

1820. Missouri Compromise

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1820

Mr. Sanford communicated the following resolutions, passed by the legislature of the state of New York; which were read.

State of New York

In Assembly, *November 13, 1820*

Whereas the legislature of this state, at the last session, did instruct their Senators, and request their Representatives in Congress, to oppose the admission, as a state, into the Union, *[of]* any territory not comprised within the original boundaries of the United States, without making the prohibition of slavery therein an indispensable condition of admission:

And whereas this legislature is impressed with the correctness of the sentiments so communicated to our Senators and Representatives; therefor,

Resolved, (if the honorable the Senate concur herein,) That this legislature does approve of the principles contained in the resolutions of the last session; and further, if the provisions contained in any proposed constitution of a new state, deny to any citizens of the existing states the privileges and immunities of citizens of such new state, that such proposed constitution should not be accepted or confirmed; the same, in the opinion of this legislature, being void by the constitution of the United States. And that our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested, to use their utmost exertions to prevent the acceptance and confirmation of any such constitution.

Resolved, (if the honorable the Senate concur herein,) That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly do cause copies of these resolutions, duly certified by them, to be transmitted to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this state.

Ordered, That the Clerk deliver a copy of the preceding resolutions to the honorable the Senate, and request their concurrence to the same.

PETER SHARPE, *Speaker*

Attest, Dl. Van du Weyder, *Clerk of Assembly*

State of New York

In Senate, *November 15, 1820*

Resolved, That the Senate do concur with the honorable the Assembly, in their said resolutions and recitals.

Ordered, That the Clerk deliver a copy of said resolutions of concurrence to the honorable the Assembly.

JOHN TAYLER, *President*

Attest, JOHN F. BACON, *Clerk of Senate*