

her Treasury, and her thousands of intrepid sons whose ashes rest on famed Antietam.

*Resolved,* That believing in the doctrine that to the States belong the unrestricted powers over the elective franchise, any attempt on the part of the General Government to force upon the people of a State the adoption of universal suffrage, is an usurpation of authority, an interference with the franchise not sanctioned by the Constitution of our fathers, and a stigma upon the purity, wisdom and justice of the founders of the Republic.

*Resolved,* That whilst we would throw the aegis of protection around every resident of our State, we cannot, in the language of our distinguished Senator, "regard the right to vote as inherent to man's nature, or its deprivation a reduction to political slavery," but from the experience of the past, and from the national prosperity that has flowed from the established regulations of the earlier statesmen of the Republic, we believe in the salutary doctrine, that to the white citizens alone should this inestimable privilege be committed.

*Resolved,* That in the sudden emancipation of the slaves of the South without compensation to their former owners, in the compulsory adoption of this amendment to the Constitution by an humbled, prostrate and vanquished people, we regard the action of the General Government as unjust, and rapacious, unworthy of the dignity of its character, a violation of usage, sanctioned by time, legalized by statutes, confirmed by repeated compromises, and justified by the spirit and letter of the Constitution.

*Resolved,* That in the protracted exclusion of the Southern representatives from the halls of the Nation, in the establishment of the Freedmen's bureaus, in the subordination of civil to military authority, in the futile, unconstitutional attempts at reconstruction, in the sudden elevation of the negro to the political rank for which he is unfitted by nature and the absence of culture, and in the threatened confiscation, worthy of the days of Attila, the patriot blushes for the indignities to a noble race, the unmanly persecution of an humbled and generous foe, and the shameless violation of the broken promise and plighted faith of the nation.

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Which were read a first time.