

A memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama to the General Assemblies of the several States in the Union — Your Memorialists approach your honorable bodies with that confidence and good will which should characterize sisters of the same family. The hostility which a small portion of your population have shown to the happiness and safety of our Country, is not believed to have emanated from any settled intention of your citizens to do us an injury. The dark, deep and malignant design of the abolitionists, who are settled amongst you, in sending to our Country their agents and incendiary pamphlets and publications, lighting up fires of discord in the bosoms of our slave population, have never for a moment alienated our affections from the great mass of your citizens — and we have believed and still believe — that when you were fully apprized of the evils which this unholy band of cowardly assassins was bringing upon us, you would extend your hands to avert the calamities which must otherwise fall upon our citizens — We were born in a land of domestic Slavery — like our liberties it descended from our fathers — we were innocent of its introduction, and if it have evils they are our own, which time and the wisdom of experience must avert; and we utterly deny the right of the citizens of any other State to claim an interference — The harmony of the States, and the durability of the Union, forbid any intermeddling upon this subject. Slavery in the United States is local and sectional. It is confined to the Southern and Middle States. If it be an evil, it is their business to say so, and remove it — Slavery existed in other States and they put an end to it, in their own way, without the disasters likely to be visited upon us by malignant and heartless Societies, residing in other States. The abolitionists are not numerous, but they are wealthy, ardent and talented — They have presses in the various parts of the Union, from which they issue millions of essays, pamphlets and pictures, and scatter them amongst

our Slave population, calculated to urge them to deluge our
Country in blood. This cannot be tolerated —
1st Be it therefore resolved by the Senate and House of
Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly
Convened that it is the decided sense of this General
Assembly that we call upon our Sister States and respectfully
request them to enact such penal laws, as will finally
put an end to the malignant deeds of the Abolitionists
calculated to destroy our peace, and sever this Union —
2^d Resolved that we should consider the Abolition of
Slavery in the District of Columbia, unless by the desire
of its own Citizens, a violation of the rights of that District
derived from the implied condition on which that
territory was ceded to the General Government, and as the
commencement of a scheme of usurpation and flagrant
injustice —
3^d Resolved that the Executive of the State of Alabama
communicate a copy of this Memorial to the Governor
of each of the States in the Union with a request
that it may be laid before their next Legislatures
and also, that a copy be sent to each of our
Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved Jan 9th 1836

C. C. Clay

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His Excellency
The Governor of
Illinois

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Dear Sir:

In obedience to the instructions of both
branches of the General Assembly of this State,
I have the honor to transmit the enclosed
copy of an address and Resolutions, adopted at
their late session, with a request that you will
lay them before the Legislature of your
State.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.

C. C. Clay.

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