

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1849.

Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840,
and March, 16, 1842.

Augusta:
WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1849.

RESOLVES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1849.

Chapter 220.

Resolves in relation to the introduction and extension of slavery in newly acquired territory.

Resolved, That we hereby declare for ourselves and in behalf of the people of this state, our uncompromising opposition to the extension of slavery into any territory of the United States which is now free.

Resolved, That in organizing governments for New Mexico and California, the introduction and existence of slavery in those territories should be positively prohibited by act of congress.

Resolved, That our senators in congress are hereby instructed and our representatives requested, to vote against any act establishing governments for said territories that does not contain *an express prohibition of slavery.*

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward copies of the foregoing resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress, and to each of the governors of the several states of the Union.

[*Passed by the Senate on the 25th, and by the House of Representatives on the 27th of July, 1849, notwithstanding the objections of the governor.*]