The select committee of the two branches of the Legislature to whom was referred so much of the Governor's communication of the 25th ult. as relates to the Memorial of the American Convention for promoting the abolition of slavery and improving the condition of African race have had the same under consideration and report.

That they concur with your memorialists in considering the subject of slavery, one of deep interest to these United States. While it is believed that all classes of reflecting men unite in the wish for its abolition yet a proper regard for the feelings and we may add interests of those who are more intimately and peculiarly subjected to the influence of this evil, admonish us as that a subject of so much delicacy cannot be approached with too much caution, lest in our attempts to remedy one evil we introduce a greater. Without committing themselves on the interior objects of the Convention quar to commit perceive no impropriety in concurrence with the Memorialists in the proposition now submitted to the Legislature of this State, for attempting the gradual abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, upon principles therein proposed. They therefore submit the following Resolves.

**State of Maine**

Resolved, that the Senate of this State, in the Congress of the United States be instructed, and the Representing requested to use such efforts as they may deem expedient and proper, to procure the passage of a law, which may have for its end, the gradual abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, upon principles of justice and a regard to the rights of individuals.

Resolved, that the Secretary of State be directed to transmit copies of these Resolutions to the Senate and Representing of this State in being.

In Senate March 17, 1831

These Resolves having had two several readings, subject to be copied as amended on their future mark to be sent down for concurrence.

[Signature]

[Signature]
House of Representatives, March 23, 1831

The House having been three several readings in this House passed to be engrossed as amended on their amended Marked By concurrence with the Senate.

Benz White Speaker.

House of Representatives

March 23, 1831

The House reconsiders their vote passing this Resolution to be Engrossed and indefinitely postpone the same to be read for concurrence.

Benz White Speaker.

In Senate, March 24, 1831

The Senate receives from the House vote passing this Resolution to be engrossed and indefinitely postpone the same in concurrence.

Robert P. Pendleton, Pres.
Resolve relating to Hawery.