

Resolved, That experience has demonstrated the "Fugitive Slave act" to be impotent for the purposes it was intended to effect, by reason of the failure of Congress, to enforce, by adequate penalties, the attendance and aid of the "posse comitatus," when required by the officer charged with the execution of the law. Therefore, such an amendment by Congress as will render the act efficient and operative in this respect, is imperatively necessary.

Resolved, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress requested, to use their best efforts to have the law amended in the manner indicated in the preceding resolution.

Resolved, That the passage of an act by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, providing for the transfer by writ of error of all cases arising within her limits, which involve the operation or construction of the 2nd section of the 4th article of the constitution of the United States, or of the acts of Congress passed in pursuance thereof, to the supreme judicial tribunals of the country for trial, would be eminently calculated to promote the ends of justice and allay the feelings of excitement and irritation which recent events have engendered between the citizens of our respective States.

Resolved, That a copy of this report be forwarded to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor, be furnished with one hundred copies of this report, and that he be respectfully requested to forward a copy thereof to the Executive of each State of this Union.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. E. H. LIGGET, Chairman.