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BY THE SENATE,

FEBRUARY 12, 1870.

Reported favorably from the Committee on Federal Relations, and read the second time.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary.

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Federal Relations,

BEING

JOINT RESOLUTIONS,

REJECTING THE 15th AMENDMENT PROPOSED
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES.

ANNA POLIS:

WILLIAM THOMPSON OF R., STATE PRINTER.

1870.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has received official notification of the passage by both Houses of the Seventieth Congress of the United States, of the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, in the words following, to wit :

A Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives 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 as part of the Constitution, namely.

ARTICLE XV.

SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

SEC. 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, that the Legislature of this State, hereby reject the said 15th Article proposed as an amendment to the Consti-

tution of the United States, and on behalf of the State of Maryland, refuses to ratify the same.

Resolved, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution duly attested to the Secretary of State of the United States, our Representatives and Senators in Congress, and to the Governors of each of the States in the United States.