A memorial of the general assembly of the State of Alabama to the General Assembly of the several States in the Union on
your Memorialists approach your honorable bodies with
that confidence and good will, which should characterize
bodies of the same family. The hostility which a small portion
of your delegation, have shown to the happiness and safety of
our citizens, is not believed to have emanated from any but the
intention of your citizens to do us an injury. The dark, deep
and malignant designs of the abolitionists, who are situated among
you in holding to our country their agents and in sundry
pamphlets and publications, lighting up fires of discord in
the bosoms of our slave population, have never for a moment
alleviated our afflictions from the great mass of your citizens
and we have believed and still believe that when you were
fully apprised of the evils which this unholy band of abolitionists
was bringing upon us, you would extend your
hands to avert the calamities which must otherwise
take upon our citizens—We were born in a land of
Africatc 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 stability of the union forbid
any interference 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
lay it, and correct it—slavery existed in other States
and they put an end to it; in their own way, without the
assistance likely to be resisted upon us by malignant and
malicious denunciations, reading in other States. The abolitionists
are not numerous, but they are wealthy, learned and
talented—they have places in the various parts of the
Union from which they issue millions of terrors,
distress and persecution, and scatter them amongst
our slave population, calculated to urge them to sully our country in blood. This cannot be tolerated. See if therefore resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly, that it is the decided sense of the 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 ruin this union.

Resolved, that we should consider the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, unless by the consent of its own citizens, a violation of the rights of that district derived from the implied conditions on which that territory was ceded to the General Government, and as the commencement of a scheme of usurpation and flagrant injustice.

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 legislatures and also, that it may be sent to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved Jan 7th, 1836

C.C. Clay

A true copy from the roll

C.D. Whiting, Secretary
Memorial Petitions of the Legislature of N.A. [illegible]

His Excellency
The Governor of Illinois