

of the people of Kansas, engaged in defending themselves against lawless violence and in asserting their inherent right of self-government, be and hereby is earnestly commended to the warm sympathies of the people of Ohio.

Resolved, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and representatives requested, to oppose all acts and measures which tend to recognise as legal and binding any of the acts of the pretended legislature of Kansas, held at Shawnee Mission.

Resolved, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and representatives requested, to use their best endeavors for the immediate passage of an act of Congress admitting Kansas into the Union as a free State, with such limitation of boundary as by Congress shall be deemed advisable; and in case Congress shall not consent to such admission, then to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of acts enabling the people of that Territory to elect their own governor and other officers, and fully protect them in the exercise of the elective franchise.

Resolved, That our senators in Congress be further instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of laws prohibiting slavery in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, and all territory embraced in the Missouri compromise, and re-establishing the original American policy as declared in the regulation proposed by Thomas Jefferson in 1784 for the exclusion of slavery from all territory ceded, or to be ceded, and of such other laws as shall best fulfil the high duty repeatedly acknowledged by the people of Ohio, of using all power clearly given by the terms of the national compact, to prevent the increase, to mitigate, and finally eradicate the evil of slavery, without encroaching upon, or in any way legislating upon the right of each State to adopt and modify its own municipal laws, to regulate its own internal affairs, and to hold and maintain its equal and independent sovereignty with each and every other State.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to cause a copy of this preamble and resolutions, properly certified, to be forwarded to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, and the governor of each State in the Union.

N. H. VAN VORHES,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS H. FORD,
President of the Senate.

APRIL 9, 1856.

STATE OF OHIO.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,
Columbus, April 26, 1856.

I, James H. Baker, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of a preamble and resolutions

