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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MISSISSIPPI,

IN FAVOR OF A SOUTHERN CONVENTION.

(1871 August 11)

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RESOLUTIONS

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LEGISLATURE OF MISSISSIPPI

IN SENATE, January 11, 1871.

Resolved, That the following be the

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

JACKSON, MISS.,

February 20th, 1860.

SIR: I herewith transmit a copy of the Resolutions, passed by the Legislature of this State, agreeably to the requirements of the fifth of said Resolutions.

Very respectfully,

JOHN J. PETTUS,

Governor of Mississippi.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. *Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi,* That the Constitution of the United States recognizes property in slaves, and the Government created by it cannot, nor can any tribunal acting under its authority, whether it be executive, legislative, or judicial, within its appropriate sphere, justly withhold from the owners of slaves that adequate protection for their slave property, to which the owners of property of other kinds are entitled, or which from its nature they may further require to secure them in its possession and enjoyment.

2nd. That the election of a President of the United States, by the votes of one section of the Union only, on the ground that there exists an irreconcilable conflict between the two sections, in reference to their respective systems of labor, and with an avowed purpose of hostility to the institution of slavery as it prevails in the Southern States, and as recognized

by the compact of Union, would so threaten a destruction of the ends for which the Constitution was formed as to justify the slaveholding States on taking counsel together for their separate protection and safety.

3rd. That in order to be prepared for such a contingency, Mississippi accepts the invitation of South Carolina to her sister slaveholding States, to meet in convention, and proposes the first Monday in June next, and Atlanta, Georgia, as a suitable time and place, to meet to counsel together, and recommend the action they should take in such an event—which shall be reported to the Governor, who shall convene the Legislature, if in his judgment it may be required, and that this Legislature, at its present session, proceed to elect seven delegates to the convention at Atlanta.

4th. That a commissioner be appointed by the Governor to proceed to the capital of Virginia; and express to the people of that Commonwealth, through her Executive, the indignation that Mississippi feels at the outrage committed in the recent invasion of her soil, and the readiness and determination of Mississippi to unite with her, or any other slaveholding State, in repelling any assailment of their people or their rights; and that said commissioner also present to her Executive a copy of these resolutions, and invite her co-operation in the proposed convention.

5th. That the Governor of this State be requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Governors of each of the slaveholding States of the Union, to be laid before their Legislatures, and invite their co-operation.

Approved, February 10th, 1860.

JOHN J. PETTUS,
Governor.

A. B. DILWORTH,
Secretary of State.



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