

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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No. 14]

[SENATE.

STATE OF MAINE.

AMENDMENT offered by MR. BLANCHARD to the resolves in relation to the action of our senators and representatives in congress.

Amend by striking out after the word resolved in the first line, and insert :

As the sense of this legislature, that California ought
2 to be promptly and unconditionally admitted into this
3 Union in accordance with her application to congress
4 for that purpose.

Resolved, That territorial governments ought to be
2 formed for New Mexico and Utah, prohibiting slavery
3 therein, and that no territorial government should be
4 formed without an express prohibition to that effect.

Resolved, That any attempt to connect with the

2 question of the admission of California, that of terri-
3 torial governments, of fugitive slaves, of slavery in
4 the district of Columbia, and other kindred subjects,
5 can only tend to increase the excitement which now
6 exists throughout our country on those subjects, and
7 would in no degree aid in effecting a harmonious set-
8 tlement of existing controversies.

Resolved, That our representatives in congress be
2 requested, and senators instructed to use their best
3 efforts to carry out the views expressed in the forego-
4 ing resolutions, and in no case to vote for any territorial
5 bill either as a separate measure, or when coupled
6 with others, unless it shall contain the principle of the
7 ordinance of '87—an express prohibition of slavery.

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, June 13, 1850.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the within amendment (offered by Mr. Blanchard to the resolves in relation to the action of our senators and representatives in congress,) be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A. H. SMALL, *Secretary.*