

## Petition from Iowa Regarding Slavery in the Journal of the U.S. Senate, May 21, 1850

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Tuesday, May 21, 1850.*

Mr. Bright presented four petitions of citizens of Indiana, praying the establishment of a mail route from Otterredage to Scipio, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Bright presented the memorial of Seth M. Leavenworth, praying compensation for damages sustained in consequence of an alleged violation, on the part of the Postmaster General, of his contract for carrying the mail; which was referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads.

Mr. Seward presented a memorial of the Life-saving Benevolent Association of New York, praying that an appropriation may be made to enable them to complete their apparatus for rescuing the crews and passengers of wrecked and stranded vessels; which was referred to the Committee in Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson presented the memorial of Edward Lynch, praying that an improvement invented by him, called a condenser and evaporator, may be attached to the boilers of the United States steamer Jefferson; which was referred to the Committee of Naval Affairs.

Mr. Corwin presented a memorial of the mayor and common council of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying the erection of a marine hospital at that place; which was referred to the Committee of Commerce.

Mr. Felch presented a petition of citizens of Minnesota Territory, praying a grant of land for the purpose of constructing a magnetic telegraph in that territory; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Seward,

*Ordered,* That the petition of citizens of Maine, praying that a government vessel may be employed to convey delegates from the United States to the Peace Convention at Frankfort, in Germany, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Upham presented two petitions of citizens of Vermont, praying that no State may hereafter be admitted into the Union whose constitution does not prohibit slavery within its limits.

*Ordered,* That they lie on the table.

Mr. Hale presented two petitions of citizens of New Hampshire, two petitions of citizens of New Hampshire, two petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, two petitions of citizens of Maine, a petition of citizens of Connecticut, and a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying that no State may hereafter be admitted into the Union whose constitution does not prohibit slavery within its limits.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Dodge, of Iowa, presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that no State may hereafter be admitted into the Union whose constitution does not prohibit slavery within its limits; 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 and the slave trade may be abolished in the District of Columbia, or the seat of government removed therefrom; and a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying that the right of trial by jury may be allowed by law to fugitive slaves.

*Ordered,* That the said petitions lie on the table.

The Vice President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of War, made in compliance with a resolution of the Senate, accompanied