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RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF CONNECTICUT,

In relation to slavery.

December 20, 1847.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

General Assembly, *May Session*, 1847.

Whereas, in consequence of the admission of Texas into the Union, and of the order of the President, without the authority of the constitution or the law, directing troops to march into territory in the occupation of Mexico, a state of war exists between the United States and Mexico, conducted at a great expense of life and treasure, and which may result in the acquisition of large portions of territory, hereafter to be made States of the Union: Therefore,

Resolved, That if any territory shall hereafter be acquired by the United States, or annexed thereto, the act by which such territory is acquired or annexed, whatever such act may be, should contain an unalterable fundamental article or provision whereby slavery or involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, shall be forever excluded from the territory acquired or annexed.

Resolved, That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State be requested to use their best efforts to carry into effect the views expressed in the foregoing resolution.

Senate, June 16, 1847.—Passed.

J. H. HOLCOMB, *Clerk*.

House of Representatives, June 24, 1847.—Passed.

F. BACON, *Clerk*.

Approved June 24, 1847.

C. BISSELL.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit to the executives of the several States of the Union, requesting that the same may be submitted to the legislatures of the several States, copies of the preamble and resolutions on slavery passed by this Assembly, and that he also be requested to transmit the same to the Sen-

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ators and Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States.

Senate, June 24, 1847.—Passed.

J. H. HOLCOMB, *Clerk.*

House of Representatives, June 24, 1847.—Passed.

F. BACON, *Clerk.*

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
Hartford, July 30, 1847.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of record in this office.

JOHN B. ROBERTSON,
Secretary of State.