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RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OHIO,

IN FAVOR OF

The prohibition of slavery in Territories of the United States, and the immediate admission of Kansas into the Union as a State.

MAY 5, 1856.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

STATE OF OHIO.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS relative to Kansas affairs.

Whereas, the original policy of our country contemplated no extension of slavery beyond the limits of slave States, and no increase of the number of such States; and whereas experience has sufficiently proven that every departure from that policy has been productive of evil, and of evil only; and whereas, by the repeal of the slavery prohibition of the Missouri compromise, the whole question of slavery, in its relation to the Union, the States, and the Territories, has been reopened; and whereas the people of Kansas, deprived of the protection of that prohibition, and despoiled by armed invasion of their undoubted right to elect their own representatives, have been compelled to choose between the alternatives of resort to the inherent right of every community, in the absence of valid laws, to provide for its own safety and good order, or submission to the unauthorized edicts of a pretended legislature, seeking to compel the admission of slavery by appointing its own creatures to all territorial offices, whether executive or judicial, and by imposing such restrictions upon the right of suffrage at future elections as will exclude the opponents of slavery from the polls; and whereas the people of Kansas, properly adopting the former alternative, have proceeded to elect a delegate to Congress, and to form for themselves a State constitution with a view to application for admission into the Union; and whereas it is the duty, in the judgment of this general assembly, of the federal government, and of the people of the several States, to unite their efforts to save the Territory of Kansas from the renewal of civil tumult, and from the further shedding of blood: Be it therefore—

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, That the cause