

Petition from Iowa Regarding Slavery in the Journal of the U.S. Senate, June 8, 1850

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Mr. Sebastian submitted documents in relation to the claim of Isaac Graves, a soldier in the last war with Great Britain, to a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Clay presented a petition of William Holmes, Henry C. White, and others, citizens of the United States, praying the adoption of measures for encouraging the emigration of the African race from the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Chase presented a petition of C.W. Klotz, D.B. Wyandt, and other citizens of the United States, praying that the public domain may be granted in limited quantities to actual settlers not possessed of other lands; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Chase presented two memorials of citizens of Ohio, praying that slavery may be abolished in the District of Columbia, and prohibited by law in the territories of the United States, that no more slaveholding States be admitted into the Union, that the right of trial by jury may be allowed by law to fugitive slaves, and the domestic slave trade abolished; a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that slavery may be prohibited by law in the territories of the United States; a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that slavery may be abolished in the District of Columbia, or the seat of government removed therefrom; and a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying that the right of trial by jury may be allowed by law to fugitive slaves.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petitions lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Interior, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, exhibiting the expenses of the administration of justice in the District of Columbia for a period of ten years; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Walker, that it be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred to the bill (H.R. 148) to make further appropriations for public buildings in the Territories of Minnesota and Oregon, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Benton, the 4th instant, in relation to the amounts collected for duties in the ports of California within the period therein specified; and the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Benton submitted a document relating to certain claims of the State of California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Cass, the 5th instant, directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate with a copy of Lieutenant Simpson's report of a military reconnoissance; which was modified, amended, and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved. That the Secretary of the Department of War furnish the