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Thirty-sixth
Congress of the United States
At the Second Session

Begun and held at the City of Washington
In the District of Columbia

On Monday the third day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Joint Resolution 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 that

The following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, where ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution, viz:

Article XII. No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State.

Approved March 2, 1861
James Buchanan (signature)

Wm. Pennington (signature)
Speaker of the House of Representatives

John C. Breckenridge (signature)
Vice President of the United States,
& President of the Senate