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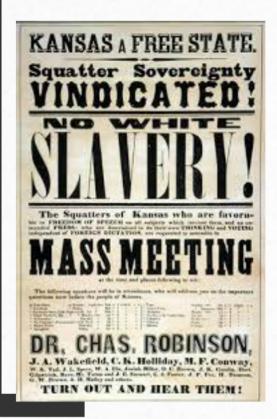
YORKTOWN IS WON!

Cornwallis' Sword is Delivered to American Forces

"The World Turned Upside Down"

Kansas Nebraska Act

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THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT WAS AN 1854 BILL THAT MANDATED "POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY"-ALLOWING SETTLERS OF A TERRITORY TO DECIDE WHETHER SLAVERY WOULD BE ALLOWED WITHIN A NEW STATE'S BORDERS, PROPOSED BY STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS-ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S OPPONENT IN THE INFLUENTIAL LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATES-THE BILL OVERTURNED THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE'S USE OF LATITUDE AS THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN SLAVE AND FREE TERRITORY, THE CONFLICTS THAT AROSE BETWEEN PRO-SLAVERY AND ANTI-SLAVERY SETTLERS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ACT'S PASSAGE LED TO THE PERIOD OF VIOLENCE KNOWN AS BLEEDING KANSAS, AND HELPED PAVED THE WAY FOR THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR. KANSAS WAS ADMITTED AS A FREE STATE IN JANUARY 1861 ONLY WEEKS AFTER EIGHT SOUTHERN STATES SECEDED FROM THE UNION.



Bleeding Kansas

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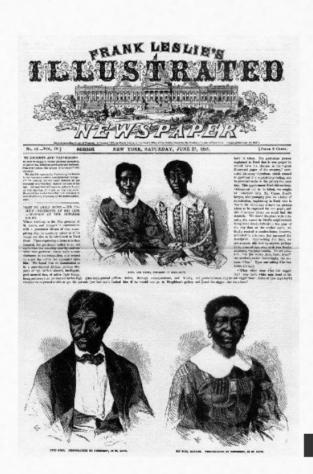


ON THE MORNING OF MAY 21, 1856 AN ARMED FORCE OF AS MANY AS 800 MEN DESCENDED UPON THE NEWLY FORMED TOWN OF LAWRENCE IN THE TERRITORY OF KANSAS AND PROCEEDED TO SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROY IT. WITH THIS ACT, THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE BECAME THE FIRST CASUALTY IN AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR THAT WOULD OFFICIALLY BE DECLARED FIVE YEARS LATER. "BLEEDING KANSAS" WAS THE TERM COINED BY HORACE GREELEY. PUBLISHER OF THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE. TO DESCRIBE THE VIOLENCE THAT RACKED THE TERRITORY AND TURNED IT INTO A BATTLEGROUND FOR PRO AND ANTI-SLAVERY ADHERENTS IN THE MID 1850S.

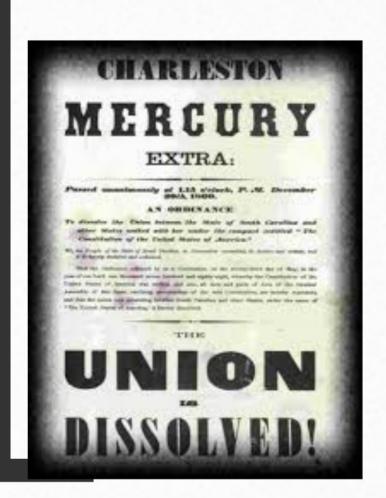
Dred Scott Case/Decision 1857

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DRED SCOTT, A SLAVE WHO HAD LIVED IN THE FREE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND THE FREE TERRITORY OF WISCONSIN BEFORE MOVING BACK TO THE SLAVE STATE OF MISSOURI, HAD APPEALED TO THE SUPREME COURT IN HOPES OF BEING GRANTED HIS FREEDOM. TANEY -- A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF SLAVERY AND INTENT ON PROTECTING SOUTHERNERS FROM NORTHERN AGGRESSION -- WROTE IN THE COURT'S MAJORITY OPINION THAT, BECAUSE SCOTT WAS BLACK, HE WAS NOT A CITIZEN AND THEREFORE HAD NO RIGHT TO SUE. REFERRING TO THE LANGUAGE IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT INCLUDES THE PHRASE, "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL," TANEY REASONED THAT "IT IS TOO CLEAR FOR DISPUTE, THAT THE ENSLAVED AFRICAN RACE WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED, AND FORMED NO PART OF THE PEOPLE WHO FRAMED AND ADOPTED THIS DECLARATION...." ABOLITIONISTS WERE INCENSED. ALTHOUGH DISAPPOINTED. FREDERICK DOUGLASS, FOUND A BRIGHT SIDE TO THE DECISION AND ANNOUNCED, "MY HOPES WERE NEVER BRIGHTER THAN NOW." FOR DOUGLASS, THE DECISION WOULD BRING SLAVERY TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NATION AND WAS A STEP TOWARD SLAVERY'S ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION.



South Carolina Secedes



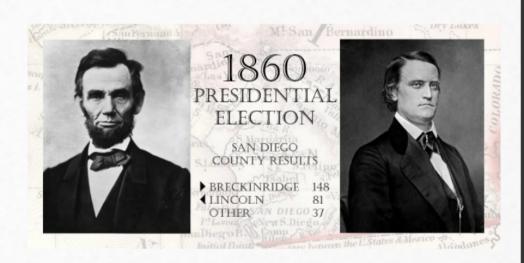
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ON DECEMBER 20, 1860, A SECESSION CONVENTION MEETING IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE DISSOLVING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE CONVENTION HAD BEEN CALLED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ONCE LINCOLN'S VICTORY WAS ASSURED. ITS ACTION MADE SOUTH CAROLINA THE FIRST STATE TO SECEDE.

Lincolns Elected President 1860

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LINCOLN, A KENTUCKY-BORN LAWYER AND FORMER WHIG REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS, FIRST GAINED NATIONAL STATURE DURING HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST STEPHEN DOUGLAS OF ILLINOIS FOR A U.S. SENATE SEAT IN 1858. LINCOLN ARGUED AGAINST THE SPREAD OF SLAVERY, WHILE DOUGLAS MAINTAINED THAT EACH TERRITORY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WOULD BECOME FREE OR SLAVE. LINCOLN LOST THE SENATE RACE, BUT HIS CAMPAIGN BROUGHT NATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE YOUNG REPUBLICAN PARTY. IN 1860, LINCOLN WON THE PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.

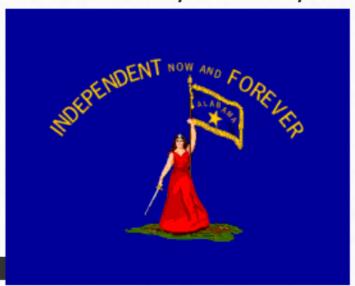


In the 1860 election, just a third of California voters went for Lincoln. But they helped him squeak out a statewide victory and gain California's measly four electoral votes. The Golden State was hardly populated at the time, therefore, Maine had more people than California.

Alabama Secedes

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA JOINED THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA DURING THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR AFTER SECEDING FROM THE UNITED STATES ON JANUARY 11, 1861. IT PROVIDED A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF TROOPS AND LEADERS, SUPPLIES, FOOD, HORSES AND MULES.



 This flag is the flag of the Republic of Alabama.

Confederate States Formed

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FEBRUARY 8, 1861, IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, DELEGATES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA, MISSISSIPPI, FLORIDA, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, AND LOUISIANA CONVENE TO ESTABLISH THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. THE CONFEDERACY LATER ACCEPTED TWO ADDITIONAL STATES AS MEMBERS (MISSOURI AND KENTUCKY) ALTHOUGH NEITHER OFFICIALLY DECLARED SECESSION NOR WERE EVER CONTROLLED BY CONFEDERATE FORCES. THE UNITED STATES (THE UNION) GOVERNMENT REJECTED SECESSION AND CONSIDERED THE CONFEDERACY ILLEGAL.



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