

Yes, sir; should this resolution pass both Houses of Congress, the President will find means to give up a part of Oregon, or even the whole of it, rather than subject the institution of slavery to the sure destruction which a war with England would bring upon it. I again repeat, what I have endeavored to impress upon gentlemen, that this policy is not mine; I was at my hands of it. I feel a deep and an abiding conviction, that, if carried out, it will inevitably overthrow our Government, and dissolve the Union; but that these consequences will

be retarded by a continuance of the policy, rather than by leaving the Government subject to the slave power, as it now is. By carrying out the policy it will place the northern and southern portions of the Union upon terms approximating to equality. And when, from its broad extent, this Republic like the Roman Empire, shall fall asunder of its own weight, the free States will redeem and purify themselves from the foul disgrace of supporting an institution hated of men and cursed of God.