

thereof against the same. But Congress may, by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Preamble.

Sec. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for loss or the emancipation of any slave, but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Sec. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

*And whereas*, the Legislature of Maryland has duly considered the amendment to the Constitution of the United States therein proposed, therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Legislature of this State doth hereby refuse its ratification of the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby requested to transmit to the Secretary of State of the United States, a duly certified copy of these resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be and he is hereby requested to transmit a printed copy of the foregoing Report and Resolutions to the Executive of each of the several States of the Union.