

Excerpt from the
Corwin Amendment

JOINT RESOLUTION TO
AMEND THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE
UNITED STATES.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, of America in Congress assembled, 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 part of the said Constitution, viz:

ARTICLE XIII.

No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State.

WILLIAM PENNINGTON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

JOHN BRECKINRIDGE,
Vice President of the United States, and
President of the Senate

Approved March 2, 1861
JAMES BUCHANAN