

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF MAINE,

RELATIVE TO

*The amendment of the Constitution of the United States.*

JANUARY 31, 1865.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVES relating to an amendment of the Constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery.

*Resolved,* That the people of Maine, believing that the institution of slavery is the chief obstacle to an early and permanent pacification of the country, and impressed with the conviction that our duty to God and our fellow-man demands that so foul a blot should be removed from every rod of the soil of the American-republic, are ardently desirous that Congress should immediately submit to the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, so as to abolish slavery; in the confident hope that the amendment will be ratified by the requisite number of States, and that thereby the source of our national woes and the stigma on our national fame may be constitutionally removed, and the blessings of a substantial peace, a real union, and a strong nationality secured.

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolves be transmitted to our senators and our representatives in Congress, and that they be requested to omit no efforts to secure the early passage of the resolution providing for a submission of the proposed amendment of the Constitution to the several States.

In the House of Representatives, January 25, 1865.—Read and passed.

W. A. P. DILLINGHAM, *Speaker.*

In Senate, January 26, 1865.—Read and passed.

DAVID D. STEWART, *President.*

January 27, 1865.—Approved.

SAMUEL CONY.

STATE OF MAINE, OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,

*Augusta, January 27, 1865.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original as deposited in this office.

EPHRAIM FLINT, JR.,

*Secretary of State.*