

HOUSE....No. 63.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 8, 1861.

The Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the Memorial of J. Sella Martin and others, in regard to the Crittenden Crompromise, so called, ask leave to report the accompanying Resolve.

Per order of the Committee,

O. W. ALBEE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-One.

R E S O L V E S

In relation to proposed Amendments of the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas, in the opinion of Massachusetts no amendment of the constitution of the United States is necessary to afford to the people of the slave-holding States adequate guarantees for the security of their rights, and

Whereas, Virginia has proposed as a basis of settlement of our present national difficulties the propositions known as the Crittenden compromise, and

Whereas, said propositions contain principles in conflict with the principles which Massachusetts has firmly upheld and which she is determined to maintain. Therefore

Resolved, That Massachusetts is unalterably opposed to incorporating into the constitution of the United States the proposition known as the Crittenden compromise.

[Mr. ALBEE, of Marlborough, moves to amend by adding the following Resolves:—]

Resolved, That our commissioners at Washington are hereby instructed to use every effort to prevent the adoption of the Crittenden compromise, or any similar propositions, by the convention now in session at Washington, D. C.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit a copy of these resolves to each of our commissioners now at Washington.

[Mr. BANFIELD, of West Roxbury, moves to amend by adding to the Resolves reported by the Committee, the following Resolve:—]

Resolved, That the measures proposed by one of our representatives, Mr. Charles Francis Adams, being, in opinion, calculated to remove suspicion and allay fears, however ill-founded, and to remove a particular subject of controversy,—and not being justly liable to the objection of violating any political principle,—meet with our approbation, and we believe will be sustained by the people of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That the committee be requested to prepare a report of their doings in each of the several counties in the State at their next meeting.

[The Secretary of West Haverly, in answer to a letter of the 18th inst. respecting the following matters:]

Resolved, That the members of the committee be requested by me to send to the Secretary of West Haverly, a copy of their report, in relation to the several matters mentioned in the said letter, and also to send to the Secretary of West Haverly, a copy of the report of the committee, in relation to the several matters mentioned in the said letter, and also to send to the Secretary of West Haverly, a copy of the report of the committee, in relation to the several matters mentioned in the said letter.