

EMANCIPATION IN MISSOURI.

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LETTER

FROM

H. R. GAMBLE, GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI,

TRANSMITTING

*Resolutions of the convention of that State, responsive to the joint resolution of the House of Representatives passed April 10, 1862, in relation to co-operation with States desiring to emancipate their slaves.*

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JUNE 25, 1862.—Referred to the select committee on emancipation, and ordered to be printed.

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ST. LOUIS, June 21, 1862.

SIR: By the direction of the convention of the State of Missouri, I have the honor to forward to you a copy of resolutions adopted by that body in response to a joint resolution of Congress upon the subject of emancipation.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

H. R. GAMBLE.

The honorable the SPEAKER  
*of the House of Representatives.*

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*Whereas* the Congress of the United States, upon the special recommendation of the President, has at its present session adopted a joint resolution in the following words, to wit:

“*Resolved*, That the United States ought to co-operate with any State which may adopt a gradual abolishment of slavery, giving to such State aid, to be used in its discretion, to compensate for the inconvenience, public and private, produced by such change of system.”

*Be it therefore resolved*, 1st. That in the opinion of this convention the proposition contained in the said joint resolution adopted by Congress and approved ———, A. D. 1862, is entitled, as well from its

eminent source as from its intrinsic importance, to deliberate and respectful consideration.

*Resolved, 2d.* That while a majority of this convention have not felt authorized to take action with respect to the grave and delicate questions of private right and public policy presented by said resolution, yet this body desires to recognize the liberality therein displayed by the government of the United States, and to express its profound appreciation thereof.

*Resolved, 3d.* That the governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit properly authenticated copies of the foregoing resolutions to the President of the United States and to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The above resolutions were adopted by the Missouri State convention on the 14th day of June, 1862.

AIKMAN WELCH,  
*Vice-President of Convention.*

Attest: SAMUEL A. LOWE,  
*Secretary of Convention.*

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
*City of Jefferson, Missouri.*

I, Mordecai Oliver, secretary of state, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the preamble and resolutions the original of which are now on file in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of office. Done at office this 18th day of June, A. D. 1862.

M. OLIVER, *Secretary of State.*