

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW YORK,

IN RELATION TO

The Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

JANUARY 23, 1865.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States so as to abolish slavery.

Resolved, (if the assembly concur,) That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to make all necessary exertions to secure the passage of a resolution by that body, submitting to the legislatures of the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States by adding thereto the following :

ARTICLE XIII.

SEC. 1. Slavery, being incompatible with a free government, is forever prohibited in the United States ; and involuntary servitude shall be permitted only as a punishment for crime.

SEC. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce the foregoing section of this article by appropriate legislation.

Resolved, That his excellency, the governor, be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in Congress.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
In Assembly, January 17, 1865.

The foregoing resolutions were duly passed.

By order of the assembly.

J. B. CUSHMAN, *Clerk.*

STATE OF NEW YORK,
In Senate, January 11, 1865.

The foregoing resolutions were duly passed.

By order of the senate.

JAS. TERWILLIGER, *Clerk.*