

# U.S. CONSTITUTION: AMENDMENT XIII

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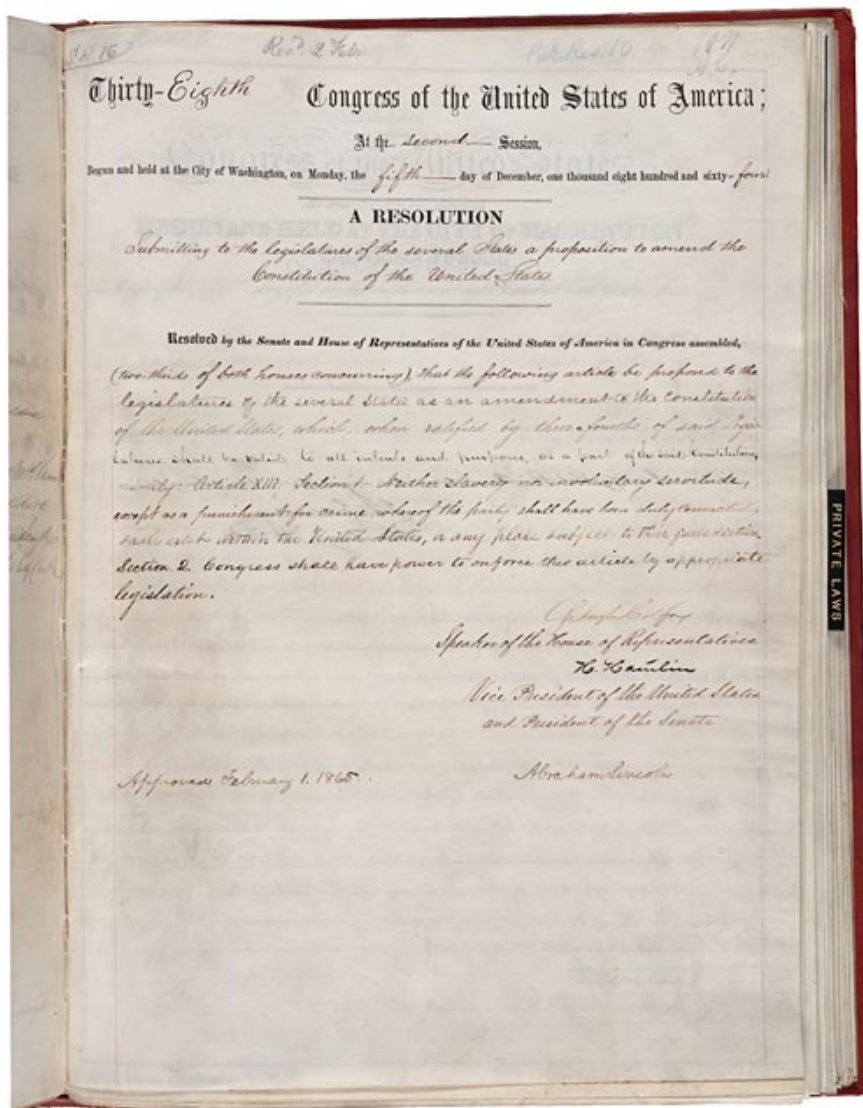
**Note:** A portion of Article IV, section 2, of the Constitution was superseded by the 13th amendment.

## 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.

## Section 2.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



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