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Two Petitions praying for the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia containing forty-seven Petitions

Eight Petitions praying for the repeal of all laws making any distinction of Color on account of Color

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The legislature of the State of Maine, beginning its session at its place of meeting at the seat of Congress by the house of the Convention, assembly, in order to secure the rights of petition, memorial, instruction and other proper, for the purpose of securing to the people of the State of Maine a free and full exercise of the rights granted by the Constitution and laws of the U.S. and to prevent any infringement of the Constitution of the U.S. and the abridgment of the freedom of speech, the right of petition, pray, can honorable body to present our Convention in Congress, it is that it be enacted in this case, and all the time or place, to have the same read, and we also pray that the petitioners may be heard before a committee of an honorable body by Council.

Names:

Resolve, Resolved, the said resolution to be an infringement of the Constitution of the U.S. and the abridgment of the freedom of speech, the right of petition, pray, and honorable body to present our Convention in Congress, to wit, this assembly, in evidence of the same, and we also pray that the petitioners may be heard before a committee of an honorable body by Council.
Notice: The name of females over fourteen years of age, are do not need to be entered. Please write on the other side.

[Signature]

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Memorandum

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To the Legislature of the State of Maine.

THE undersigned, Females of the State of Maine, being deeply grieved at the passage of a resolve, at the late Session of Congress, by the House of Representatives, whereby it was declared:—"That no petition, memorial, resolution, or other paper, praying the Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia, or any State or Territory in the United States, in which it now exists, shall be received by this House, or entertained in any way whatever;" and believing said resolve to be an infringement of the Constitution of the United States, and an abridgment of the freedom of speech, and of the right of petition, pray your honorable body to request our Representatives in Congress, to use their utmost influence to have the same rescinded.

We also pray that your petitioners may be heard before a committee of your honorable body, by counsel.

NAMES.

Sarah D. Tyler
Margaret S. Meemon
Lucy L. Hills
Sarah S. Lake
Polly Horton
Absey G. How
Louisa D. Gates
Polly Davison
Hannah H. Hills
Lydia A. Hills

NAMES.

Catherine Slighing
Sarah E. Lines
Lorina Stearns

Mary Andrews
Priscilla Stinchfield
Hannah Stinchfield
Hannah W. Stinchfield
Harriet Burtman
Lucy J. Patsberry
Cynthia Goodell
Eunice G. Jones
Haly B. Holland
Sarah M. Dunham
Petition of J. H. Staley and 63 others ladies of the state of Maine praying the legislature would request our representatives in Congress to use their utmost influence to have a resolution which was passed at the late session of Congress, by the house of representatives declaring: "That no petition, resolution, memorial or other paper praying the abolition of slavery in the district of Columbia, or any state or territory in the United States in which it now exists shall be received by this House, or entertained any other way" rescinded. And also that they may be heard before a committee by counsel.

House of Representatives
February 15, 1841

Rear and before to the committee who have under consideration the subject of Slavery is sent up for concurrence.

C. H. Stiles

In Senate, Feb. 10, 1841
Read and referred to the Committee on:

James Mantle, Sen.
To the Legislature of the State of Maine.

THE undersigned, Females of the State of Maine, being deeply grieved at the passage of a resolve, at the late Session of Congress, by the House of Representatives, whereby it was declared:—"That no petition, memorial, resolution, or other paper, praying the Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia, or any State or Territory in the United States, in which it now exists, shall be received by this House, or entertained in any way whatever;" and believing said resolve to be an infringement of the Constitution of the United States, and an abridgment of the freedom of speech, and of the right of petition, pray your honorable body to request our Representatives in Congress, to use their utmost influence to have the same rescinded.

We also pray that your petitioners may be heard before a committee of your honorable body, by counsel.

NAMES.

Martha H. Blanchard
Melinda C. Blanchard
Rachel C. Blanchard
Sarah Packard
Sallie Goodell
Mary Ann Blackston
Julia Goodell
Mary C. Patten

NAMES.

Betsy M. Blanchard
Juliet Blanchard
Mary T. Sturtevant
Rosanna Speaman
Sylvia Turner
Hezina Delin
Joanna Halliard
Lucy Boush
Mary C. Barlow
Nancy G. Barrows
Sarah T. Blackston
Sarah Sturtevant
Ruth T. Sturtevant
Melinda Sturtevant
Petition of
Martha S. Blanchard and 29 others, ladies of the state of main praying the
Legislature would request our representatives to use their utmost influence to have a resolve
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district of Columbia or any State or territory in the United States in which it now exists
shall be received by this House or entered in any way whatever;" rescinded.
And also that they may be heard before a committee by counsel.

House of Representatives
February 15, 1846
Read and referred to the Committee who have under consideration the
subject of slavery.

[Signature]

Dr. St. Feb. 16, 1846
Read of the journal.

[Signature]

C. N. Parker
To the Legislature of the State of Maine.

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Mary Gates
Ann Gates
E. A. Freton
E. I. Freton
A. A. Peck
Horace F. Reed

NAMES.
Marg H. Bess
Miles Frank
Danly Week
Nancy Dawson
Bath. Haskett
Ems. Brooks
Mam. Doyle
Suean E. Reck
Petition of Mary Bailey &
13 other Ladies in relation to
the subject of slavery.

[Signature]

House of Representatives,
[Date], 1841

[Signature]

[Date], January 26, 1841

[Signature]

[Signature]

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Sirs: House of Representatives,
Capital of the State,
Maine.
To the Legislature of the State of Maine.

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To the Legislature of the State of Maine.

The undersigned, Farmers of the State of Maine, having been gratified with the passing of the Act of Congress, the House of Representatives, of the United States, in which it now exists, and being desirous of its amendment, further to amend it by presenting a Petition to the Legislature of the State for the removal of the same difficulties.

Seth Nelson.

2d August.
To the Legislature of the State of Maine.

THE undersigned, Females of the State of Maine, being deeply grieved at the passage of a resolve, at the late Session of Congress, by the House of Representatives, whereby it was declared:—"That no petition, memorial, resolution, or other paper, praying the Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia, or any State or Territory in the United States, in which it now exists, shall be received by this House, or entertained in any way whatever," and believing said resolve to be an infringement of the Constitution of the United States, and an abridgment of the freedom of speech, and of the right of petition, pray your honorable body to request our Representatives in Congress, to use their utmost influence to have the same rescinded.

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Petition of Sally M. Smith and others on the subject of Slavery.

House of Representatives
February 11, 1841

Read and referred to the Committee who have that subject under consideration. Sent up for concurrence.

Geo. T. Mitchell, Clerk.

In Senate, Feb. 11, 1841

Read and concurred in.

James Stanborn, Clerk.
The Committee to which was referred the Petition of "E. Roberts and others, inhabitants of Readfield, also of Sullivan, United States of America, inhabitants of the town of St. Albans," praying the Legislature to pass resolutions instructing the senators and representatives to use their influence to obtain the passage of a law abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia and the Territories of the United States have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report, that the Petitioner have leave to bring in a which is herewith submitted.

Submit the following Resolutions

To Ingersoll, Chairman.

House of Representatives.

Read and accepted.

Sent up for concurrence.

Clerk.

In Senate.

Read and concurred.

Secretary.
Report of Committee on relation to slavery.
To the Honorable, the Legislature of the State of Missouri:

The undersigned, inhabitants of Peafield, Co. of Kewnee, loyal voters, respectfully pray your honorable body to instruct our senators, to requisition our representatives in Congress to use their influence in favor of the immediate abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and the Slave Trade between the States.

C. B. Robinson

D. B. Rundall
Petition from Read.

Resuming, the Legislature to constitute Senators & request representation in Congress to use their influence in favour of the immediate establishment of a vaccination in the District of Columbia & the Territories of the lower tribes between the States.

Signed by

Report of Independents by
July 6, 1841

Read to the Committee who have the interest under consideration that if Congress as the United States

For deposit July 6, 1841

Read & referred to a committee.

Richard D. Read.

Westfield.
Resolutions relative to Slavery and the Slave Trade.

Whereas domestic slavery exists in the District of Columbia under the express authority of Congress, which at the time of the cession of the District, re-enacted the slave codes of Maryland and Virginia, and whereas the sanction thus given to slavery and its continued toleration by the seat of Government from a manifest violation by this nation of the first principles of justice, and have a tendency to corrupt the moral sense and lower the character of the whole people of the United States; and whereas this nation can have no higher interest either before God or in the eyes of men than the establishment of justice and strengthening the just foundation of national honor; and whereas slavery in the District of Columbia, being thus a national concern, and involving national responsibility, it is the right of the State of Maine to re-monstrate against the common wrong, and the degradation of national character therefore——

Resolved That Congress has, by the Constitution power to abolish slavery and the slave trade in the District of Columbia, and that there is nothing in the terms or circumstances of the acts of cession by Virginia and Maryland or otherwise, imposing any legal or moral restraint upon its exercise.

Resolved That Congress ought to take measures to effect the abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia.
Resolved. That the rights of humanity the claims of justice, and the common good alike demand the suppression by Congress, of the slave trade carried on in and through the District of Columbia.

Resolved. That Congress has by the Constitution power to abolish slavery in the territories of the United States.

Resolved. That no new State ought to be admitted into the Union whose constitution shall tolerate slavery.

Resolved. That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their utmost efforts to give effect to the foregoing resolves.

Resolved. That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolves to each of the Senators and Representatives from Maine in Congress.
To the Honorable, the Legislature of Maine

The undersigned inhabitants of St. Albans and County of Somerset respectfully request your honorable body to pass resolutions, transmit the same to the Congress of the United States, requesting that honorable body to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia and in the several territories of the United States.

Thomas Smith
Thomas Skinner
L. W. Harrill
Edward Dillingham
Wm. Finneran
Joseph Roberts
Harvey Hagar
James Stewart
Sidah Lee
Levi J. Merrill
Abram More
Israel Vinne
Edwin H. Page
Warren White
Charlie Waits
Joseph Bacon
Samuel Hartwell
Mark Bigelow
Mark Haley
John D. Cole
D. Sampson
Abson Leavitt

Daniel Beal
Petition of Sullivan Buthrop and 60 others Inhabitants of St. John's Requesting this body to pass resolutions and transmit the same to Congress of the United States requesting that Honorable body to abolish Slavery in the District of Columbia & the several Territories of the United States

House of Representatives
January 30th, 1841

Read and referred to the Committee who have that subject under Consideration. Dirc. for Concurrence

J. B. Tomney

Respectfullysubmitted

J. B. Tomney