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ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Resolutions of the Legislature of Connecticut in relation to the Bill before Congress for organizing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, }
May Session, 1854. }

Whereas, A bill is now pending in the Congress of the United States for the organization of the territories of Kansas and Nebraska, by which the eighth Section of the Act preparatory to the admission of Missouri, approved March 6th, 1820, is declared inoperative and void.

Resolved by this General Assembly, That the form of the prohibition of slavery, in the Act of 1820, as well as its incorporation in an act designed to be irrepealable, pledged the public faith, to the whole extent of the power of Congress so to do, against any repeal of the prohibition so enacted, and that the people of Connecticut have therefore relied upon the perpetuity of that enactment, with full confidence in the integrity and honor, both of the National Government, and of those States which sustain the institution of Slavery within their own jurisdiction.

Resolved, That in the name, and in behalf of the people of this State, we protest against the proposed repeal of the prohibition of Slavery in the Act preparatory to the admission of Missouri, as a violation of the National faith, as destructive of mutual confidence between the States of this Union, as exposing the Union itself to imminent peril, and as inconsistent with the fundamental principles of natural justice.

Resolved, That we declare our fixed purpose never to consent to the legal or actual admission of slavery into the Territory from which it was excluded by the act of 1820, or to the admission of slaveholding States from any portion of the same.

Resolved, That the attempt to extend Slavery over a vast re-