

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

subject are required by law to be communicated to this Department. An acknowledgement of the receipt of this communication is requested by

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

To all to whom these presents may come greeting:
Certificate. I certify that annexed is a true copy of a concurrent resolution of Congress, entitled "Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States," the original of which resolution, received to-day, is on file in this Department.

* In testimony whereof, I, William
* SEAL. * H. Seward, Secretary of State of the
* United States, have hereunto subscribed
Seal. *****
my name and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

Report of the
Committee. The Committee have considered the question of ratification thus submitted to the Legislature of Maryland with all the careful deliberation which so important a measure demands.

The State of Maryland has the deepest interest in the speedy and peaceful restoration of friendly relations and intercourse between all the States and sections of the Union.

Her geographical position, her intimate connections in trade commerce and travel, with all portions of the Union, as well as her patriotic desire for the prosperity and happiness of the whole country, would induce her to make every possible sacrifice to promote the great objects of the Federal Constitution. These are declared to be "to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."