

Thirty eighth Congress of the United States at the second session, began and held at the City of Washington, on Monday the 5th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

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.

I certify that this Resolution originated in the Senate.

Secretary.

H. C. Cavolin.

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.

Approved February 1, 1865

Abraham Lincoln

Extensive list of names in columns, including names like Wm. D. Wiley, James A. Garfield, and others, likely representing members of Congress or signatories.