

KOSSUTH AND NON-INTERVENTION.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY,

IN RELATION TO

*Governor Kossuth and the doctrine of national non-intervention.*

FEBRUARY 2, 1852.

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS in relation to Governor Kossuth and the doctrine of national non-intervention.

Whereas Louis Kossuth, Governor of Hungary, exiled from his country because he made a gallant but unsuccessful struggle for his country's rights, has come to the United States, an invited guest of the nation—

1. *Be it resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That Louis Kossuth be invited to visit this legislature, at its present session, that we may extend to him the hospitality of the State and assure him of our sympathy.

2. *And be it resolved*, That in Louis Kossuth we recognise a true patriot, and the able and eloquent expounder of constitutional rights and liberties; that we sympathize with him and his countrymen in the calamities which have befallen their father-land; that we deeply deplore that the recent glorious struggle for the freedom of Hungary was rendered unsuccessful by the treason of their general, and the armed intervention of Russia, contrary to the principles of justice and international law; and that we trust, by the blessing of Divine Providence, that all his future efforts in the cause of his country may be crowned with success, and that the people of Hungary, now dispersed or down-trodden, may be restored to freedom and happiness, under the protecting care of a constitutional government, erected by themselves.

3. *And be it resolved*, That every nation has a right to alter, modify, abolish, or adopt its own form of government, and regulate its own internal affairs; and that an armed intervention of any other nation to control or destroy this right is an infraction of international law.

4. *And be it resolved*, That the supremacy of the non-intervention law, acknowledged by all nations, would tend to maintain national rights, prevent national wars, and give a lasting peace to the world.

5. *And be it resolved*, That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to obtain the passage of a resolution by Congress, instructing the representatives of the United States to the governments of Europe to urge upon those governments a declaration, that the forcible intervention of one nation to regulate the internal affairs, or to alter, modify, abolish, or prescribe the form of government of another nation, is an infraction of the law of nations.

6. *And be it resolved*, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, to Louis Kossuth, and to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

I, Thomas S. Allison, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of a preamble and joint resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, and approved by the governor, January 29, 1852, as taken from and compared with the original, now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my official seal, at Trenton, in said State, this thirtieth day of January, [L. S.] A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

THOS. S. ALLISON,  
*Secretary of State.*

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

*Trenton, N. J., January 30, 1852.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a preamble and joint resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, agreeably to the requirements of said resolutions.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. F. FORT,  
*Governor of New Jersey.*

Hon. CHARLES SKELTON.