

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 16, 1860.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MAY 1, 1860.

Proposed to be reported by Mr. BINGHAM from the Committee on the Judiciary with an amendment, viz: insert the words in *italics*, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BINGHAM, on leave, introduced the following bill :

A BILL

To disapprove and declare null and void all territorial acts and parts of acts heretofore passed by the legislative assembly of New Mexico which establish, protect, or legalize involuntary servitude or slavery within said Territory, except as punishment for crime upon due conviction.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed by the legis-
4 lative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico which in
5 anywise protect, authorize, or legalize involuntary servitude,
6 or the enslavement of human beings within said Territory,
7 (except as punishment for crime upon due conviction) be, and
8 the same are hereby, disapproved by the Congress of the

9 United States, and declared to be null and void and of no
10 effect. †

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the following
2 provision of the act of said legislative assembly, approved
3 January twenty-six, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, entitled
4 “An act amendatory of the law relative to contracts between
5 masters and servants,” be, and the same is hereby, disapproved
6 and declared inoperative and void, to wit: “No court of this
7 Territory shall have jurisdiction, nor shall take cognizance of
8 any cause for the correction that masters may give their ser-
9 vants for neglect of their duties as servants.”

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That sections two,
2 three, four, five, seven, eight, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen,
3 fourteen, fifteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two,
4 twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, and twenty-nine of the
5 act entitled “An act to provide for the protection of property
6 in slaves in this Territory,” passed by said legislative assem-
7 bly of said Territory, and approved February third, eighteen,
8 hundred and fifty-nine, be, and the same are hereby, dis-
9 approved by Congress, and declared null and void; and all
10 courts and territorial or federal officers within said Territory
11 are hereby prohibited from exercising any authority under
12 or by virtue of any *of the said sections* of said territorial acts.

H. R. 64.

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