

## SENATE....No. 96.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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*Mr. Merrick gives notice that he shall submit the following amendment of the "Resolves concerning Slavery," as a substitute for the original Resolves. Strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following, to wit:—*

*Resolved,* That the whole history of Massachusetts, and the deliberate and repeated expression of the opinions of her people, in forms the most varied, and upon occasions the most numerous and multiplied, justify the strongest and most unequivocal declaration that they are, universally, opposed to all institutions, and every system of human slavery.

*Resolved,* That the people of Massachusetts, in the maintenance of their well-known and invincible principles upon this subject, will invariably expect that all their officers and representatives, at all times, and in all situations, will faithfully and firmly use all just, reasonable, and constitutional means, within their power, to secure the earliest practicable extinction of slavery, wherever it exists, and to prevent its extension into any part of our national territory, where it is not already established by law.

