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Amend by striking out of the 4th  
resolve all after the word "faith"  
in the 19th line.

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5 tory, both the opinions of the people, and the policy  
6 of the government, were adverse to the institution.

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9 hence, that all acts of the national government, by  
10 which slavery maintains a legal existence in territory  
11 subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of congress, are  
12 in direct conflict with the whole spirit and with the  
13 clear provisions of that instrument.

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*March 16 1855*

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adopting amendment No 2 as amended  
passed the resolve to be reported in  
amendment  
C. C. Brown Secy



# THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 22.

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4. That the act of the last session of congress,  
 15 repealing the law of 1820, known as the Missouri  
 16 Compromise, by which slavery was forever prohibited  
 17 in the territory north of the parallel of 36 degrees  
 18 30 minutes, was an unjustifiable violation of a solemn  
 19 compact, and a flagrant breach of faith on the part of  
 20 the south.

5. That ~~the~~ Maine unequivocally disclaims all  
 22 right or intention to interfere with the institution of  
 23 slavery in those States where it already exists, she  
 24 will never consent to the admission into the federal  
 25 Union, of any more States with constitutions author-  
 26 izing slavery.

6. That the act of 1850, called the Fugitive Slave  
 28 Law, is unconstitutional, and odious to the whole  
 29 north; Maine therefore demands its immediate and  
 30 unconditional repeal.

7. That it is the duty of the general government,  
 32 without delay, to abolish slavery wherever it has  
 33 exclusive jurisdiction; and to exert its influence  
 34 whenever and wherever it legitimately may on the  
 35 side of universal liberty. Therefore,

## RESOLVES CONCERNING

*Resolved*, That our  
 2 instructed, and our repre-  
 3 sentatives in congress be  
 4 authorized to use all practicable means to secure the execution of the several enactments:

*First*, An act repealing  
 6 States authorizing slavery.

*Second*, An act repealing  
 8 as the Fugitive Slave Law.

*Third*, An act forever  
 10 prohibiting slavery, except  
 11 in the States of the United States.

*Resolved further*, That  
 13 the committee be instructed, and our repre-  
 14 sentatives in congress be authorized to use all  
 15 practicable means, in any and every way, the ad-  
 16 ministrators of the Union, except upon the  
 17 basis of the act of admission, to secure the  
 18 abolition of slavery, excepting the  
 19 States where it has been  
 20 forever prohibited there.

*Resolved*, That the go-  
 22 vernment be authorized to send a copy of these resolves  
 23 to the representatives in congress

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RESOLVES CONCERNING SLAVERY. 3

*Resolved*, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use all practicable means to secure the passage of the following enactments:

*First*, An act repealing all laws of the United States authorizing slavery in the District of Columbia.

*Second*, An act repealing the statute of 1850, known as the Fugitive Slave Law.

*Third*, An act forever prohibiting slavery or involuntary servitude, except for crime, within the territories of the United States.

*Resolved further*, That our senators in congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, at all times hereafter, most strenuously to oppose in every justifiable way, the admission of any new State into the Union, except upon the condition, to be embraced in the act of admission, that slavery or involuntary servitude, excepting that for crime of which the accused shall have been duly proved guilty, shall be forever prohibited therein.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolves to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

~~I to the, foreman  
of each of the other states  
with the request that  
they lay before their  
respective Legislatures thereof.~~



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 7, 1855.

ORDERED, That these Resolves be laid upon the table, and 350 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

LOUIS O. COWAN, Secretary.

In Senate March 13-1855

These Resolves having been amended as on sheets annexed marked A, B, C, & D, were read twice and passed to be engrossed, L. O. C.

L. O. Cowan

House of Representatives  
March 14, 1855

~~These Resolves, having had two several readings, the House adopted the amendments of the Senate as on sheets annexed marked A, B, C & D, passed the Resolves as amended to be engrossed in concurrence.~~

House of Representatives,  
March 15, 1855.

These Resolves having had two several readings, the House adopted the amendments of the Senate marked A, B and D, nonconcurring in amendment marked C, further amended as on sheet marked E, & passed the Resolves to be engrossed as amended. Sent up for engrossing. H. A. B. Clerk.



X Amendment A. Strike out the words "last Section of, in first line of the fourth resolve, and insert "23<sup>d</sup>."

X Amendment B. Strike out the following words in the fifth resolve, after the words "Maine," "we guarantee" disclaim all right or intention to interfere with the institution of Slavery in those States where it already exists &c" adopted

for a term of years, -  
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J. H. B. Clerk



C. Amend by adding after the 7th

Resolved

That the third paragraph in the second section of the first article of the constitution of the United States ~~be~~ should be ~~be~~ amended by striking out the words, "which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and including Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other persons" and adding in place thereof the words - "excepting Indians not taxed and all persons deemed and held as chattels personal." -

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Amendment D, amend by adding the following to the last resolve, and to the Governor of each State with a request that the resolves be laid before the Legislature thereof.

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