

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 28.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE relating to gradual emancipation of slaves in
the northern slave states.

WHEREAS, It appears by proceedings in the disunion-
2 ists' convention at Montgomery, that an attempt is
3 being made to *coerce* the northern slave states into
4 joining said confederation, by prohibiting the inter-
5 state slave trade ; therefore,

Resolved, That our commissioners in the convention
2 at Washington be requested, in behalf of the State of
3 Maine, to submit a proposition to said convention, pro-
4 viding for the peaceful and gradual emancipation of
5 slaves in said states, by purchase of the slaves therein.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
Feb. 16, 1861. }

Laid on the table on motion of Mr. SKOLFIELD of Brunswick,
and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk pro tem.*