

gion, from which it has been by law excluded with the consent of the slave-holding States, ought to awaken the people of Connecticut to the aggressive character of slavery as a political power, and to unite them in determined hostility to its extension, and to its existence wherever it comes constitutionally within the reach of Federal legislation.

Resolved, That this General Assembly hereby declares itself ready to co-operate with other States, in any legal and constitutional measures, which the existing crisis or its consequences shall demand, for the preservation of our rights, and in defence of liberty.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and that our Representatives be earnestly requested to oppose by all lawful means, and to the last extremity, the Bill under consideration, with the clause abrogating the prohibition of slavery, known as the Missouri Compromise.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States, to be by them laid before that body, and to the Executives of the several States of this Union.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ss. }
Office of Secretary of State, }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of record in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said State, at New Haven, this 18th day of May, A. D. 1854.

O. H. VERRY, Secretary of State.