

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF GEORGIA,

Approving of the principles contained in the "Nebraska bill," relating to the subject of slavery in the Territories.

APRIL 20, 1854.—Ordered to lie on table and be printed.

RESOLUTION IN RELATION TO THE TERRITORY OF NEBRASKA.

The State of Georgia in solemn convention having firmly fixed herself upon the principles of the compromise measures of 1850, relating to the subject of slavery in the Territories of the United States, as a final settlement of the agitation of that question, its withdrawal from the halls of Congress, and the political arena, and its reference to the people of the Territories interested therein; and distinctly recognizing in those compromise measures the doctrine that it is not competent for Congress to impose any restrictions as to the existence of slavery among them upon the citizens moving into and settling upon the Territories of the Union, acquired or to be hereafter acquired, but that the question whether slavery shall or shall not form a part of their domestic institutions, is for them alone to determine for themselves; and her present executive having reiterated and affirmed the same fixed policy in his inaugural address—

Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the State of Georgia in general assembly met, That the legislature of Georgia, as the representatives of the people, speaking their will and expressing their feelings, have had their confidence strengthened in the settled determination of the great body of the northern people to carry out in good faith those principles, in the practical application of them to the bills reported by Mr. Douglas, from the Committee on Territories, in the United States Senate, at the present session, proposing the organization of a territorial government for the Territory of Nebraska.

And be it further resolved, That our senators in Congress be, and they are hereby instructed, and our representatives requested, to vote for, and support those principles, and to use all proper means in their power for carrying them out, either as applied to the government of the Territory of Nebraska, or in any other bill for territorial government which may come before them.

Resolved further, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

JOHN E. WARD,

Speaker of the house of representatives.

JOHN D. STELL,

President of the senate.

In senate agreed to, February 17, 1854.

HUGH M. MOORE,

Secretary of senate.

In house of representatives concurred in, February 17, 1854.

WM. T. WOFFORD,

Clerk of house of representatives.

Approved, February 20, 1854.

HERSCHEL V. JOHNSON,

Governor.