

rities and the independence of the citizens ; corrupt the purity of the ballot-box and become "potent engines by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men are enabled to subvert the power of the people, and usurp for themselves the reins of government."

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolves to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, to be presented to that body, and to the governor of each State, with a request that the same be laid before the legislature thereof.

In the House of Representatives April 10, 1856. Read and passed.
JOSIAH S. LITTLE, *Speaker*.

In Senate, April 10, 1856. Read and passed.
LOT M. MORRILL, *President*.

Approved, April 10, 1856.

SAMUEL WELLS.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Augusta, April 23, 1856.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original deposited in this office.

CALEB R. AYER,
Secretary of State.

