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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

RELATIVE TO

The recent disturbances in the Territory of Kansas.

FEBRUARY 13, 1856.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE.

RESOLVES in relation to the Territory of Kansas.

Whereas, The Territory of Kansas, on occasion of the first two elections therein, has been violently invaded by an armed mob from the neighboring State of Missouri, the persons composing the said mob not only claiming themselves, without the least shadow of right, to vote at the said elections, but by high-handed violence and threats of death, deterring the citizens of the said Territory from the exercise of their right of suffrage, therefore—

Resolved, That we respectfully call upon the law-abiding citizens of Missouri, and upon the executive and legislature of that State, speedily to disavow this gross outrage perpetrated by some of their ill-advised citizens, and to take prompt measures to prevent its repetition by them.

Resolved, That we call upon the President of the United States to take instant and effectual measures for sustaining, in Kansas, the sovereignty of the people against the violence and incursions of mobs from Missouri.

Resolved, That this commonwealth is ready, if necessary, to aid with her whole power the governor of Kansas, and the people of that Territory, or of any other Territory or State, in support of constitutional rights, by whomsoever infringed.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolves to the governor of each of the States and Territories, and another to the President of the United States, and that