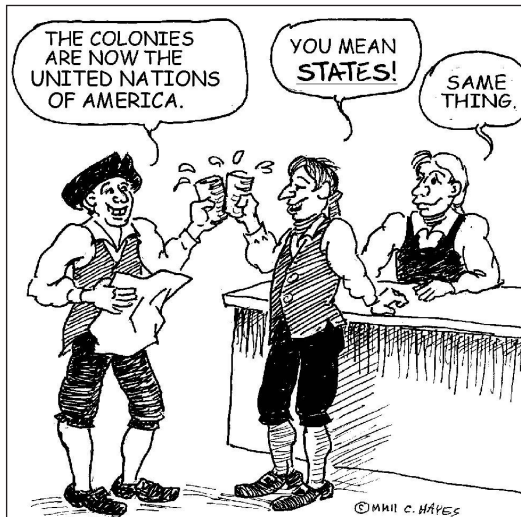


CHAPTER 1

CAUSES

Why Did the War Occur?



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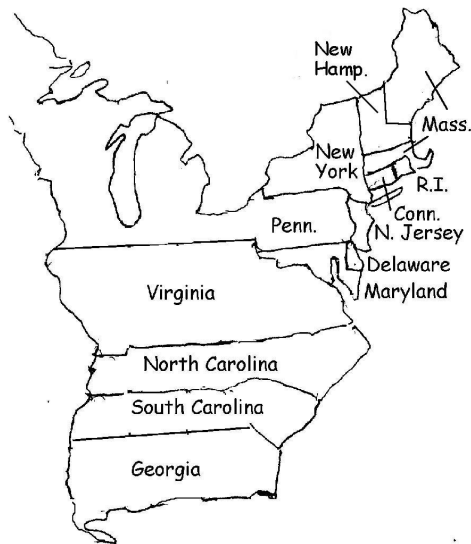
ORIGINALLY THE WORDS STATE AND NATION HAD THE SAME MEANING.

His majesty acknowledges the said United States, viz., New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, to be **FREE, SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATES**. He treats with them as such.

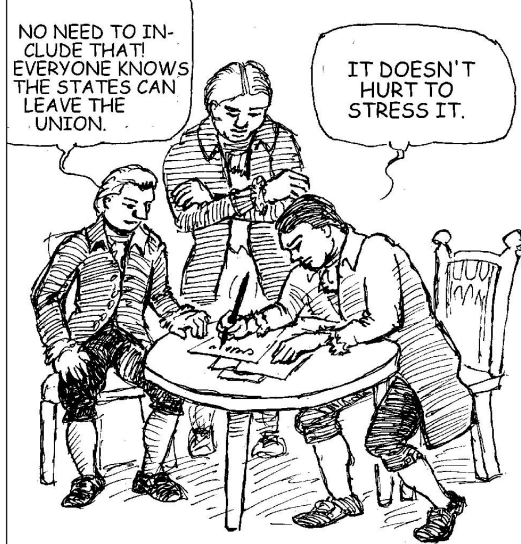
George III

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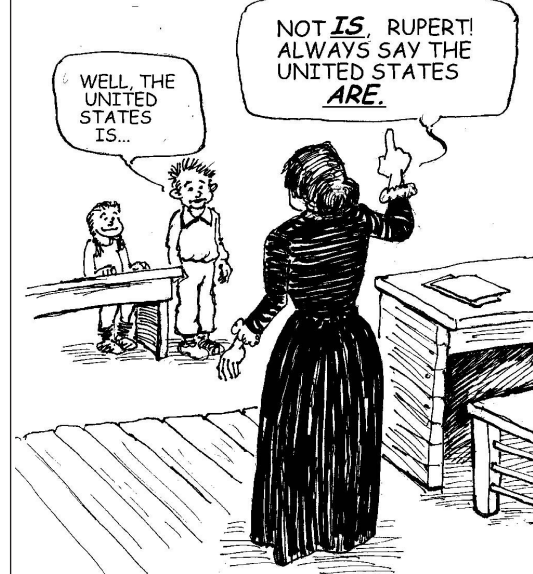
IN THE TREATY ENDING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, KING GEORGE RECOGNIZED EACH OF THE THIRTEEN COLONIES AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE (NATION).



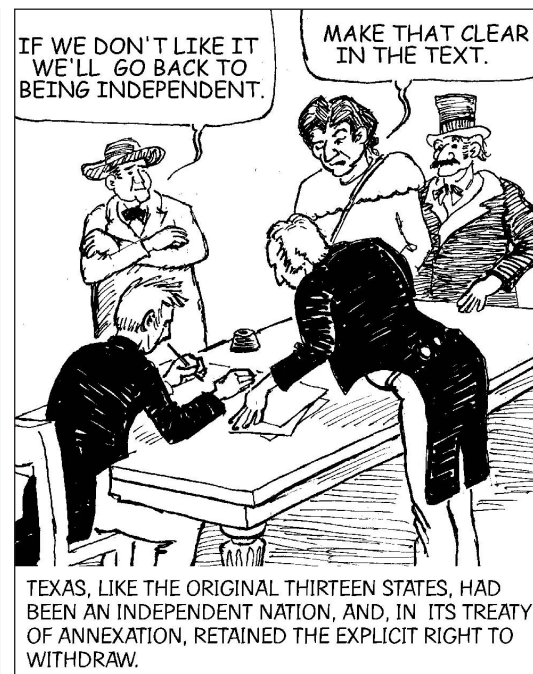
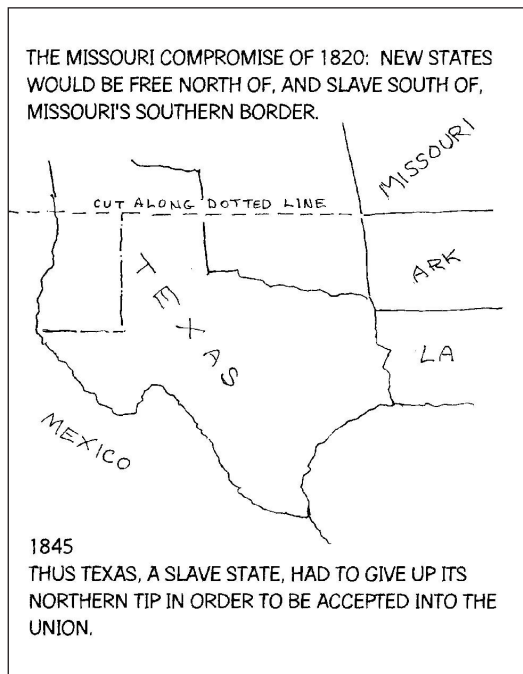
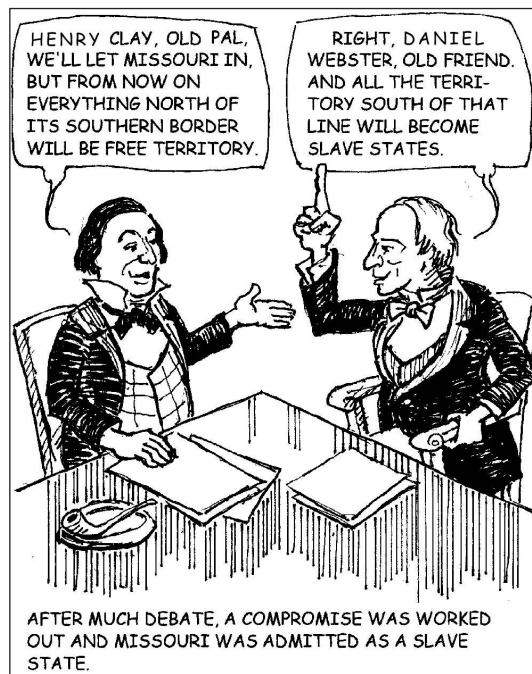
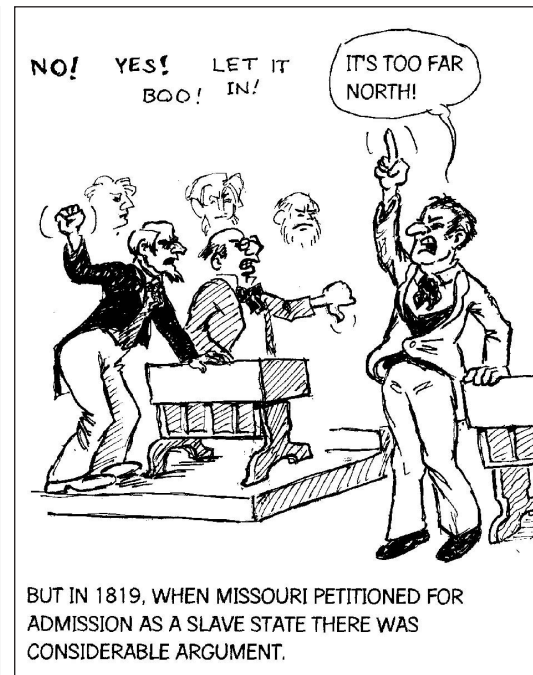
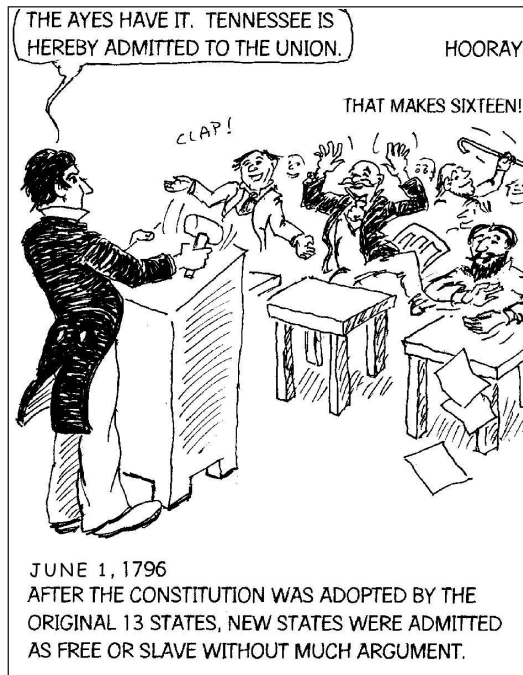
THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN STATES REGARDED THEMSELVES AS SOVEREIGN NATIONS, AND THE CONSTITUTION AS A COMPACT AMONG THEM.

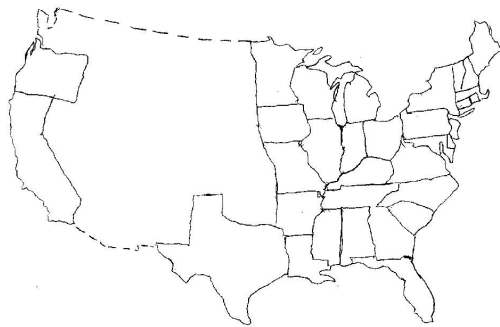


IN RATIFYING THE CONSTITUTION, VIRGINIA, NEW YORK, AND RHODE ISLAND ALL RESERVED THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW.



THE CONSTITUTION USED THE PLURAL, AND CORRECT GRAMMAR REQUIRED THE SAME FORM.



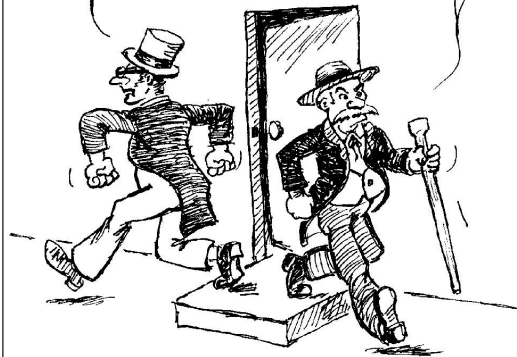


BUT NEW STATES WERE ADDED THAT HAD NEVER BEEN INDEPENDENT NATIONS, AND MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS, IGNORANT OF THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLES OF THE UNION, ARRIVED. FOR MANY THE MEANING OF **STATE** BEGAN TO LOSE THE IDEA OF **NATION**.

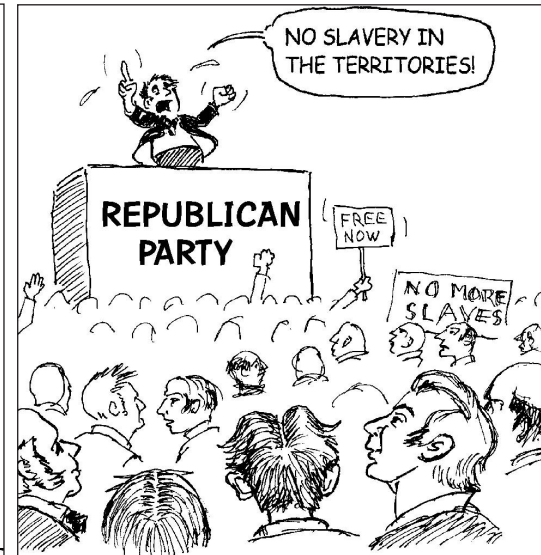
BAH! TOO MANY SOUTHERNERS. I'M JOINING THE FREE SOILERS.

PHOOEY! TOO MANY YANKEES. IT'S THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR ME.

WHIG PARTY HEADQUARTERS



THE WHIG PARTY DISINTEGRATED UNDER THE PRESSURE OF THE SLAVERY QUESTION.



1854 - MEMBERS OF THE FREE SOIL PARTY ALONG WITH NORTHERN WHIGS, ABOLITIONISTS, AND ANTI-SLAVERY DEMOCRATS MEET TO FOUND A NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

THE ROLE OF RACISM

Racism was not an issue. It is true that the white people of the South thought that their race was superior to any other on earth. The great majority of northern whites felt the same way, and so did Englishmen and other Europeans.

They would feel this way long after the War for Southern Independence was over, well into the twentieth century.

WHY THE REPUBLICANS OPPOSED SLAVERY IN THE TERRITORIES

"...All unoccupied territory of the United States, and such as they may hereafter acquire, shall be reserved for the white Caucasian race--a thing that cannot be except by the exclusion of slavery."

----From the 1856 Republican Presidential Platform



1850
BUT WHEN CALIFORNIA PETITIONED FOR ADMISSION AS A FREE STATE, THE NORTH RENEGED ON THE MISSOURI COMPROMISE.

THE KANSAS-NEBRASKA ACT OF 1854

ALTHOUGH NORTH OF THE 1820
COMPROMISE LINE, KANSAS WOULD
DECIDE BY VOTE WHETHER IT
WOULD BECOME A SLAVE OR A FREE
STATE.

PRO- AND ANTISLAVERY SETTLERS
RUSHED INTO KANSAS IN A RACE
TO FORM A MAJORITY.

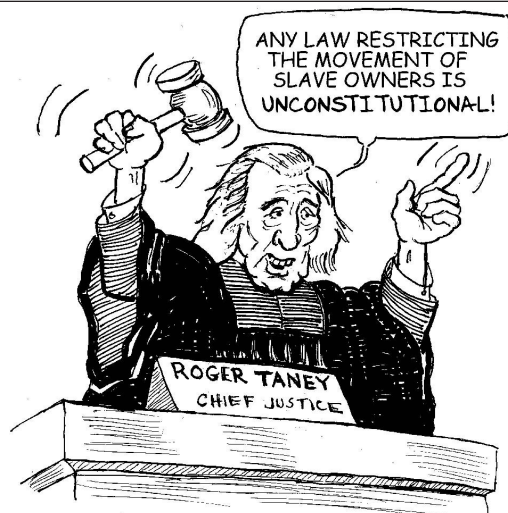


MAY 1856
POTTAWATOMIE CREEK, KANSAS

JOHN BROWN'S GANG HACKS FARMER DOYLE
AND HIS FOUR SONS TO DEATH WITH SWORDS.



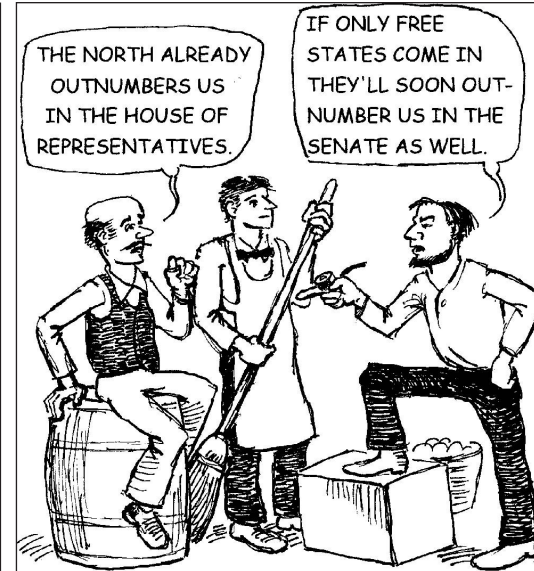
DESPITE THESE MURDERS, BROWN WAS
SHELTERED IN BOSTON BY RESPECTED
ABOLITIONISTS, INCLUDING MINISTERS.



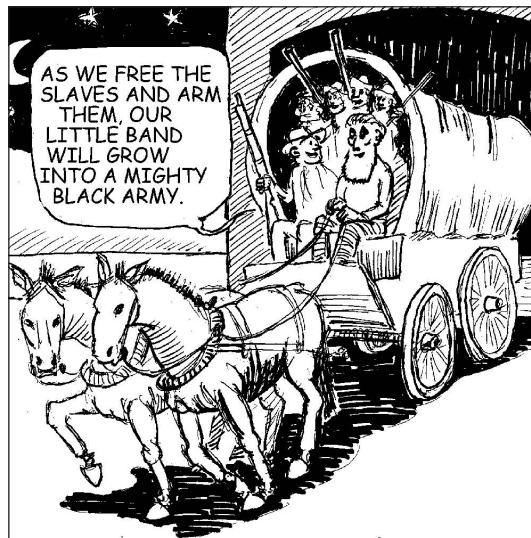
1857
IN THE DRED SCOTT CASE, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT
RULED THAT SLAVE OWNERS, WITH THEIR SLAVES, COULD
NOT BE KEPT OUT OF ANY TERRITORY. NEVERTHELESS, THE
REPUBLICANS CONTINUED TO CAMPAIGN ON THIS ISSUE.



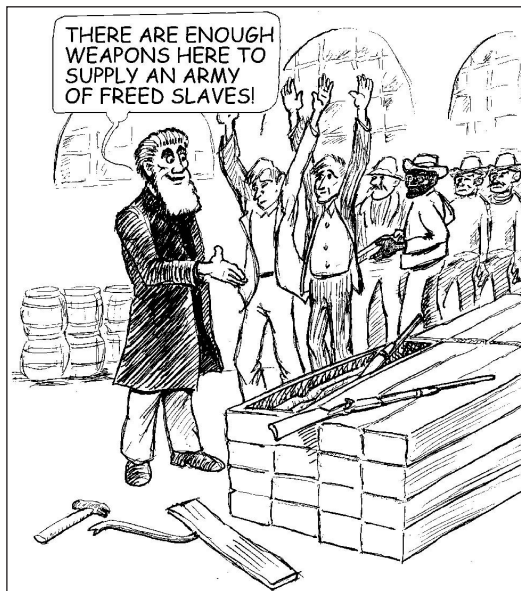
1858 - THE NEW PARTY, MADE UP ALMOST
ENTIRELY OF ANTISLAVERY NORTHERNERS,
MAKES SURPRISING GAINS IN THE
CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS.



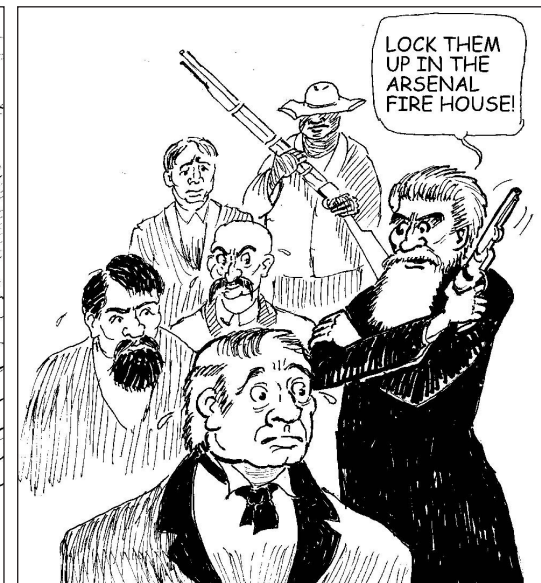
WHY THE SOUTH THOUGHT SLAVERY MUST
BE PERMITTED IN THE TERRITORIES.



THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 16, 1859
SECRETLY FINANCED BY PROMINENT MASSACHUSETTS ABOLITIONISTS, BROWN AND 21 ARMED HENCHMEN, BLACK AND WHITE, ENTER HARPERS FERRY, VIRGINIA.



THEY EASILY CAPTURED THE U.S. ARSENAL.



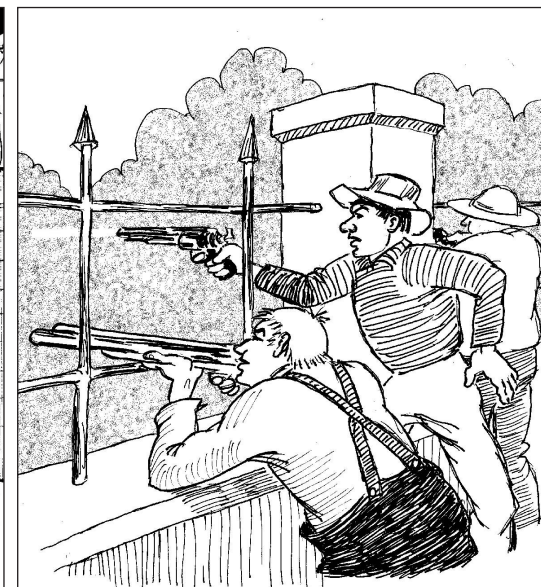
THEY ROUNDED UP THE TOWN'S LEADING CITIZENS AS HOSTAGES.



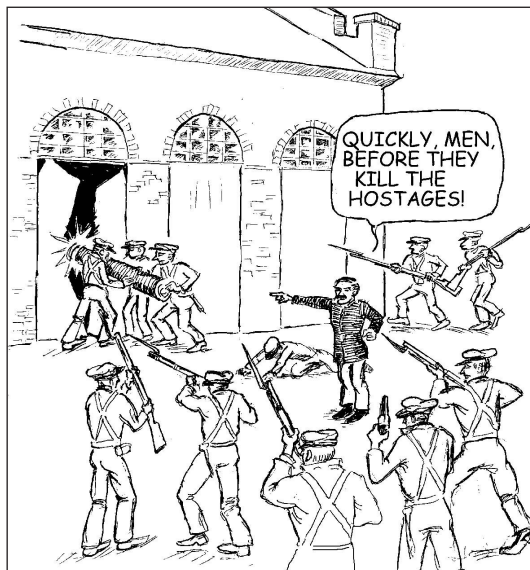
BROWN SENT BLACK MEMBERS OF HIS BAND INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO ARM THE SLAVES.



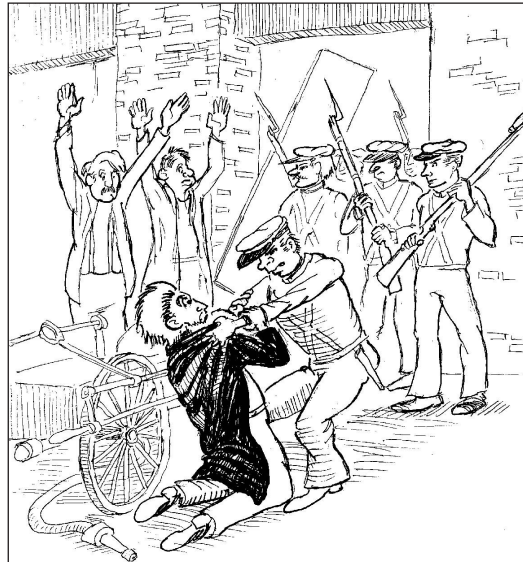
FAILING TO RECRUIT ANYONE, BROWN'S MEN WISELY RETURNED NORTH WITHOUT REPORTING BACK TO HARPERS FERRY.



AT DAWN THE LOCAL MILITIA OPENED FIRE AND KEPT BROWN'S GANG PINNED DOWN UNTIL A COMPANY OF U.S. MARINES ARRIVED.



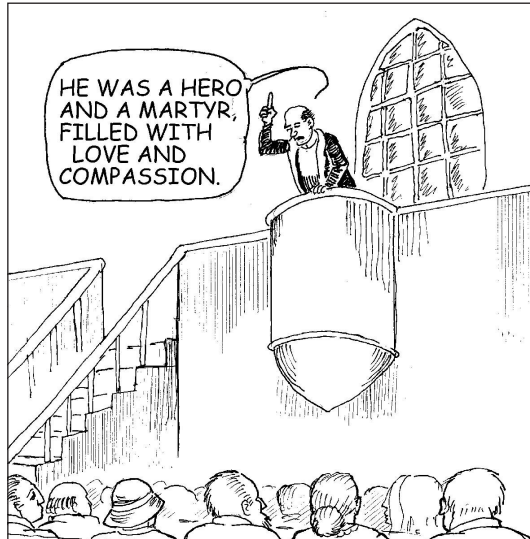
HOLDING THEIR FIRE TO AVOID HITTING THE HOSTAGES THE MARINES, COMMANDED BY COL. ROBERT E. LEE, CHARGED WITH BAYONETTES AND A BATTERING RAM.



BROWN AND THE FEW SURVIVING MEMBERS OF HIS GANG WERE CAPTURED. THE HOSTAGES WERE UNHARMED BUT DURING THEIR STAY IN HARPERS FERRY, THE GANG HAD KILLED THE MAYOR, A MARINE, AND A FREE BLACK.



BROWN WAS TRIED IN A STATE COURT FOR TREASON AGAINST VIRGINIA. HE WAS CONVICTED AND ON DECEMBER 2, 1859 HE WAS HANGED.



BROWN WAS PRAISED IN MANY NORTHERN NEWSPAPERS, AND SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES WERE HELD ALL OVER NEW ENGLAND. THE SOUTH WAS SHOCKED MORE BY THE NORTH'S REACTION THAN BY WHAT BROWN HAD DONE.

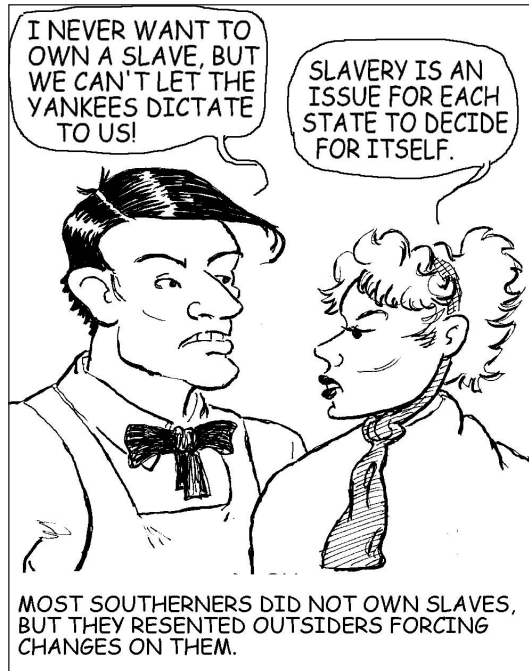
The U. S. CONSTITUTION Article 4, Section 2, Clause 3

"No person held to service or labor in one state, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due."

STATES CONTROLLED BY THE REPUBLICANS WERE NO LONGER FULFILLING THEIR OBLIGATION UNDER THE U.S. CONSTITUTION TO RETURN ESCAPED SLAVES.

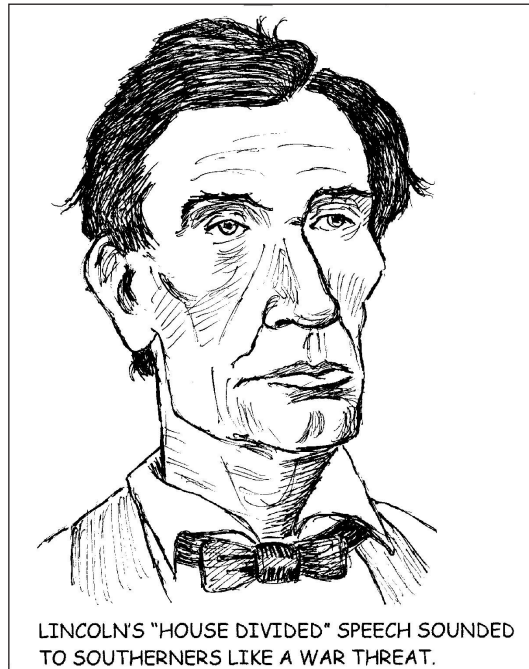
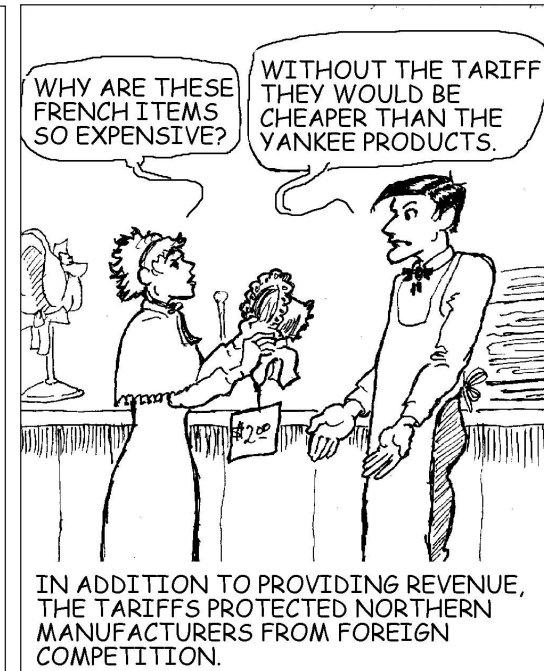


THE SOUTH WAS FED UP WITH REPUBLICANS.



TAXES ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

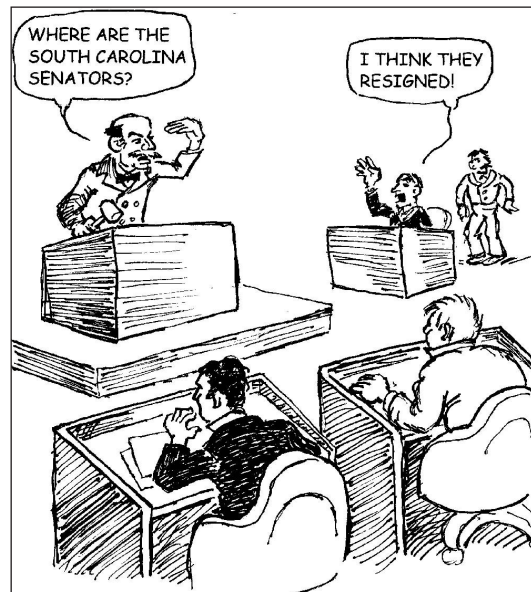
BECAUSE THEY WERE FARTHER FROM THE NORTHERN FACTORIES, SOUTHERNERS DID MOST OF THE TRADING WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES. TARIFFS WERE THE MAIN SOURCE OF ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT INCOME, SO SOUTHERNERS SAW THEMSELVES AS THE MAIN SUPPORT OF A GOVERNMENT THAT SEEMED TO CARE LESS AND LESS ABOUT THEM.



SLAVERY AGITATION WILL NOT CEASE UNTIL A CRISIS SHALL HAVE BEEN REACHED AND PASSED. A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND. I BELIEVE THIS GOVERNMENT CANNOT ENDURE HALF SLAVE AND HALF FREE. I DO NOT EXPECT THE UNION TO BE DISSOLVED -- I DO NOT EXPECT THE HOUSE TO FALL -- BUT I DO EXPECT IT WILL CEASE TO BE DIVIDED. IT WILL BECOME ALL ONE THING, OR ALL THE OTHER.

Abraham Lincoln
June 16, 1858



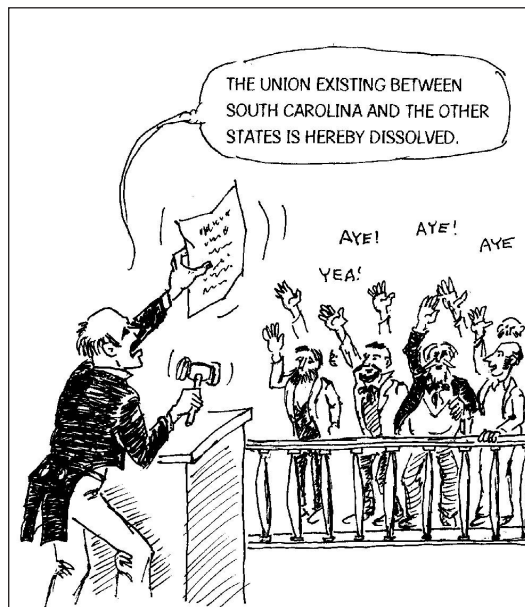


DECEMBER 3, 1860
WHEN CONGRESS CONVENES AFTER THE ELECTIONS
THERE ARE TWO SENATORS MISSING.

SECESSION HALL, CHARLESTON

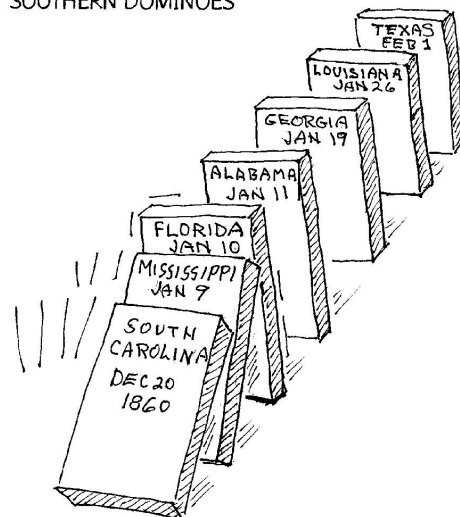


DECEMBER 17, 1860
SOUTH CAROLINA CALLS A CONVENTION TO
CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE OF SECESSION.

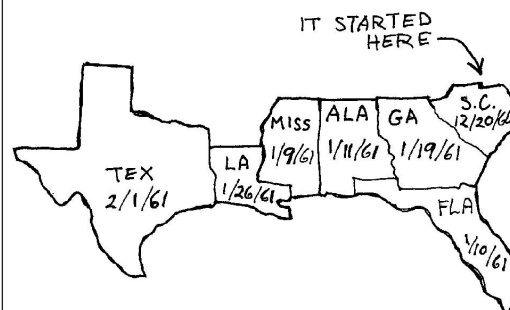


THE CONVENTION PASSED A MOMENTOUS RESOLUTION.

SOUTHERN DOMINOES



THE SIX SOUTHERNMOST STATES RAPIDLY
FOLLOW SOUTH CAROLINA IN SECEDING.



THESE SEVEN STATES WILL FORM THE ORIGINAL
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

DID THE STATES SECEDE SO THAT THEY COULD KEEP SLAVERY?

No. They didn't have to. Slavery could be ended only by amending the Constitution, which required approval of three-fourths of the states. The fact that there were fifteen slave states made this impossible.

The slavery argument leading to secession was about slavery in the territories, not in the states.



JANUARY, 1861
DELEGATES FROM THE SEVEN SECEDED STATES
MEET IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO FORM A NEW
UNION, THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

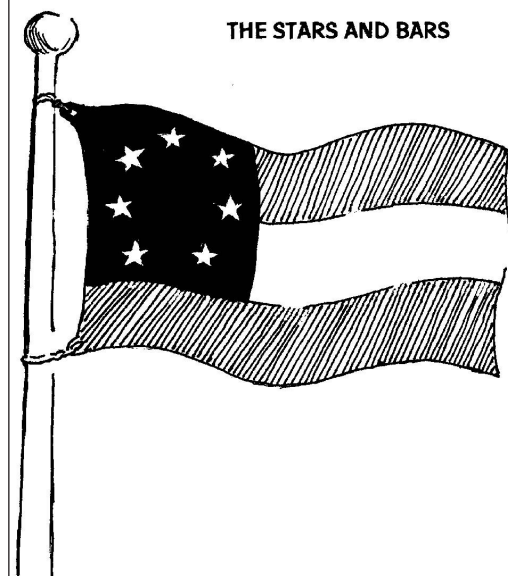


JEFFERSON DAVIS

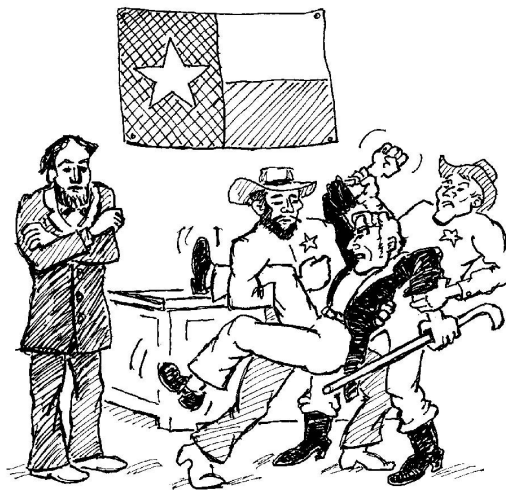
THE DELEGATES CHOOSE THE RECENTLY
RESIGNED U.S. SENATOR FROM MISSISSIPPI
AS PRESIDENT.



DAVIS, A GRADUATE OF WEST POINT AND A
VETERAN OF THE MEXICAN WAR, WOULD
RATHER HAVE COMMANDED AN ARMY.



THE NEW FLAG - SEVEN STARS FOR THE STATES OF
S. CAROLINA, GEORGIA, FLORIDA, MISSISSIPPI,
LOUISIANA, ALABAMA, AND TEXAS.



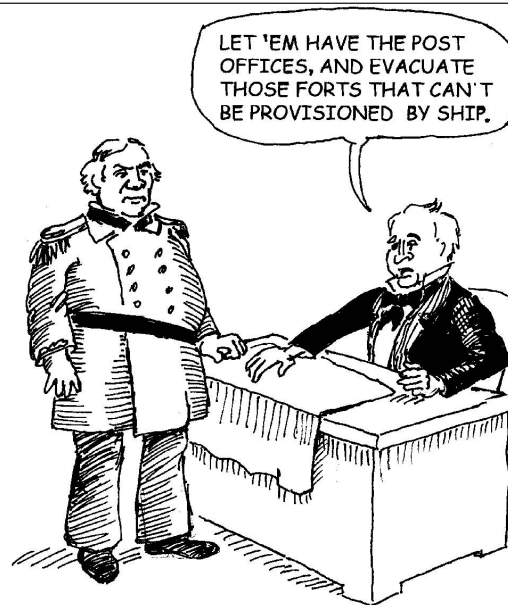
TEXAS GOVERNOR SAM HOUSTON REFUSES TO
SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE CONFEDERACY, AND
IS FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM HIS OFFICE.

THE CONFEDERACY WAS FORMED DURING THE
FINAL MONTHS OF THE BUCHANAN PRESIDENCY.



JAMES BUCHANAN - 15th PRESIDENT
DEMOCRAT FROM PENNSYLVANIA

AS THE STATES SECEDED, THEY WANTED THE U.S. TO GIVE OR SELL BACK THE FORTS AND POST OFFICES THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN OR SOLD TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.



PRESIDENT BUCHANAN MADE A PRACTICAL DECISION.



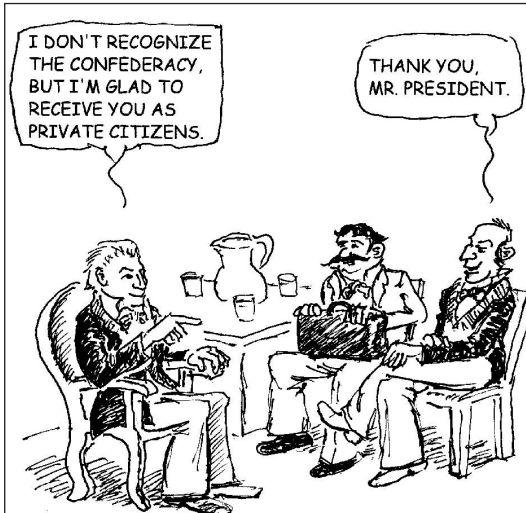
CHANGING THE POST OFFICES WAS EASY.



MOST OF THE FORTS WERE IN WEST TEXAS.

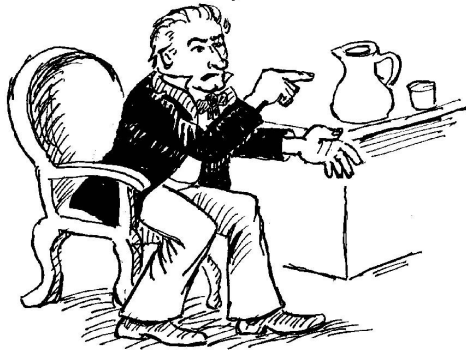


THE CONFEDERACY SENT COMMISSIONERS TO WASHINGTON TO NEGOTIATE RELEASING THE REMAINING FORTS.



PRESIDENT BUCHANAN AGREED TO MEET WITH THE SOUTHERN COMMISSIONERS UNOFFICIALLY.

A STATE CAN'T SECEDE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CAN'T USE FORCE AGAINST A STATE.



BUCHANAN WAS TORN BETWEEN TWO CONFLICTING CONVICTIONS...

I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE REPUBLICANS WILL AGREE TO A REASONABLE COMPROMISE.



SO HE PASSED THE PROBLEM ON TO THE INCOMING LINCOLN ADMINISTRATION.

DID THE STATES HAVE THE RIGHT TO SECEDE?

WE HAVE SEEN HOW THE ARGUMENTS OVER SLAVERY LED SOME OF THE STATES TO SECEDE. NOW THERE WOULD BE A WAR, NOT OVER SLAVERY, BUT OVER SECESSION.

THE COURT THAT GAVE US THE DRED SCOTT DECISION WOULD SURELY SIDE WITH THE SOUTH.



WAS SECESSION LAWFUL? LINCOLN NEVER ASKED THE SUPREME COURT FOR A RULING.

CAUSES for SECESSION OR CAUSES for WAR?

Slavery, regional differences in outlook, and tariffs are usually cited as causes for the war. They were not; they were causes for secession.

The war was caused by Lincoln's refusal to allow the southern states to withdraw peaceably from the union.