

Resolutions of the Legislature of Rhode Island touching the importation of Foreign paupers and the Naturalization Laws.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1855.

Resolved by this General Assembly, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested, to urge upon the consideration of Congress, the necessity of passing a law imposing severe penalties against the introduction or importation into this country of foreign paupers and foreign criminals, since the introduction of the first named class of foreigners is calculated to impose unreasonable taxes upon American citizens, and of the latter class, to corrupt the public morals and endanger the public safety.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage, by the National Legislature, of a new Naturalization law, which shall require a previous continuous residence of twenty-one years in this country to enable an alien to become a citizen thereof, and that all processes and oaths required by such law, shall be required to be had and taken exclusively before some Circuit or District Court of the United States, and before the Judge or Judges thereof in open Court.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to transmit copies of the above resolutions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, to be by them presented to their respective houses of Congress, and to the Governors of the other States, with a request that they be communicated to the Legislatures thereof.

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Office of Secretary of State. }

In pursuance of the last of the above Resolutions, I hereby transmit a true copy of Resolutions passed by the General Assembly of this State at its January Session, A. D. 1855.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said State, at Providence, this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1855.

By order of the Governor.

WM. R. WATSON, Secretary of State.