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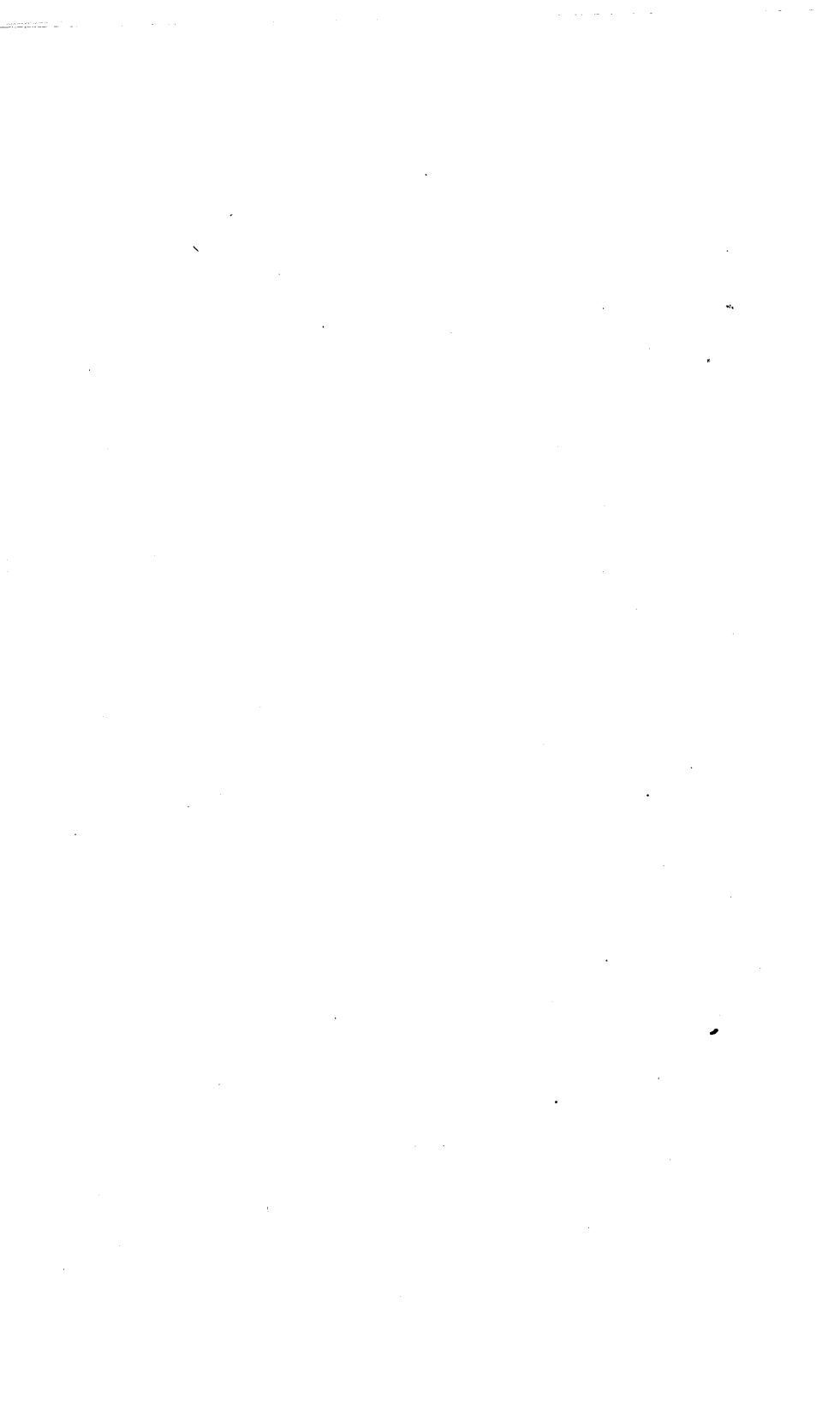
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RESOLVE relating to the unoccupied lands of the  
United States.

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WHEREAS, the present condition of affairs in the  
2 southern states of this union show that one of the  
3 chief wants of American citizens of African descent  
4 is land, the possession of which by the industrial  
5 masses is the best security of republican institutions  
6 and the permanent peace of the country, therefore

*Resolved*, That our senators and representatives in  
2 congress be requested to take prompt action in favor of  
3 setting apart a portion of the unoccupied lands belong-  
4 ing to the United States where citizens of African  
5 descent who desire to emigrate from their present  
6 places of residence may have the exclusive right of  
7 acquiring lands in accordance with the principles of  
8 the homestead act.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 3, 1866. }

Reported from the Committee on Federal Relations by Mr.  
STEVENS of Augusta.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*