

the said Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; *and whereas*, by the thirty-eighth Congress of the United States at the second session thereof, begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday the fifth day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, it was 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 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.

Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the aforesaid amendment be and the same is hereby confirmed and ratified.

No. 6.

WHEREAS, a bill has been introduced into the Senate of the United States levying a tax of twenty-five cents per pound on leaf tobacco, stems and scraps, and thirty cents on tobacco known as strips; *and whereas*, the imposition of such a tax

Assented to
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