

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

the Commissioners appointed by resolution of the Senate to settle with the different State Officers, be empowered and required :

1st. To examine the books, accounts, vouchers, and all other records and proceedings of said officers as far back as six years previous to the first day of November, 1857.

2d. To examine and report under oath to the next session of the General Assembly, the total amount of revenues paid in during said last mentioned time, and the total expenditures, distinguishing between ordinary and extraordinary expenditures.

3d. To ascertain all amounts of moneys, if any, deposited by any officer or officers, with any banker or other person or persons, and especially the bankers of Iowa City, and this city for interest, and if so how much, and upon what interest and how long the same was on deposit, and how much interest was paid for the same, and and to whom ; they shall require and answer under oath from any banker or person with whom such money may have been deposited, and shall also examine any officer under oath touching the same. Also to report whether any State or School Funds have been used for any purpose except that provided for by express Statute, if so, for what purpose.

4th. They shall also ascertain and report how much money besides ordinary revenue has come into the Treasury from all other sources.

5th. They shall also ascertain and report how much revenue during each of said five years, next previous to the first of January 1858, has been paid in by the different county Treasurers into the State Treasury, for which purpose they are authorized to open up a correspondence with the different county Treasurers in this State to ascertain the above facts.

6th. It is hereby made the duty of the different county Treasurers to respond without delay to any communications sent to them by said Commissioners, and to give such facts as is required, as fully and satisfactory as they can ; all information given by county Treasurers as herein required, shall be sworn to by the Treasurer giving the same.

7th. Said Commissioners shall also carry out the instructions contained in the several resolutions passed by the Senate instructing this Committee.

Approved March 23d 1858.