11. That a people who are liable, under any pretext or circumstances whatever, to enslavement by the laws of a country, cannot be free in that country, because the rights of a freeman necessarily are sacred and inviolable.

12. That, as men and equals, we demand every political right, privilege and position to which the whites are eligible in the United States, and we will either attain to these, or accept of nothing.

13. That, as colored people, in whatever part of the country we may be located, we will accept of no political rights nor privileges but such as shall be impartial in their provisions; nor will we acknowledge these, except extended alike to each and every colored person in such State or territory.

14. That the political distinctions in many of the States, made by the whites, and accepted of by the colored people, comprise, in many instances, our greatest social curses, and tend more than any thing else to divide our interests and make us indifferent to each others' welfare.

15. That we pledge our integrity to use all honorable means, to unite us, as one people, on this continent.

16. That we have no confidence in any political party nor politician—by whatever name they may be styled, or whatever their pretensions—who acknowledges the right of man to hold property in his fellow man—whether this right be admitted as a “necessary” part of the National Compact, the provisions of the Missouri Compromise, the detestibly insulting and degrading Fugitive Slave act, or the more recent contemptible Nebraska-Kansas Bill.

17. That the Act of Congress of 1850, known as the Fugitive Bill, we declare to be a general law, tending to the virtual enslavement of every colored person in the United States; and consequently we abhor its existence, dispute its authority, refuse submission to its provisions, and hold it in a state of the most contemptuous abrogation.