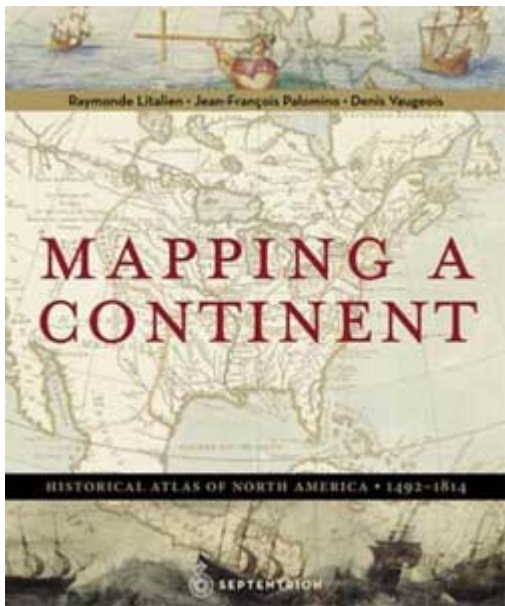
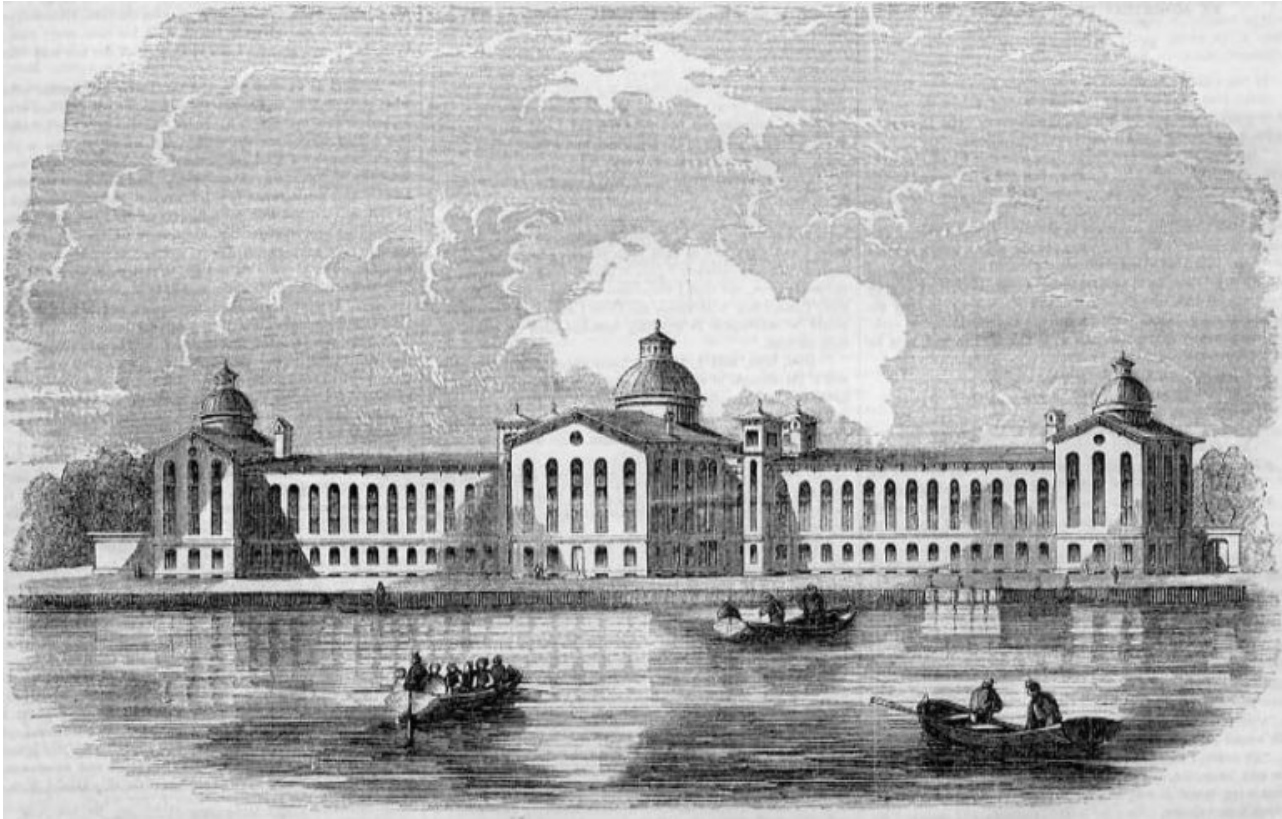


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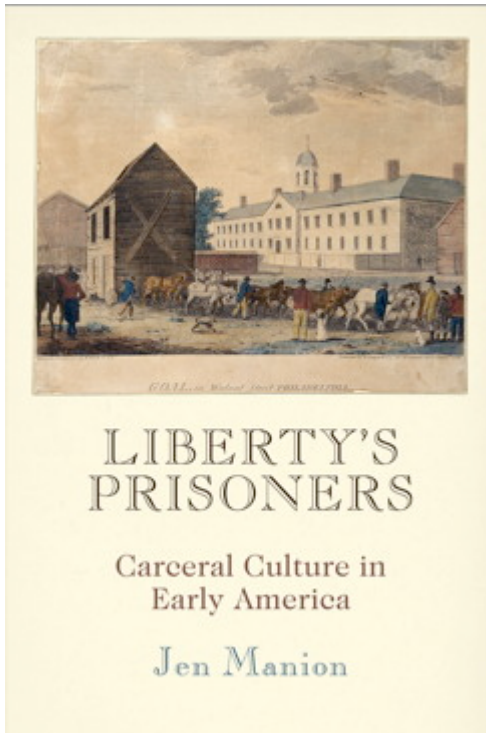
Mather, like most other Christians of the time, also believed that racial equality before God did not demand equality on Earth—and, in particular, that it was wholly compatible with the institution of slavery.

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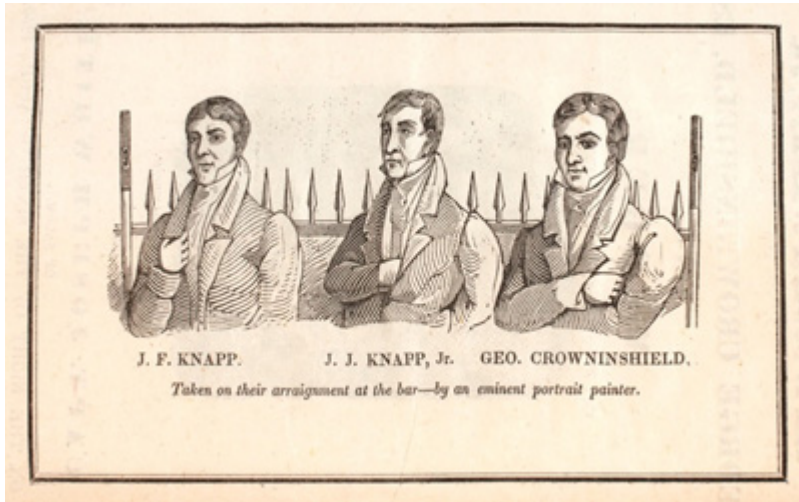
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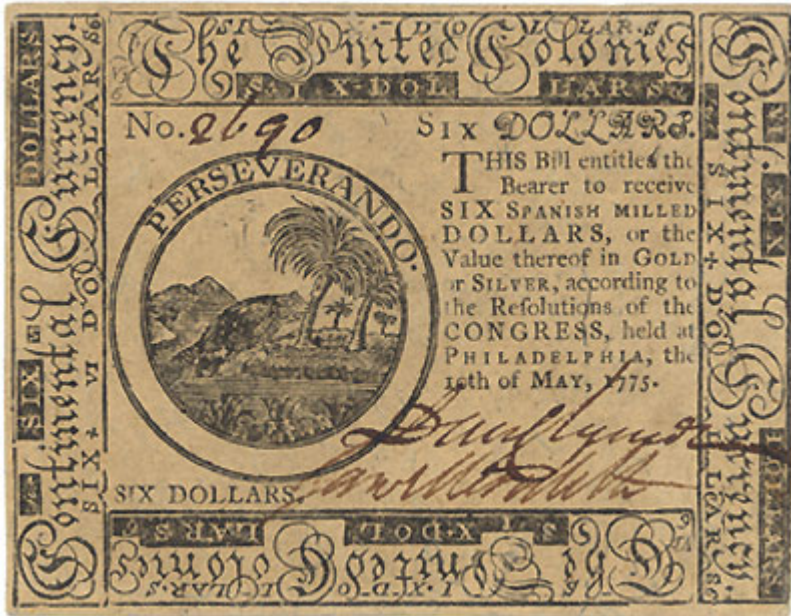
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