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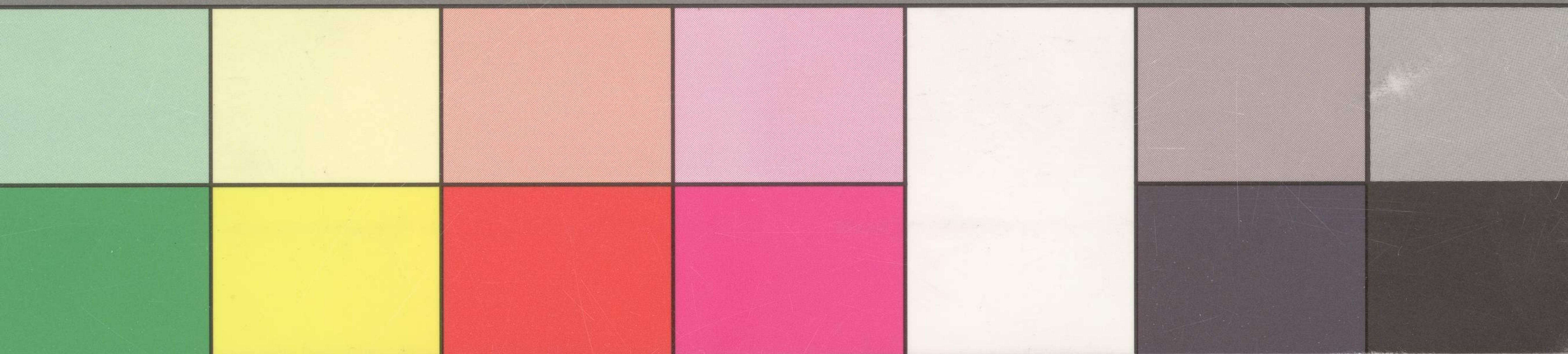
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RESOLUTIONS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. 3

a senator from Massachusetts, in the Senate chamber, for words spoken in debate in his place, and as the organ of the State which he in part represents in that body, made with the stealthy approach of the assassin, and with the cowardly accompaniment of an accessory and coadjutor, inflicting blows which by their force and frequency had in them hardly anything short of the significance of murder, is receiving the indignant rebuke which it deserves, from the concentrated voice of the people of the free States, expressed through the press and in popular assemblies and legislative bodies—not merely as a crime against personal sanctity, but as a violation of senatorial privilege, as an insult to the dignity and rights of a sovereign State, and as an outrage upon the great constitutional right of freedom of debate—a right in vindication and preservation of which every State and every citizen has a deep interest—and that it is fitting that New Hampshire, through her legislature, should add her voice, as she now does, to that of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, in swelling this volume of denunciation, and in demanding the punishment of the offender, by his expulsion from that body which he has disgraced.

10. *Resolved*, That the people of the free States, strong in the irresistible force of a majority of numbers, have the power, if they will exercise it, through the lawful and peaceful agency of the ballot-box, to compel respect for the rights of their representatives wherever they may be in the discharge of their official duties; the power to right the wrongs of Kansas, and to restore peace and security to that unhappy Territory; the power to prevent the extension of slavery over any territory now free, and to re-establish freedom, as it should have ever been, as the controlling power in the government, and that this State now pledges herself to co-operation with any and all of her sister States in all constitutional measures for the accomplishment of these great ends.

11. *Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the governors of the several States and Territories of the Union, to be laid before the legislative authorities thereof, and to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, to be laid before the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

EDWARD H. ROLLINS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS J. MELVIN,
President of the Senate.

Approved July 12, 1856.

RALPH METCALF, *Governor.*

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
Secretary of State's office, Concord, N. H.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolutions passed by the legislature of this State, copied from the original record now on file at this office.

LEMUEL N. PATTEE,
Secretary of State.