

1865 Joint Resolutions, No. 5

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Resolutions ratifying an amend-
ment to the Constitution of the United States
of America proposed by Congress to the
Legislatures of the several States.

Whereas, It is provided by the fifth
Article of the Constitution of the United
States of America, that Congress, whenever
two thirds ^{of both} Houses shall deem it necessary,
shall propose Amendments to the said
Constitution, or on the application of the
Legislatures of two thirds of the several
States shall call a convention for proposing
Amendments, which in either case shall
be valid to all intents and purposes as
part of the said Constitution when
ratified by the Legislatures of three
fourths of the several States or by Conven-
tions in three fourths thereof, as the one
or the other mode of ratification may be
proposed by the Congress.

And whereas, by the thirty eighth
Congress of the United States at the
second session thereof, begun and held
at the City of Washington on Monday
the fifth day of December in the year
eighteen hundred and sixty four, it
was resolved by the Senate and
House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress

Assembled, { two thirds of both Houses
Concurring, } 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
intent and purposes as a part of
said Constitution, Namely,

Article Thirteen

Sec. 1.

Neither Slavery nor involuntary ser-
vitude, except as a punishment for
crime whereof the party shall have
been duly convicted, shall exist
within the United States or any place
subject to their jurisdiction,

Sec. 2.

Congress shall have power to enforce
this Article by appropriate legislation:

Therefore,

Be it resolved, by the
General Assembly of Maryland,
that the aforesaid Amendment,
be and the same is hereby confirmed
and ratified,

By the House of Delegates

By the Senate

These engrossed resolutions
the original of which
passed the House of

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resolutions the
original of

Delegates by yeas
and nays. February
1st 1855, were this
day read and
assented to

By order

W. R. Keole Chf. Clk.

which passed the
Senate by yeas and
nays February 3rd
1855, were this day
read and assented to,

By order

C. Hearwood, Secy.

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Examined.

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