State of Louisiana

An Ordinance

To abolish Slavery and Involuntary Servitude

We, The people of the State of Louisiana in Convention assembled, do hereby declare and ordain as follows:

Section First: Slavery and Involuntary Servitude except as a punishment for Crime whereof the party Shall have been duly Con=victed are hereby for ever abolished and prohibited throughout the State.

Section Second: The Legislature Shall make no law, recognizing the right of property in Man.

Adopted in Convention at New Orleans on this Eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and Sixty four, and Eighty Eighth of the Independence of the United States of America.

E H Cowell

President

of the Constitutional Convention of the State of Louisiana.

A true Copy

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