

## JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

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### JOINT RESOLUTION relative to free territory.

Resolved, by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Wisconsin :

That the existence of slavery in this country is to be deeply deplored : that its extension ought to be prohibited by every constitutional barrier within the power of congress : that in the admission of new territory into the Union, there ought to be an inhibitory provision against its introduction.

Resolved, That our senators in congress be and they are hereby instructed and our representatives are requested to use their influence to insert into the organic act for the government of any new territory already acquired or hereafter to be acquired, that is now free, an ordinance forever prohibiting the introduction of slavery or involuntary servitude into said territory except as a punishment for crime of which the party shall have been duly convicted according to law.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor is hereby requested immediately to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress to be by them laid before congress.

N. E. WHITESIDE,  
Speaker of the Assembly.

JOHN E. HOLMES,

Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved June 21, 1848.

NELSON DEWEY.