

from our Armies in the field, who have rallied to defend our Common Country against legions of armed traitors, which now swarm the Southern States, and

Whereas, We believe Slavery to be the sole cause of this unholy rebellion, which now devastates our once happy country, therefore

Be it Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein, that we appeal, with united voice, to our brethren of the Southern States to discontinue, by every means in their power, all attempts to revive the institution of Slavery, as not only productive of evil, but, as the history of every age shows, fraught with dangers untold. That the loyal citizens of the memorable State of Maryland have a right to be heard on all subjects which pertain to her present or future welfare, no citizen of Kansas would ever deny; yet, while we sympathize heartily with our friends which the ravages of rebellion have visited with such fatal effect, yet we, the citizens of Kansas, can never silence our tongues to that power which has desolated and devastated our Country. That has assassinated Kansas citizens in their quiet homes, and now stands defiant and deaf to every call of reason and humanity.

2. *Resolved*, That while we would never interfere with any Constitutional right of the people of the Slave States, in the regulation of their own domestic affairs in times of peace, yet, while we see only the paricidal hand of disloyalty and treason extended to us, we deem it but just to avail ourselves of every means which will aid us in crushing this unholy rebellion.

3. *Resolved*, That while we would welcome back those that have been led astray from their allegiance, by designing leaders of this rebellion, we can but believe that our voice should be heard as against oppression in every form.

4. That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the Governor of Maryland.

We hereby certify that these Resolutions were adopted by the House of Representatives, the Senate having concurred therein, on the 4th day of February, 1863.

A. R. BANKS,
Chief Clerk H. R.

JOSIAH KELLOGG,
Speaker House of Reps.