

SLAVERY.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS,

RELATIVE

To the introduction of slavery into the newly acquired territory of New Mexico and California.

JANUARY 24, 1849.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Illinois, (the House of Representatives concurring,) That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use all honorable means in their power to procure the enactment of such laws by Congress for the government of the countries and territories of the United States acquired by the treaty of peace, friendship, limits, and settlement with the republic of Mexico, concluded February 2, A. D., 1848, as shall contain the express declaration "that there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in said territories, otherwise than in the punishment of crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring therein,) That the governor be respectfully requested to transmit to each of our senators and representatives in Congress a copy of the joint resolution of the Senate, concurred in by the House on the 9th instant, for the exclusion of slavery from the new territories acquired by our late treaty with the republic of Mexico.

Z. CASEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WILLIAM McMURTRY,

Speaker of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, ILLINOIS,
Springfield, January 12, 1849.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the General Assembly of this State, I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying resolution.

With much respect, yours, &c.,

AUG. C. FRENCH.

Hon. O. B. FICKLIN, M. C.,
Washington.