

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 11.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVES in favor of harmony and union.

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*Resolved*, That we the people of the State of Maine  
2 devotedly cherish the constitution and laws of the  
3 United States, and have ever been willing to assist in  
4 maintaining the National Union, and to respect faith-  
5 fully the rights of all its members.

*Resolved*, That in the present attempt to coerce the  
2 government of the United States, and the majority of  
3 the people thereof, to the will of the minority, by  
4 treason the most foul, and rebellion the most unjustifi-  
5 able, it is the right and the duty of the state to proffer  
6 to the national government for its own maintenance  
7 and for the suppression of this treason and rebellion,  
8 all the means and resources which it can command.

*Resolved,* That while as a member of the family of  
2 the states, we are ever ready to review our course in  
3 reference to any seeming infringement of the rights  
4 of sister states, still we can never so far forget the  
5 pride of our sovereignty, or the dignity of our manhood,  
6 as to hold parley with treason or with traitors.

*Resolved,* That whenever we shall see the sentiment  
2 of patriotism and devotion to American liberty mani-  
3 fested in the slave-holding states, we will vie with such  
4 states in the restoration of harmony, and will tender to  
5 such, every fraternal concession consistent with the  
6 security of our own citizens.

*Resolved,* That it is our right and our solemn pur-  
2 pose, with “our lives, our fortunes and our sacred  
3 honor,” to defend to the last our Federal Government,  
4 and the strength and the glory of our national capitol,  
5 by whatever hands assailed, as the only hope of our  
6 own and of the world’s freedom and progress.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 29, 1861. }

Offered by Mr. SWEETSER of Saco, read, and on motion of  
Mr. McCRILLIS of Bangor, ordered to be laid upon the table and  
printed.

CHARLES A. MILLER *Clerk.*