

And whereas, Alabama is one of the States so indebted, it is a proper time for the Representatives of the people of the State of Alabama, to declare their opinions and sentiments fully, on said subjects, and on the mode and manner suggested, for the payment of the said State debts. Therefore—

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, in General Assembly convened,* That the State of Alabama is fully able to meet her own debts and liabilities; her faith and honor are pledged for the redemption of her Bonds. The idea of repudiation is repugnant to her, and she recognizes her great SEAL, as binding every foot of soil belonging to her citizens.

*Resolved further,* That while she spurns the idea of forfeiting her credit abroad, she will never consent to become tributary to the General Government. She holds the principle to be true, that to force a favor upon a State, without her consent, is as much a violation of her sovereignty, as to force her to yield a right which is reserved to her by the Constitution; and her right to reject a proffered service, is co-existent and co-extensive with her right to receive it.

*Resolved further,* That the assumption of the State debts by Congress, directly or indirectly, would be a violation of the Constitution of the Union, and the sovereignty of the States.

*Resolved further,* That we instruct our Senators, and request our Representatives in Congress, to use all needful and proper means to prevent the passage of any act which contemplates, either directly or indirectly, the assumption of State debts.

*Resolved further,* That the Governor of this State be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions and preamble to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the Legislature of each of the States.

JNO. ERWIN,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

NATH'L TERRY,

*President of the Senate.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

*Tuscaloosa, Ala., Feb. 28th, 1843.*

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original Preamble and Resolutions, on file in this Department.

W. GARRETT,

*Secretary of State.*