

My dear sir:

I am glad to know that you in-
tend to press the subject ^{of personal security and} ~~on the consideration of~~
~~the~~ ~~Attache~~ equal rights of the citizen, on the
attention of the Michigan Convention. The Cali-
fornia convention, through the efforts of the
members of the National Citizens Rights Associa-
tion pronounced ^{stall} ~~squarely~~ ~~for~~ against
the repeal of the election laws much to the
surprise of every one. It seems to me that
a resolution reciting the results of suppression
of the vote might be valuable. I send you
two drafts, therefore, ~~both~~ of which would do
no harm singly or collectively.

Yours truly,

Albin W. Murray.

Resolved:— That the security of life,
and the free exercise of per-
sonal rights, ~~and the enjoyment of equal~~
and the enjoyment of equal
personal rights, ~~are the essence~~
opportunities, are the essence of
liberty and should be the first
care of all governments. We
therefore view with alarm the
invasion of personal rights by
mob-rule and the denial
of redress for the gravest
offences against the lives and
persons of colored citizens of
the United States in the States
of the South and demand
that ~~the~~ ~~from~~ ~~law~~ shall
protect the citizens of the Republic
at home as well as abroad.

Resolved — That the suppression of the
Republican vote of the South
by mob-violence and the
denial of the inalienable rights
of free speech and free public
assemblies, ^{by unprovoked violence} and ~~unprovoked~~
and unpunished fraud
upon the ballot is a ~~menace~~
^{an invasion of the} ~~rights~~ ^{rights} of the citizens of the United States
of the ~~citizens~~ ^{citizens} of the United States,
besides being ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~direct~~ ^{direct} ~~violation~~ ^{violation} of the
a menace to the prosperity
of the ~~the~~ country, being a re-
vival of ~~the~~ one of the most
obnoxious features of Slavery,
whereby the power of the
Southern ~~pro~~ ^{pro} ~~trade~~ ^{trade} ~~democratic~~ ^{democratic}
vote is ~~increased~~ ^{increased} & ~~maintained~~ ^{maintained}

John A. [unclear]

~~by the suppressions denied~~
the vote of the Southern ^{free-trade} Demos-
is made from three to six times
as potent as that of the Northern
Republican. ^{colored citizens} If the Republicans of the
South are to be excluded from the
~~all voice in public affairs they~~
~~should also be excluded from~~

Resolved,

Refrain
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That ^{as} there can be no liberty
without free speech and the free
exercise of the ^{personal and political} rights of the
citizen, we denounce the ac-
tion of the Democratic party
in the repeal of the election
laws, whereby the courts of
the United States are ren-
dered powerless for the protec-
tion of the honest voter or
the punishment of fraud
and the "Tammany Tiger"
and the Southern mob invit-
ed to falsify the will of the
people, by giving to the free-
~~love Democrats of the South~~
~~three times the power of Repub-~~