

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA ACT.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF ARKANSAS,

APPROVING

The Kansas and Nebraska act, and the repeal of the Missouri Compromise.

FEBRUARY 9, 1855.—Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Whereas the right of property in slaves is expressly recognised by the constitution of the United States, and is, by virtue of such recognition, guarantied 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 a party to the recognition and guarantee aforesaid: And whereas the citizens of each State are, in consequence of such citizenship, under the most sacred obligation to conform to the terms and tenor of the compact to which their State is a party: Therefore—

1. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas,* That the legislation of Congress repealing the mis-named “compromise” of eighteen hundred and twenty, and asserting the doctrine of non-interference with slavery, 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.

2. *Resolved,* That the opposition of northern States to the legislation above mentioned is at war with the letter and 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.

3. *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 a punishment of past outrages and a preventive of further aggressions.

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4. 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 representatives in Congress, to be laid before the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

Approved January 19, 1855.

A true copy from the original.

D. B. GREER,
Secretary of State.