

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 1.

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*Resolved,* That it is the duty of congress, by such  
2 means as will not jeopard the rights and safety of the  
3 loyal people of the south, to provide for the confisca-  
4 tion and liberation of every slave, belonging to any  
5 person who shall continue in arms against the authority  
6 of the United States, or who shall, in any manner, aid  
7 and abet in the present wicked and unjustifiable re-  
8 bellion.

*Resolved,* That congress has the constitutional right  
2 "to raise and support armies," and to call upon all  
3 able-bodied men, of every color or condition, in this  
4 perilous crisis of our country, to take up arms for its  
5 defence, and if the men who have been held by rebels  
6 as slaves, are found capable of bearing arms, and per-  
7 forming efficient military service, it is the duty of the  
8 government to arm and equip them, and to employ

9 their services against the rebels, under proper military  
10 regulations, discipline and command.

*Resolved,* That congress should grant to all such men  
2 who may enlist in the army, the pay, clothing and  
3 subsistence of a soldier, and take steps for colonizing  
4 them at the end of their service, and also for colonizing  
5 others who may be confiscated, so far as it may be  
6 practicable, in some place or places of the Union,  
7 where the climate is congenial to them.

*Resolved,* That all vacant and unoccupied lands, held  
2 by states which have entered into an unconstitutional  
3 confederation, for the purpose of making war upon the  
4 Union, should by act of congress, be immediately con-  
5 fiscated to the United States, to be appropriated ac-  
6 cording to the discretion of congress, for the benefit of  
7 manumitted slave soldiers, and others of African de-  
8 scent who should be protected, wherever lands are set  
9 apart for them by a system of government appropriate  
10 to their condition.

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to  
2 the senators and representatives in congress from this  
3 state, and that they be respectfully requested to use  
4 all honorable means to secure the passage of acts em-  
5 bodying their spirit and substance.

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IN SENATE, Jan. 2, 1862.

Resolutions on National Affairs, introduced by Mr. Smart of Knox, and on his motion laid on the table, and ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*