

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Thirty Sixth Congress of the United States, at the second Session, begun and held at the city of Washington in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, of America in Congress assembled, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution, viz :

ARTICLE XIII.

No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State.

WILLIAM PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
*Vice President of the United States, and
President of the Senate.*

Approved March 2, 1861.

JAMES BUCHANAN.