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[By Mr. BARKSDALE. Moved as substitute for Mr. TURNER'S resolutions.]

## RESOLUTIONS

Relating to the war and negotiations for peace.

1 WHEREAS, The people of the Confederate States, having been  
2 compelled by the people of the non-slaveholding states to dis-  
3 solve their connection with those states and to form a new com-  
4 pact, in order to preserve their liberties: *and, whereas,* the ef-  
5 forts made by the government of the Confederate States immedi-  
6 ately on its organization, to establish friendly relations between  
7 it and the government of the United States, having proved  
8 unavailing by reason of the refusal of the government of the  
9 United States to hold intercourse with the commissioners ap-  
10 pointed by this government for that purpose: *and, whereas,*  
11 the government of the United States having so repeatedly  
12 refused to listen to propositions for an honorable peace, and  
13 having declared to foreign nations in advance that it would re-  
14 ject any offer of mediation which they might be prompted to  
15 make in the interests of humanity, for terminating the war, and  
16 thus having manifested their determination to continue it with

17 a view to the reduction of the people of these states to degrad-  
18 ing bondage or to their extermination. Therefore be it

19 *Resolved*, That while we reiterate our readiness to enter upon  
20 negotiations for peace whenever the hearts of our enemies are  
21 so inclined, we will pursue without faltering, the course we  
22 have deliberately chosen: and for the preservation of our liber-  
23 ties, we will employ whatever means Providence has placed at  
24 our disposal.

25 *Resolved* That the mode prescribed in the constitution of the  
26 Confederate States for making treaties of peace, affords ample  
27 means for the attainment of that end whenever the government  
28 of the United States abandon their wicked purpose to subjugate  
29 them, and evince a willingness to enter upon negotiations for  
30 the termination of the war.