[House of Representatives.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 19, 1864.—Referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. H. W. Bruce.]

A RESOLUTION.

1. Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the people of
2. the United States know full well that the people of the Con-
3. federate States are, and have always been, willing to make
4. peace with them on fair and honorable terms, based upon the
5. independence of the Confederate States—the only basis on
6. which the latter will ever consent to a peace—and that it is,
7. therefore, now useless for the latter to make farther direct
8. overtures of peace to the former.