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, appeared on the first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five. 

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Art. XIII.

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 District of Columbia; and Congress shall have power to legislate therein.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to prohibit the importation of slaves for twenty years after the adoption of this article, by appropriate legislation.

This article shall be in force from its adoption.

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[Date: Feb. 2, 1863]

[Senate]

[Attested]

[Date: Feb. 7, 1863]

[House of Representatives]