

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1847.

AUGUSTA:

Wm. T. JOHNSON,.....PRINTER TO THE STATE

1848.

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 14.]

[HOUSE.

S T A T E O F M A I N E .

RESOLVES relating to the extension of slavery in
newly-acquired territory.

Resolved, That Maine, by the action of her state
2 government, and by her representation in congress,
3 should abide honestly and cheerfully by the letter and
4 spirit of the concessions of the constitution of the
5 United States; at the same time resisting firmly all
6 demands for their enlargement or extension.

Resolved, That the sentiment of this state is pro-
2 found, sincere, and almost universal, that the influ-
3 ence of slavery upon productive energy is like the
4 blight of mildew; that it is a moral and social evil;
5 that it does violence to the rights of man, as a think-
6 ing, reasonable, and responsible being. Influenced
7 by such considerations, this state will oppose the

8 introduction of slavery into any territory which may
9 be acquired as an indemnity for claims upon Mexico.

Resolved, That, in the acquisition of any free
2 territory, whether by purchase or otherwise, we deem
3 it the duty of the general government to extend over
4 the same the ordinance of seventeen hundred and
5 eighty-seven, with all its rights and privileges, condi-
6 tions and immunities.

Resolved, That our senators in congress be in-
2 structed, and our representatives requested, to sup-
3 port and carry out the principles of the foregoing
4 resolutions.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to trans-
2 mit a copy of the above resolutions to each of our
3 senators and representatives in congress, and to the
4 governors of the several states.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 30, 1847.

*Ordered,* That 350 copies of the foregoing Resolves, reported from the joint select committee on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to slavery in newly-acquired territory, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

SAMUEL BELCHER, *Clerk.*