

viduals and the public safety and welfare;" and as the inhabitants of this State have ever had reason to be grateful for the wise foresight, by which our beloved Commonwealth has been freed from the manifold evils of human bondage, and we believe it to be our duty as a portion of the American people, to aid in establishing upon a broad and firm foundation, the prosperity of the States yet to be added to the confederacy; therefore,

Resolved, That Connecticut will never consent to the extension of Slavery over the common domain of the United States; but, on the contrary, believing that the free institutions, which an experience almost coeval with the life of the Republic has proved to be good for her, are, and will be good for all future commonwealths, she will strive, to the best of her ability, to exclude the relation of human bondage from the national territories.

And whereas, it appears that one of the Territories of this Union has been invaded by an armed and organized force, for the purpose of destroying the freedom of the elective franchise among the inhabitants thereof, which purpose has been accomplished by brutal violence, and the repetition of the like outrage is openly threatened;—

Therefore, Resolved, That it is the duty of the General Government to protect, even by armed intervention, if necessary, the people of the territories in the exercise of all their rights, and that the National Administration which neglects to perform this duty, is recreant alike to the Constitution and the best interests of the Union.

And whereas, the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, is, in its requirements insulting to the spirit of freemen, in its details subversive of State rights, in its operation productive of dangerous sectional agitation, and as a law, is of doubtful constitutionality; therefore,

Resolved, That while the people of Connecticut are prepared to comply with the Constitution of the United States, in all its parts, without equivocation or reservation, they will yet insist, in all proper times and places, that an Act so justly odious in its character, shall be materially modified or wholly repealed.

And whereas, upon most of the topics embraced in the foregoing resolutions, there are and must be, differences of opinion, more or less indicated by geographical lines; and whereas, false and designing men, taking advantage of that circumstance, have endeavored and are endeavoring to sow the seeds of civil dissension and disunion;—

Therefore, Resolved, That Connecticut regards the people of the United States as one people, bound together by the ties of a common history, a common glory and a common destiny; that she cherishes with fraternal regard, each and every State of the Union; that she loves that Union, and will stand by it, support it and defend it from all assault at home or abroad, and, in these troubled