FLOGGING IN THE NAVY, &c.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN FAVOR OF

The retention of the act for abolishing flogging in the navy, and also for abolishing the spirit rations in all naval ships and navy yards.

FEBRUARY 6, 1852.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, In General Assembly, January Session, A. D. 1852.

Whereas the Congress of the United States at its late session passed an "act abolishing flogging as a punishment in the United States navy; and a proposition having been made in the Senate of the United States at

the present session to repeal said act; and,

Whereas (in the opinion of this General Assembly) the use of intoxicating liquors in the navy is the principal cause of the greater proportion of the offences committed therein, for which punishment is made necessary; and as the experiment of the abolition of flogging in the navy cannot be entirely satisfactory so long as intoxicating liquors are furnished therein; therefore,

Resolved, that our senators and representatives be requested to use all proper means to continue the act abolishing flogging in the navy a law of the United States; and to procure, in addition thereto, an act abolishing "spirit rations" in all naval ships and navy yards in the United States.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the above preamble and resolutions to our senators and representatives in Congress.

A true copy.

Witness: ASA POTTER, Secretary. PEDDONAL IN THE NAVY, SELV.

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