



STATES RATIFYING THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House of the 4th instant, making inquiry as to the States having ratified the amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

FEBRUARY 6, 1867.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

To the House of Representatives :

I transmit a report from the Secretary of State, in answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of yesterday, making inquiry as to the States which have ratified the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the thirty-ninth Congress.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, *February 5, 1867.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 5, 1867.

The Secretary of State having received a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 4th of February, 1867, directing him to report to that house what States now represented in Congress have ratified the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the thirty-ninth Congress, has the honor to report to the President that authentic evidence of such ratification has been received at this department from the following named States :

Connecticut, Tennessee, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, West Virginia, Kansas, and Missouri.

A printed copy of a joint resolution ratifying the said amendment, bearing the printed names of the speaker of the house of representatives and president of the senate of the State of New Hampshire, followed by the words "Approved July 7, 1866," the printed name of the governor of said State, and "A true copy; Attest: Walter Harriman, secretary of state," has also been received at this department.

Respectfully submitted :

The PRESIDENT.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.