



RESOLUTIONS

In regard to the proposed Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States did, at the first session of the Thirty-Ninth Congress, propose to the Legislatures of the several States, as an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the following:

“ARTICLE XIV.

“SECTION 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

“SECTION 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

“SECTION 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may, by a vote of two thirds of each House, remove such disability.

“SECTION 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations, and claims shall be held illegal and void.

“SECTION 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.”

AND WHEREAS, the same has been officially laid before this Legislature for its consideration and action; therefore, be it

1. *Resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky*, That the proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States as aforesaid be, and the same is hereby, rejected.

2. *Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to notify the proper departments of the United States Government of this action of the Kentucky Legislature, in regard to said proposed amendment.

II. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD T. JACOB,

Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED 10th January, 1867.

THOS. E. BRAMLETTE, *Governor of Kentucky.*

By the Governor:

JOHN S. VANWINKLE, *Secretary of State.*

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Department of State,

Washington January 21, 1867.

His Excellency

Thomas E Bramlette,

Governor of Kentucky, Frankfort.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 14th instant, transmitting a printed copy of a Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky, approved on the 10th of January, 1867, rejecting a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The letter and its enclosure have been placed on file in this Department.

I am your obedient servant,

William H. Seward