

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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No. 3.]

[SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES respecting the action of our Senators and
Representatives in Congress.

Resolved, As the sense of this legislature, that the safety
2 of the union of the states requires an adjustment of the
3 questions and disputes pending in congress, relating to
4 the admission of California as a state—to the providing
5 of governments for the territories—to fixing the boun-
6 daries of states and territories—to regulating slavery
7 in the District of Columbia, and to securing rights to
8 states under the constitution of the United States.

Resolved, That our senators in congress be instructed,
2 and our representatives requested, to devote their talents
3 and influence to effect such adjustment or compromise,
4 as shall be best calculated to secure the safety of the
5 Union, and restore harmony to its different sections.

Resolved, That there is now no authority or law for
2 the existence of slavery in the territories of the United
3 States,—that slavery does not now in fact exist there,
4 and that it cannot be extended into, or exist in said
5 territories, without laws being first made to sanction
6 and sustain it there. Therefore in their deliberations
7 and action in effecting an adjustment or compromise
8 as aforesaid, our senators and representatives in con-
9 gress, will disregard the provisions of the “Wilmot
10 Proviso,” as unnecessary for any good purpose.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward
2 copies of these resolutions to each of our senators and
3 representatives in congress, and to each of the gov-
4 ernors of the several states.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, May 20, 1850.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing resolves (laid upon the table by Mr. Chase,) be printed for the use of the Legislature.

ALBERT H. SMALL, *Secretary.*