

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 157.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE in relation to the abrogation of the treaty between the United States and the Chinese Empire.

WHEREAS, The prosperity of the citizens of the
2 state of Maine is hereby dependent upon the suc-
3 cessful employment of its commercial marine and
4 manufactories, and therefore it is of the highest
5 importance that our relations with all foreign
6 powers should be of the most friendly and amica-
7 ble character; and

WHEREAS, The trade of this country with the
2 Empire of China has, of late years, largely in-
3 creased, and promises to be of immense value in
4 the future, affording profitable employment for our
5 ships and a lucrative market for our manufactures;
6 therefore,

Resolved, That we look with alarm upon the recent
2 action of congress in relation to the treaty now
3 existing between the United States and the Chinese
4 Empire, as wholly inconsistent with the principles
5 and traditions of our republic, and we offer our
6 most earnest and solemn protest against the abro-
7 gation of any part of that treaty, in so unusual and
8 dishonorable a manner.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of
2 the senators and representatives who so honorably
3 opposed the violation of a sacred and inviolable
4 treaty, the results of which have been so highly
5 beneficial to our state and country.

Resolved, That we most respectfully petition the
2 president of these United States, to veto the bill
3 which subjects us to the stigma of a flagrant viola-
4 tion of good faith.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be
2 forwarded by the secretary of state to the president
3 of the United States, and to each of our senators
4 and representatives in congress.

STATE OF MAINE.

**IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 22, 1879. }**

**Introduced by Mr. KIMBALL of Bath, and on motion of Mr
WILSON of Thomaston, ordered printed.**

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*