

title is in your opinion sufficient, I will issue to the Trustees Mr. Henry an Executive warrant for the price agreed upon, viz: \$100 per acre

Yours very Respectfully
A. W. Bradford

Department of State

Washington 2^d February 1865

To His Excellency

The Governor of the State of Maryland
Annapolis Md.

Sir:

I transmit an attested copy of a Joint Resolution of Congress, approved on the 1st instant, proposing to the Legislatures of the several States a 13th Article to the Constitution of the United States. Your Excellency is requested to cause the decision of the Legislatures of Maryland to be taken upon the subject. An acknowledgement of the receipt of this communication is requested by

Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant

J. W. Seward

Actg. Secy.

A Resolution

Submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition 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 (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 intents and purposes, as a part of the said Constitution, namely:

Article 13.

Section 1. Neither Slavery (nor involuntary servitude), 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.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation.

Approved February 1. 1865

United States of America

Department of State

To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting: