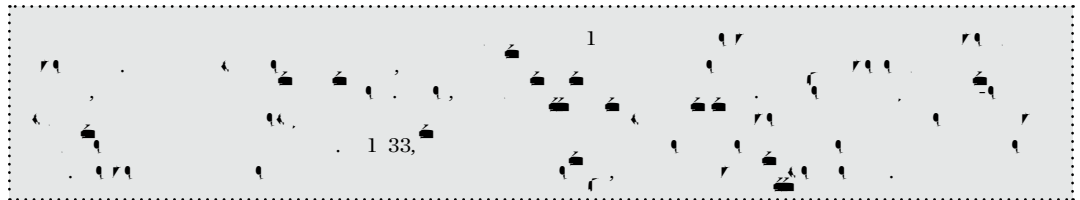


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MASSACHUSETTS CONSTITUTION WILL BE USED TO END SLAVERY IN THE STATE

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The Massachusetts Constitution, adopted on October 25, 1780, is a landmark document in American history. It is the only state constitution that explicitly states that all men are born free and equal. This principle has been a cornerstone of the state's legal and political system for over two centuries.



The Massachusetts Constitution is a testament to the state's commitment to liberty and justice for all. It has served as a model for other state constitutions and has inspired the development of the federal Constitution. The principle of equality before the law is a fundamental right that has been protected and expanded over time.