# Thirty-Eighth Congress of the United States.

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 XIII.

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.

Attest: [signature] Secretary of the Senate [signature] Clerk of the House of Representatives

[signature] Speaker of the House of Representatives

H. Hamlin Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate

Approved, February 1, 1865. Abraham Lincoln

In the Senate, April 8, 1864.

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In the House of Representatives, January 31, 1865

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