

Amend by striking out the preamble & first resolve inent.

'Whereas the President of the United States in the discharge of the solemn and responsible duties devolving on him as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, considered it his duty, on the 22^d of September last to issue a Proclamation in which he declared "that on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, all persons held as Slaves within any State or any ~~part~~ designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be thenceforward and forever free" and "that hereafter as heretofore the war will be prosecuted for the object of practically restoring the Constitutional relations between us and the people thereof in which States that relation is or may be suspended or disturbed", and

Whereas the friendly warning contained in said Proclamation, evincing on the part of the President, ~~and~~ in the estimation of many a degree of forbearance not warranted by the circumstances, has not only been entirely disregarded, but treated with scorn and contempt by the so called Confederate Government, and Whereas Jefferson Davis and his misguided associates continue with unabated zeal, and with all the forces at their command in their desperate and wicked work of destroying the best Government ever instituted

by the ingenuity of men, and which if successful
we fear will blight the hopes of the friends of Consti-
tutional liberty throughout the world, therefore

Resolved, that the Proclamation of Emancipation issued
by the President of the United States on the first day
of January A.D. 1863, is a measure right in itself,
and fully justified by military necessity and the laws
of war; and that the Administration of the General
Government should receive the cordial sympathy and
support of every loyal citizen throughout the length and
breadth of the land in its mighty grapple with the
most gigantic rebellion ever known, confidently
believing that if all who profess to love and revere
our Flag are faithful and true, the day is not far
distant when triumphant success will crown our efforts,
and our once happy and prosperous, but now
distracted and bleeding Country will resume her former
high and proud position amongst the Nations of the
earth

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Amendments to
Rusher relating to
Native Affairs
proposed by Mr. Symonds
of Michigan -