

of the territory; and if the operation of that doctrine has awarded Kansas to the Southern States, then to the South let it belong; if to the North, then to the North let it belong. But let Kansas be received as a State by Congress, let the agitation of the slavery question, if there is to be any more, be thus localized and cut off from federal politics. Let the doctrine of non-intervention triumph, and then we may hope for the restoration of peace and harmony to our national counsels, and the settlement of the slavery question, so far as the territories are concerned for the future upon a just and permanent basis. In view of these facts and considerations the committee recommend to the Legislature the adoption of the accompanying Preamble and Resolutions, not as a matter of form, but because it is due to the State and to the people.

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