

# Slavery, Sectionalism, and the Constitution of 1787



The Constitution's compromises added an element of complexity to the Constitution that defies any effort to reduce it to Twitter-sized proslavery or antislavery soundbites that implicate or exonerate the founders.

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## Instructions: The People's Voice in Revolutionary America

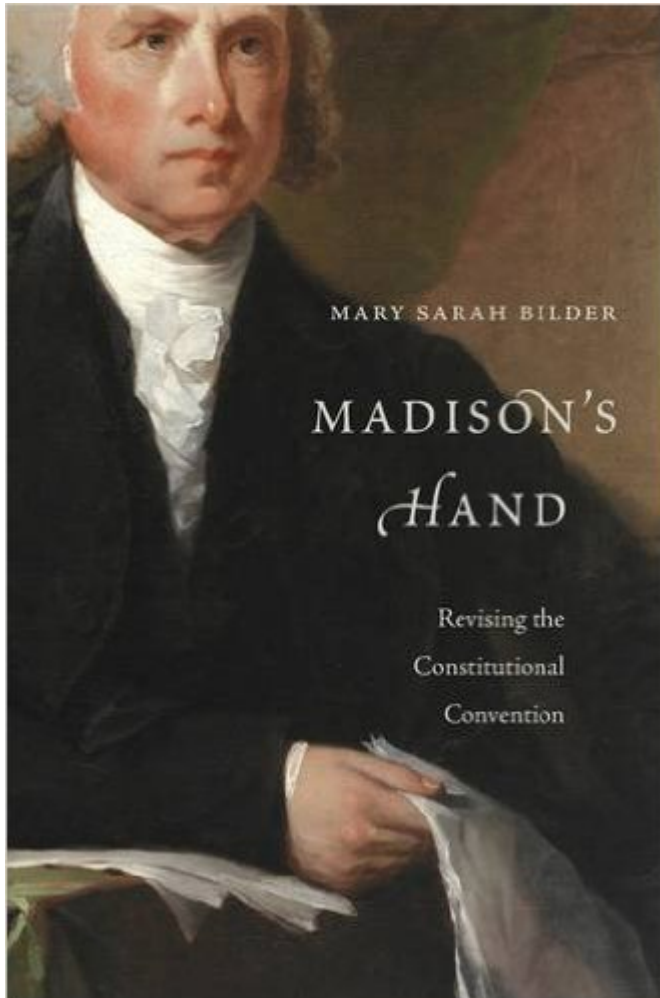


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Once the door was opened to popular control of government, who knew how far the people would go?

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## [James Madison: Constitutional Convention Spin Doctor?](#)



So mutilated did his Notes become, concludes Bilder, that even Madison himself eventually realized that he had lost forever the original convention proceedings of 1787.

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**Images of Want: How poverty was, and was not, pictured before the Civil War**



Precisely because images were so extensively braided into the milieu, their distinctive handlings of Americans in need or suddenly having to do with less—in other words, what these images did and did not show—were important in defining the Republic between the Revolution and the Civil War.

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## [Radical Revisions: Thomas Skidmore reads Thomas Paine in 1829 New York](#)



By the end of the 1820s, Skidmore's experiences in the workplace and at the polls led him to connect the revolutionary legacy of 1776 to a biting critique of the economic hierarchies that continued to structure society.

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## Striking Scenes: Robert Koehler, The Strike (1886), and competing visions of labor-capital conflict in the Gilded Age



The painting suggests a work environment so deplorable that even the skilled, sober-minded, American-born workers have walked out.

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## Labor Day in America: Or, the Day That is Not in May



America's ambivalence about labor is nothing new. In the colonial era the ruling class had nothing but contempt for anything that could be justly called "work."

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## Object Lesson: Pompe Stevens, Enslaved Artisan



Skilled slaves, North and South, worked in nearly every craft ... but the fruits of their labor are often unmarked or uncritically attributed to their masters.

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## [Building Baltimore in Black and White](#)



WAGE LABOR, SLAVERY, and SURVIVAL  
in EARLY BALTIMORE

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Island of St. Helena, just before?"

nov 17 21. RICH'D LEEKE, Sec'y.

**WANTED TO HIRE--A WOMAN** who is accustomed to doing house work generally.--One that can come well recommended will bear of a permanent situation by applying at this office. nov 17 d4c

**WANTED--To Purchase or hire, a WOMAN** that understands Cooking, also a **BOY** 14 or 15 years old, who has been accustomed to house work. Servants that can be recommended, will bear of a good situation, by applying at this office. nov 17 d4c

**WANTED--A middle aged white Woman** for the purpose of cooking and washing for a moderate sized family--to one who can come well recommended the best wages will be given, none other need apply.--Apply at No. 135 Baltimore street. nov 17 2aw4c

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**A CARD TO THE LADIES.--MR. SELLERS** respectfully informs the ladies of Baltimore and its vicinity, that on **MONDAY** next,



Baltimore grew into America's third-largest city in these years, and that growth was fueled by runaway slaves and white men driven to the city by changes in rural agriculture as much as by immigration from abroad.

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## Loving The Wide, Wide World: A novel, its fans, and their fictions



Though The Wide, Wide World is probably not familiar to many people today, the concerns and claims of these fan letters, rather remarkably, may be.