

en. thousand copies of the acts of the Seventh Session of the General Assembly, together with such parts of the acts of the Fifth Session of the General Assembly as the Committee on the Judiciary recommended to have printed, be printed and distributed according to law.

Approved March 23d, 1858.

NUMBER 11.

JOINT RESOLUTION In relation to the translation and printing of the Banking and School Laws into the German Language.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the two Banking Laws and the School Laws be published in the German Newspapers of the State at the same price as is paid to other papers for publishing the same laws.

Resolved, That Theodore Gulich, of Davenport, be employed to translate said laws into the German Language, and to furnish a copy of such translation to each of the German papers in the State, and that he be allowed for his services the sum of seventy-five dollars.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to carry these resolutions into effect.

Approved March 23d, 1858.

NUMBER 12.

JOINT RESOLUTION of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa touching the opinions of some of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States on Political Questions, incorporated in the opinion of that Court in the case of Scott vs. Sanford

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States in the recent case of Scott vs. Sanford, after expressly deciding that it had not jurisdiction of the case, by deciding that the plaintiff Scott could not by reason of his descent, sue in the courts of the United States, has undertaken to pronounce an extra Judicial opinion prohibiting the people of the United States, through Congress

and the people of the Territories through their local government, instituted under the authority of Congress from any control of the question of slavery within the Territories of the United States, and legalizing slavery in all those Territories ; and

WHEREAS, Such extra Judicial opinion subordinates the political power and interests of our whole people to the cupidity and ambition of a few thousand slave holders who are thereby enabled to carry the odious institution of slavery wherever the national power extends, thereby degrading free labor in all the Territories which the United States now have or hereafter may acquire by bringing slave labor in direct competition therewith, and pre-dooming all such Territory to all the blighting influences of the system of human slavery ; and

WHEREAS, Such extra judicial opinion of the Supreme Court is conclusive proof of the settled determination of the slavery propagandists to subvert all those high and Holy principles of Freedom upon which the American Union was formed, and to degrade it from its intended lofty position of the exemplar and bulwark of Freedom, into a mere engine for the extension and perpetration of the barbarous and detestable system of chattle slavery.

Therefore it is, as the sense of the people of Iowa, *Resolved*, that the extra-judicial opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of Dred Scott, is not binding in law or conscience upon the government or people of the United States, and that it is of an import so alarming and dangerous as to demand the instant and emphatic reprobation of every good citizen.

Resolved, That one of the most dangerous of the political heresies thus illegitimately announced, is that which denies the equality of free States, and renders them, on account of their free institutions, inferior and subordinate to the slave States, by declaring that by virtue of the Constitution of the United States slavery goes into all our territories to the exclusion of freedom, and is sustained and protected therein until the people of the Territories form for themselves State Constitutions, at which time, if at all, but certainly not until then, they may rid themselves of the system ; and we should be ungrateful to those whose care and foresight provided for us free homes, and derelict in our duty to those who will come after us, did we not promptly and sternly denounce this new doctrine, which if established, degrades the free States, and

either confines free labor within its present limits or sends it into our new territories in degrading competition with slave labor.

Resolved, That we still recognize and sustain the time honored doctrines taught by the early fathers of our Political faith, that freedom is the great cardinal principle which underlies, pervades and exalts our whole political system, that the Constitution of the United States does not in any way recognize the right of property in man, that slavery as a system is exceptional and purely local, deriving its existence and support wholly from local law; any person held to service or labor in one State under the laws thereof, escaping into another State may be reclaimed, not as property, but as a person, who by the laws of the State whence he escaped, owes, and by the Constitution of the United States is capable of owing a debt of service or labor which he must discharge.

Resolved, That the State of Iowa will not allow slavery within her boundaries, in any form or under any pretext, for any time however short, be the consequences what they may.

Approved March 23d, 1858.

NUMBER 13.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the publication of the Laws.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That there shall be nothing published in connection with the Laws of the present General Assembly, except such Joint Resolutions as have the notice and effect of law.

That no memorial or Joint Resolution to Congress or to any other department of the General Government, shall be published with said laws, nor any other matter except as provided above or as may be hereafter expressly provided by resolution or otherwise.

Approved March 23d, 1858.

NUMBER 14

JOINT RESOLUTION providing for Commissioners to investigate the affairs of State Officers.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That