

*Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas upon the subject of Slaveey.*

STATE OF ARKANSAS.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF SLAVERY.

WHEREAS, The right of property in slaves is expressly recognized by the Constitution of the United States, and is by virtue of such recognition, guaranteed against unfriendly action on behalf of the General Government; And whereas, Each State of the Union, by the fact of being a party to the federal compact, is also party to the recognition and guaranty aforesaid; And whereas, The citizens of each State are, in consequence of such citizenship, under the most sacred obligations to conform to the terms and tenor of the compact to which their State is a party; Therefore,

1st. BE IT RESOLVED, By the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, that the legislation of Congress, repealing the "Missouri Compromise" of eighteen hundred and twenty, and asserting the doctrine of non-interference with slaves, alike in States and Territories, is in strict accordance with the Constitution, and in itself just and expedient, and is, for these reasons, cordially approved by the people of Arkansas.

2d. RESOLVED, That the opposition of the Northern States to the Legislation above mentioned, is at war with the letter and the spirit of the Constitution, is grossly violative of plighted faith, and is a traitorous blow aimed at the rights of the South, and the perpetuity of the Union.

3d. RESOLVED, That the citizens of the State of Ohio have pursued a course peculiarly unjust and odious, in their fanatical hostility to institutions for which they are not responsible; in their encouragement of known felons, and endorsement of repeated and shameless violations of law and decency, and in their establishment of abolition presses, and circulation of incendiary documents, urging a servile population to bloodshed and rapine; and by reason of the premises, it is the duty and the interest of the people of Arkansas to discontinue all social and commercial relations with the citizens of said State, and the same is hereby earnestly recommended as the punishment of past outrages, and a preventive of further aggressions.

4th. That his Excellency the Governor, be and he is hereby requested to transmit copies of these resolutions to the Governors of the several States and Territories of the Union, to be laid before the legislative authorities thereof; and to our Senators and