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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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No. 7.

HOUSE.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in relation to the power of congress over
the institution of slavery.

Resolved, That congress has no power under the
2 constitution to interfere with, or control the domestic
3 institutions of the several states, and that such states
4 are the sole and proper judges of everything apper-
5 taining to their own affairs not prohibited by the con-
6 stitution ; that all efforts of the abolitionists, or others,
7 made to induce congress to interfere with questions
8 of slavery, or to take incipient steps in relation
9 thereto, are calculated to lead to the most alarming
10 and dangerous consequences ; and that all such ef-
11 forts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the
12 happiness of the people, and endanger the stability
13 and permanency of our Union, and ought not to be
14 countenanced by any friend of our political institu-
15 tions.

STATE OF MAINE.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 10, 1848.

ORDERED, That three hundred and fifty copies of the foregoing Resolve, laid on the table by Mr. Sewall of Oldtown, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

SAMUEL BELCHER, *Clerk.*