

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 17, 1864.

Mr. BROWN asked, and by unanimous consent obtained, leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice, referred to the select Committee on Slavery and Freedmen, and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To abolish slavery throughout all the States and Territories of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That from and after the passage of this act slavery shall not
4 exist in any State or Territory of the United States, any law,
5 usage, claim, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding;
6 nor shall involuntary servitude be permitted otherwise than
7 in punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been
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