

## No. 8.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has received official notification of the passage by both Houses of the Fortieth Congress of the United States, of the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, in the words following, to wit :

A resolution proposing an amendment to 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 as part of the Constitution, namely :

## ARTICLE XV.

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Fifteenth amendment.

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

*Therefore be it resolved*, By the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Legislature of this State hereby reject the said fifteenth Article proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of United States, and on behalf of the State of Maryland, refuses to ratify the same.

Refuse to ratify.

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, duly attested, to the Secretary of State of the United States, our Representatives and Senators in Congress, and to the Governors of each of the States in the United States.

Give notice.