



AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN ANSWER TO

*A resolution of the House of the 6th instant, relative to the States ratifying the amendment to the Constitution of the United States known as the 14th article.*

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JANUARY 10, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary 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 how many and what State legislatures have ratified the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States known as the fourteenth article.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, *January 7, 1868.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

*Washington, January 7, 1868.*

The Secretary of State, having received a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 6th of January, 1868, directing him to inform that house "how many and what State legislatures have ratified the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States known as the fourteenth article," has the honor to report to the President that official notice has been received at this department of the ratification of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the thirty-ninth Congress, and denominated "Article XIV," by the legislatures of the following named States: Connecticut, New Hampshire, Tennessee, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, New York, Ohio, Illinois, West Virginia, Kansas, Nevada, Missouri, Indiana, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Massachusetts, and Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted:

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

The PRESIDENT.