

A Joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, disapproving certain resolutions of the Legislatures of the States of Delaware, Connecticut, Illinois, and Indiana, concurring with a resolution of the State of Ohio, proposing the emancipation of slaves - and a resolution of the Legislature of New Jersey recommending a system of ^{foreign} colonization.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a resolution of the State of Mississippi, transmitted in a special communication to this House by his Excellency the Governor, disapproving of resolutions passed by the Legislatures of the States of Ohio, New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut, Indiana, and Illinois, on the subject of the abolition and general emancipation of persons of colour held in servitude in the United States; having had the same under consideration, respectfully submit the following Report:

They conceive that the subject is one in which the States (where the evil complained of exists) are alone interested; that the frequent interference of the the non-slave holding states in a matter so purely internal and domestic, is alike impolitic and incompatible with the rights and interest of the slave holding States; and that the dictates of policy forbid the too frequent agitation of a question, which by the Constitution of the

the United States and of the several slave-holding-states, is beyond the exercise of legislative controul. Your committee further suggest, that if at any future day, the evil complained of becomes too oppressive to be borne, that it will be the peculiar privilege as well as duty of the slave-holding states themselves to apply such expedients of relief as their information may suggest, and their own interests ^{and safety} may require; and in determining the proper time when this great work of policy and benevolence shall commence, they conceive that the states most interested in the result can alone be the proper judges.

Your committee, therefore, ask leave to recommend the following joint resolution to accompany this report:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, in general Assembly convened, That the Resolutions of the States of Delaware, Connecticut, Illinois, and Indiana, concurring with a Resolution of the State of Ohio, proposing the emancipation of slaves, passed on the seventh day of January, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty four, together with a resolution from the State of New Jersey, recommending a system of foreign colonization to be adopted to effect the entire emancipation of slaves, be, and the same are hereby, disapproved by the Legislature of this State; and that his Excellency the Governor be hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution and report to the Executive of each of the United States.

Samuel W. Oliver,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Nicholas Davis,
President of the Senate.

Approved, January 1st. 1827.

John Murphy.

Secretary of State's Office }
Tuscaloosa, Jan. 8th 1827. }

A true copy.

James I. Thornton.