

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 7, 1844.

Ordered to be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

*I.—Resolution intended to be proposed by Mr. Rives.*

*Resolved,* That the treaty for the annexation of Texas be laid on the table, and that the President be advised to cause an additional article to be negotiated, extending the period within which the treaty is to be ratified and the ratifications exchanged, so as to give further time for a full and deliberate expression of the opinion of the people of the United States on the subject, and also for a reasonable and amicable effort to obtain the concurrence of Mexico in a conventional arrangement for ascertaining and establishing the boundaries which shall separate her adjacent territories, to the west and the north, from those of Texas.

*II.—Additional resolution intended to be proposed by Mr. Tallmadge.*

*Resolved,* That, in adjusting such boundaries, the President be advised to endeavor to obtain the assent of Mexico to the cession of the territory lying west of Texas, and north of the thirty-seventh degree of north latitude, and extending to the Pacific ocean, upon such terms as shall be consistent with the honor and dignity of Mexico and the United States, and the friendly relations subsisting between the two Governments.

*III.—Additional resolutions intended to be proposed by Mr. Henderson.*

1. *Resolved,* That to accomplish the annexation of Texas, as proposed by the pending treaty, is less consonant with the spirit and genius of the Governments of the United States and Texas, respectively, than if more directly deferred to the popular or representative will to attain the object.

2. *Resolved,* That such annexation on the part of the United States would be properly achieved by an act of Congress admitting the people of Texas with an assigned territorial boundary as a new State into the Union, on an equal footing with the other States; with the right of property to be retained by such new State in all the public lands now comprised in the territorial domain of Texas, subjecting such territory as might lie without the State of Texas to the civil and political jurisdiction of the United States.

3. *Resolved,* That, as part of said act of union, and in form of stipulation, to be acceded to by the people of Texas, a boundary of limits should be fixed and agreed on, beyond which the institution of slavery should not extend.

4. *Resolved*, That, by such act of annexation, the people and State of Texas should continue responsible for the subsisting debt of Texas, and for the security and discharge thereof her public lands should be first pledged; and that all private titles and claims to land within the present territory of Texas should be adjusted and decided on by the tribunals of the State of Texas.