

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the people of the territory of Kansas, through their chosen delegates, met in Convention authorized by the Legislature at Lecompton, on the day of A. D. 1857, and ordained for themselves a Constitution, preparatory to asking admission into the Union, as a sovereign and equal State thereof,

And Whereas, said Constitution is Republican in its character, and the question of "slavery," or "no slavery" was submitted by the Convention to the determination of the voters of the territory,

And Whereas, an organization has taken place in Congress and in the Northern States out of Congress, led by men who have heretofore acted with the South on issues presented by slavery, the object of which is to defeat the doctrine of non-intervention, and refuse Kansas admission into the Union as a slave State, though other pretexts are sought to justify the opposition, which organization threatens to be formidable, if not successful :

Therefore Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas : That it is the deliberate opinion of the people of Texas, expressed through their Senators and Representatives, that Congress ought without any unnecessary delay or hindrance, to admit Kansas into the Union, as a State if she presents herself for admission under the Lecompton Constitution, and without considering whether the Constitution is "pro-slavery," or "anti-slavery."