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
sisters of the same family. The hostility which a small portion
of your population have shown to the happiness and safety of
our Citizens, is not believed to have emanated from any bad
intention of your Citizens to do us an injury. The dark, diab.
and malignant design of the abolitionists, who are billeted among
you, in lending to our country their agents and in unceasing
pamphlets and publications, stirring 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
delude our Citizens—We were born in a land of
dominion of slavery, like our liberties. It descended from our
father—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 to, and remove it—Slavery existed in other States
and they put an end to it, in their own way, without the
intervention of the States other than those directly interested, reading in other States. The abolitionists
are not numerous, but they are wealthy, learned and
talented—They have friends in the various parts of the
Union from which they issue millions of slander,
scandal, and falsehood, and scatter them amongst
our     legislature,  (calculated  to  urge them  to  change  our
Country  in  Blood.  This  cannot  be  tolerated,)    
for  it  therefore  resolved  by  the  Senate  and  House  of
Representatives  of  the  State  of  Alabama  in  General
Assembly  that  it  is  the  decided  sense  of  this  general
Assembly  that  we  call  upon  our  Executive  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  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.

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  respective  legislators
and  also,  that  it  may  be  sent  to  each  of  our
Senator  and  Representatives  in  Congress.

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