

Slavery in
the Structure of
American Politics
1765-1820

It seemed now to be pretty well understood that the real difference of interests lay, not between the large and small but between the Northern and Southern states. The institution of slavery and its consequences formed the line of discrimination.

—James Madison, at the Constitutional Convention, July 14, 1787

The Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!"

—Abraham Lincoln, Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865

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