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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

April 30, 1861.

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COPY

OF

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

TO THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

Frederick City, April 30, 1861.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates :

I herewith transmit to your honorable body a copy of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which was adopted, as a joint resolution, by Congress, and approved by the President; and which is authenticated under the Seal of the Department of State at Washington.

THOS. H. HICKS.

COPY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT
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CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

*To his Excellency,
The Governor of the State of Maryland,
Annapolis:*

WASHINGTON, March 16, 1861.

SIR:—I transmit an authenticated copy of a joint resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States, adopted by Congress, and approved on the 2nd of March, 1861, by James Buchanan, President.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's ob't servant,

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

To all whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I certify that the paper hereunto annexed, has been compared with the original roll, and is a true copy of the "Joint Resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States;" approved March 2, 1861.

In testimony whereof, I, William H. Seward, Secretary of
{ L.S. } State of the United States, have hereunto subscrib-
ed my name and caused the seal of the Depart-
ment of State to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 13th day of March,
A. D. 1861, and of the Independence of the United States of
America the 85th.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

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.