

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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HOUSE.]

[No. 4.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES in relation to the acts known as the
Compromise Measures.

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
6 constitution; that all efforts of the abolitionists or
7 others made to induce congress to interfere with
8 questions of slavery, or to take incipient steps in
9 relation thereto, are calculated to lead to the most
10 alarming and dangerous consequences; and that all
11 such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish
12 the happiness of the people, and endanger the
13 stability and permanency of the Union, and ought

14 not to be countenanced by any friend of our political
15 institutions.

Resolved, That the foregoing proposition covers,
2 and was intended to embrace the whole subject of
3 slavery agitation in congress; and therefore, the
4 state of Maine, standing on this national platform,
5 will abide by and adhere to a faithful execution of
6 the acts known as the compromise measures, settled
7 by the last congress; "the act for reclaiming fugi-
8 tive from service or labor," included; which act
9 being designed to carry out an express provision of
10 the constitution, cannot, with fidelity thereto, be re-
11 pealed, or so changed as to destroy or impair its
12 efficiency.

Resolved, That Maine will resist all attempts at
2 renewing, in congress or out of it, the agitation of
3 the slavery question under whatever shape or color
4 the attempt may be made.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 1, 1853. }

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Resolutions, laid on the table by Mr. Sewall of Oldtown, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A. B. FARWELL, *Clerk.*