

RESOLUTION

Calling for information as to any communication which may have been made to the Government of the Quintuple treaty for the suppression of the slave trade.

DECEMBER 15, 1842.

Submitted.

DECEMBER 20, 1842.

Postponed to and made the order of the day for Thursday next, the 22d instant, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BENTON submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate whether the quintuple treaty for the suppression of the slave trade has been communicated to the Government of the United States in any form whatever? and if so, by whom? for what purpose? and what answer may have been returned to such communication? Also, to communicate to the Senate all the information which may have been received by the Government of the United States going to show that the "*course which this Government might take in relation to said treaty has excited no small degree of attention and discussion in Europe.*" Also, to inform the Senate how far the "*warm animadversions*" and the "*great political excitement*" which this treaty has caused in Europe, have any application or reference to the United States. Also to inform the Senate what danger there was that "*the laws and the obligations*" of the United States in relation to the suppression of the slave trade would be "*executed by others,*" if we did not "*remove this pretext and motive for violating our flag and executing our laws,*" by entering into the stipulations for the African squadron and the remonstrating embassies which are contained in the 8th and 9th articles of the late British treaty. Also, that the President be requested to communicate to the Senate all the correspondence from our ministers abroad relating to the foregoing points of inquiry.

Thomas Allen, print.