



An Act to ratify an amendment of the Constitution of the
United States, proposed to the Legislatures of the several
States by a Resolution of Congress, approved on the first day of
February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and sixty five.

A. D. Mannors,
Chairman.

Truly and strictly engrossed.
Edward Payson
Chairman

The act
to ratify an Amendment
made by the Constitution
of the United States
proposed by Congress
Feb. 1. 1865

State of Maine.

In the year of our Lord, one thousand and
eight hundred and sixty five.

Our act to ratify an Amendment of
the constitution of the United States, propos-
ed to the legislatures of the several States,
by a Resolution of Congress approved on
the first day of February in the year of
our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and
sixty five.

Whereas at the second session of the
thirty eighth Congress of the United States of
America, held at Washington in the District
of Columbia on the first day of February
aforesaid, it was resolved as follows viz:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Rep-
resentatives 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
the said Constitution, namely-

Art. XIII.

Section 1. Neither slavery, nor involuntary
servitude, except as a punishment for crime
whereof the party shall have been duly con-
victed shall exist within the United States, or
any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to en-
force this article by appropriate legislation.

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate
and House of Representatives of the State of
Maine in legislature assembled, as follows viz
Sect. 1. That the said proposed Amendment be
and the same is hereby ratified on behalf of
the State of Maine.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect on its approval
by the Governor.

Senate Feb 7 1865

Read twice the rules being
suspended and passed to be
engrossed &c &c

Thomas P. Cleaves

Secy -
House of Reps.

February, 7, 1865.

Read three times, rules being suspend-
ed and passed to be engrossed in
concurrence. Horace Falmus, Clerk