of  
4 this Union which subject our free colored citizens  
5 to the liability to be arrested and imprisoned, and to  
6 be sold into slavery for the payment of the costs of  
7 such arrest and imprisonment, that we do protest  
8 against such laws as unconstitutional and as endan-  
9 gering this Union.

RESOLVED, That our Senators in Congress be in-  
2 structed and our Representatives requested to protest  
3 solemnly against such laws and to use their best efforts

## FREE COLORED CITIZENS.

4 to procure the repeal of all such laws within the States  
5 or Territorial governments, if any such exist.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions  
2 be forwarded to each of our Senators and Represen-  
3 tatives in Congress, and to the Governor of each of  
4 our States and Territories.