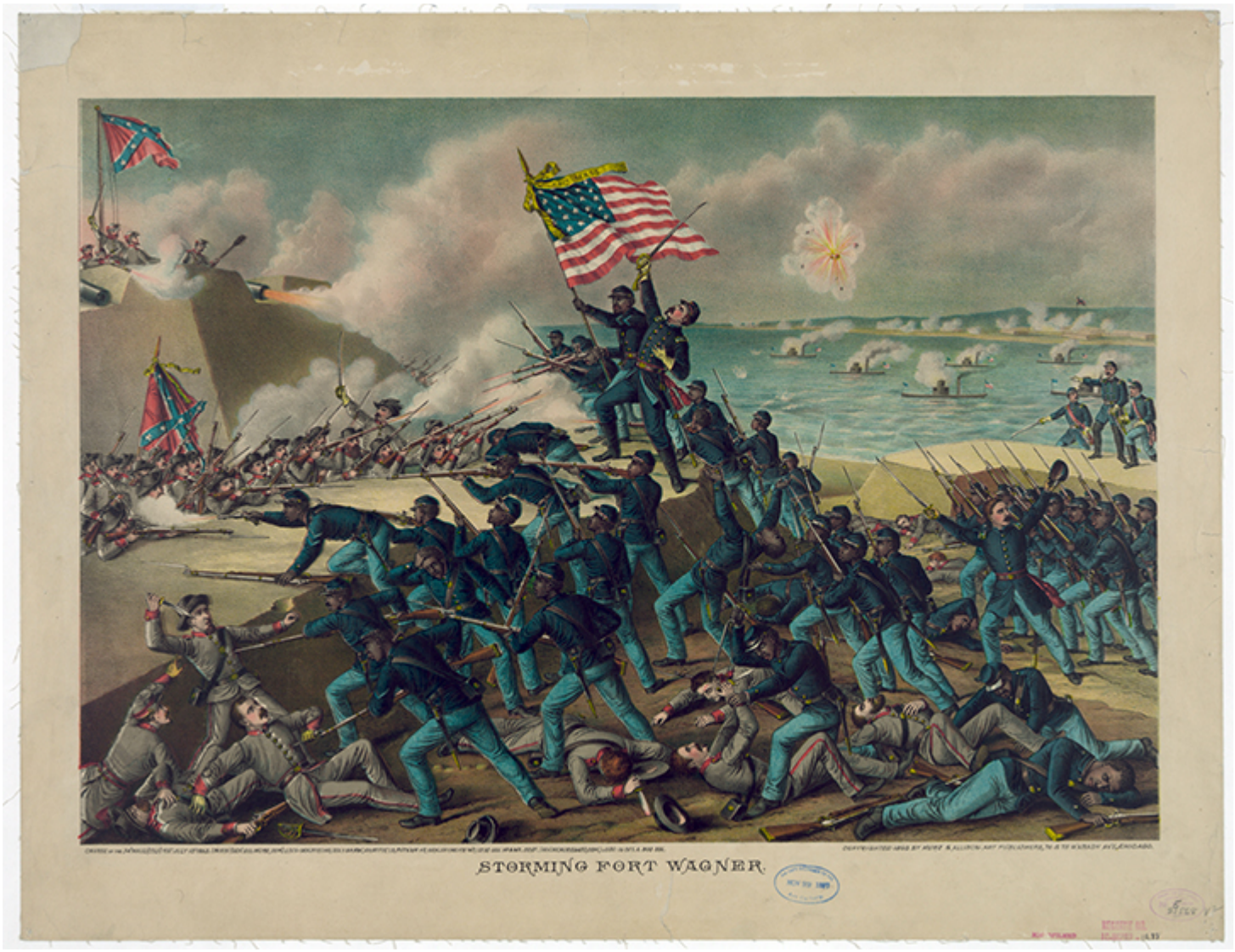

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Morris Island. S. C. July 20

My Dear Amelia: I have been in two fights, and am unhurt I am about to go in another I believe to-night. Our men fought well on both occasions The last was desperate we charged that terrible battery on Morris Island known as Fort Wagoner, and were repulsed with a loss of 300 killed and wounded. I escaped unhurt from amidst that perfect hail of shot and shell. It was terrible. I need not particularize the papers will give a better than I have time to give. My thoughts are with you often, you are as dear as ever, be good enough to remember it—and no doubt you will.

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massacre of vanquished foes, and non-combatants, male and female.

But the proclamation, as law, either is valid, or is not valid. If it is not valid, it needs no retraction. If it is valid, it can not be retracted, any more than ~~the~~ ~~being~~ can be brought the dead, to life. Some of you profess to think its retraction would operate favorably for the Union. Why better after the retraction, than before the issue? There was more than a year and a half of trial to suppress the rebellion before the proclamation issued, the last one hundred days of which passed under an explicit notice that it was coming, unless averted by those in revolt, returning to their allegiance. The war has certainly progressed as favorably for us, since the issue of the proclamation as before.

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You say you will not fight to free negroes. Some of them seem willing to fight for you; but, no matter. Fight you, then, exclusively to save the Union. I issued the proclamation on purpose to aid you in saving the Union. Whenever you shall have conquered all resistance to the Union, if I shall urge you to continue fighting, it will be an apt time then for you to declare you will not fight to free negroes.

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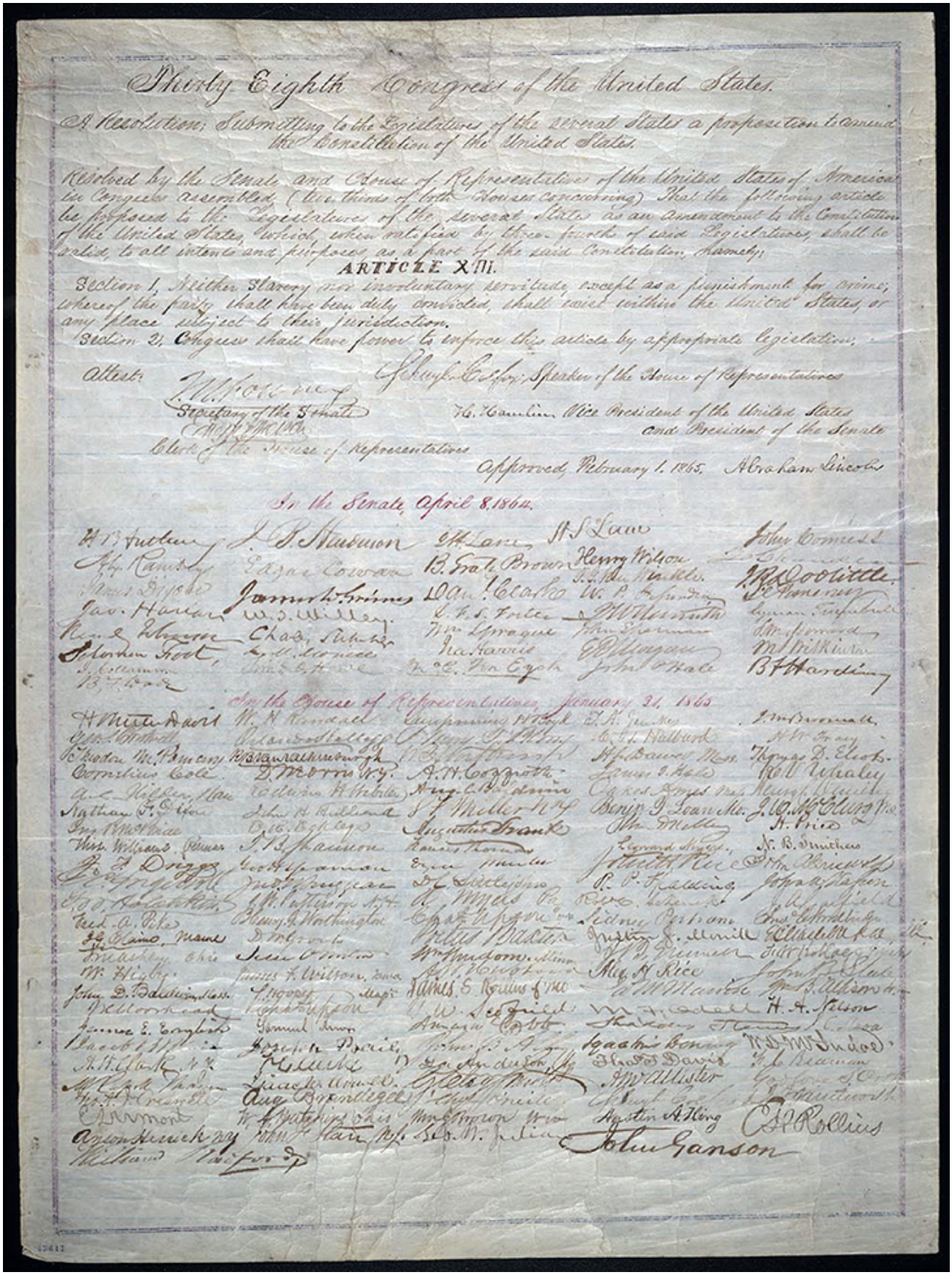

Thirty Eighth Congress of the United States.

A Resolution; Submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a proposition 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, (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, to all intents and purposes as a part of the said Constitution, namely;

ARTICLE XIII.

Section 1. Neither Slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Attest: J. W. Forney, Secretary of the Senate

Schuyler Colfax, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate

Attest: Edward McPherson, Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved, February 1. 1865. Abraham Lincoln

In the Senate, April 8, 1864.

In the House of Representatives January 31. 1865

John Ganson

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WILLIE WILDWOOD.—We take great pleasure in enrolling you among our regular contributors. Your song of "The South" appears in this number of our paper.

MISS MARY A. MCCRIMMON.—Let us hear from you often. We will do all in our power in favor of the noble work of the Southern ladies.

"ANNITA."—Let us hear from you again.

"COMMENTARIUS."—We are much pleased with everything you have sent us. We readily agree with you "that amateur effort can never contend successfully against professional labor; i. e. literature flourishes only when it is cultivated as a regular profession." We do not propose to "use the brains" of our contributors without a just remuneration. We have written to you. Let us have an answer at your earliest convenience.

"LOUISE."—We admire your spirit. The last from your portfolio shall appear shortly.

"SERGEANT," Charleston.—We will give your article attention as early as possible. Our artiste is too busy at present. We have no means of answering your question, Congress having adjourned, and the delegates gone home.

MRS. H., Church Hill.—The assertions made need no argument to sustain them—besides the subject would not interest our readers.

MISS USHER.—Your article has been misplaced. Let us hear from you again.

"KU CURREE."—We want humorous articles, but the subject you have chosen is a bad one. It would grate harshly upon ears polite, and may-be, *offensive* too.

GRACE MILLWOOD.—Accept our thanks for your last letter.

"MISS H."—Yes! We expect to commence the publication of an "illustrated love story" in a very short time.

"AN INQUIRER."—We cannot give a picture of the *new Richmond theatre* now—it is not yet completed. We have been spoken to on the subject and may do so soon. We shall certainly endeavor to give a description of it.

The "Young Confederate" and "Post Willie," by J. M., are respectfully declined. The first named, mainly, on account of its length, and the latter on the ground that we do not republish poems at the request of any one. We do not ask any writer what he or she *has* done, but what they are capable of doing at present. They should all remember that

> ——"Beauty, wit, honor,
> High birth, vigor of bone, desert in service,
> Love, friendship, charity are subject all
> To envious and calumniating times."

And therefore should not seek remuneration for "the thing that was."

"C. C."—Your verse is like the "forced gait of a shuffling nag." Heavenly blue eyes are very handsome features, but it does not naturally follow that every one in love with them is enabled thereby to write poetry.

"E. S."—Very good sentiment, but not poetry.

"Virginia," by "C.," is respectfully declined.

"Lines on an Ambrotype" are declined. We advise the author to marry the original, and settle down. Matrimony is the "sovereignest remedy" in the world for the muse-struck.

"A voice from Maryland," on file for use when occasion will make it apropos.

"My Mountain Home" by Lola, is accepted and will appear shortly.

THE DRAMA.

> "All the world's a stage,
> And all the men and women merely players;
> They have their exits and their entrances,
> And one man in his time plays many parts;"

The "Varieties," of late, with a commendable spirit, have been treating their patrons to the legitimate drama. We witnessed the advent of the legitimate with unspeakable pride, and regarded it as a bright harbinger of the good time coming; but just as the management were in the height of the *legitimate rule*, down comes the time-honored ensign, and the Bowery flag is raised with "Jack Sheppard" emblazoned on, and three Jacks in the field. This piece is one of the vilest of the vile flash pieces ever conceived in the brain of mortal man, has a demoralizing tendency, besides lowering the dignity of the stage, and therefore should never be produced in a respectable community. Now, we candidly ask, would any *well regulated* theatre have been guilty of such an indiscretion? Some may contend that this piece *has* had an immense run in Northern theatres. This may be so, but it was not in a *first-class* theatre, and then, it was a *long* time ago. The management of the "Varieties" are constructing a theatre in this city, which, when completed, in point of architecture, will be inferior to none in this country, and the course to be pursued when entering that establishment with their *corps dramatique* should be marked out now. They should endeavor, at the present time, to give the community some idea of what may be expected of them when they are installed in their new temple. We trust the performances at the "Varieties" are not to be considered a criterion. No one knows better than the acting manager of the "Varieties," that an actor who sacrifices his *judgment* to succeed, or to please an indiscriminate audience, is not fit to hold a position in a negro minstrel company.

We make these remarks in no spirit of ill-will, but with the hope that the management will see the errors to which we allude, and "correct them altogether." Give us but a faint assurance that you intend to raise the drama to its proper standard, and we guarantee you a warm and hearty support.

On Monday night last we had the pleasure of seeing Miss Katie Estelle in the *role of Mrs. Haller*. This lady's acting is very faulty, and open to severe criticism. For this reason we have studiously avoided any reference to her, hoping to witness an improvement in her style, which would allow us to speak of her. Much do our gratification, we witnessed that improvement on Monday night. In some passages her Mrs. Haller was equal to that of Julia Dean, though, like that lady, her pronunciation, at times, was rife in the extreme. One great fault of Miss Estelle is, that of not knowing her part, at times being unable to speak even the words. At such times she will articulate in a guttural manner, not unfrequently spoiling some of the best scenes in the play. Another serious fault is that of not dressing her characters properly. We do not mean that she does not dress them *fine* enough, but that she does not dress in *character*. For instance, we saw her enact the part of *Martha Gibbs*, who was an English factory girl, decked in a *peasant's* dress; again, in "Black-eyed Susan," she wore a white train instead of the dark ankle dress. This is a grievous error, and one which it behooves the management to look after. We mention these things the more freely, because this is the leading company in the Confederacy, and Miss Estelle holds the first female position, is possessed of a certain amount of talent, and there can therefore be no excuse for her short comings in the art she *should* adorn. We wish we could say more in favor of this lady. We know it is customary to panegyrize anybody and everybody who holds a position upon the stage, because eulogy is, in many cases, more profitable than just criticism, when the latter happens to take the shape of dispraise. We shall, however, endeavor to adhere to good taste, and good common sense.

Some portions of the *Stranger* of Mr. Hamilton were well rendered, though, as a whole, it was a respectable performance—nothing more. The character had not been studied close enough. The conception was bad.

The *Stanford* of Mr. Stevenson was a cold and stiff portraiture of the warm hearted friend. Besides, this gentleman was guilty of the very bad practice of "winging his part."

The *Francis* of Mr. Bates was rendered with more than usual ease, while Mr. Morton, as *Peter*, and Mr. Harrison, as *Solomon*, were particularly happy.

Miss Maggie Estelle, as the *Countess*, spoke the lines tolerably well, but did not *act* the part. She seemed totally devoid of all animation.

The performance, taken as a whole, might be put down as "fair to middling."

SOUTHERN THEATRES.

At Mobile, Manager Crisp is playing the *Marble Heart* with immense success. The dress circle, on its first representation, is said to have been crowded, the ladies occupying rows of chairs five and six deep. Mr. Dalton is highly spoken of as Raphael.

The "Queen Sisters" have brought out a new piece at Atlanta, entitled "The Conscript." They are playing to good houses.

BALTIMORE.

Eddy and Maggy Mitchell are still the reigning stars at the two theatres in Baltimore.

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King Abraham before and after issuing the EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

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