

Quote from *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*

“There were no beds given the slaves, unless one coarse blanket be considered such, and none by the men and women had these. This, however, is not considered a very great privation. They find less difficulty from the want of beds, than from the want of time to sleep ... when this [work] is done, old and young, male and female, married and single, drop down side by side, on one common bed,—the cold, damp floor,—each covering himself or herself with their miserable blankets; and here they sleep until they are summoned to the field by the driver’s horn. ... Mr. Severe, the overseer, use to stand by the door of the quarter, armed with a large hickory stick and heavy cowskin, ready to whip anyone who was so unfortunate as not to hear, or, from any other cause, was presented from being ready to start for the field at the sound of the horn.”

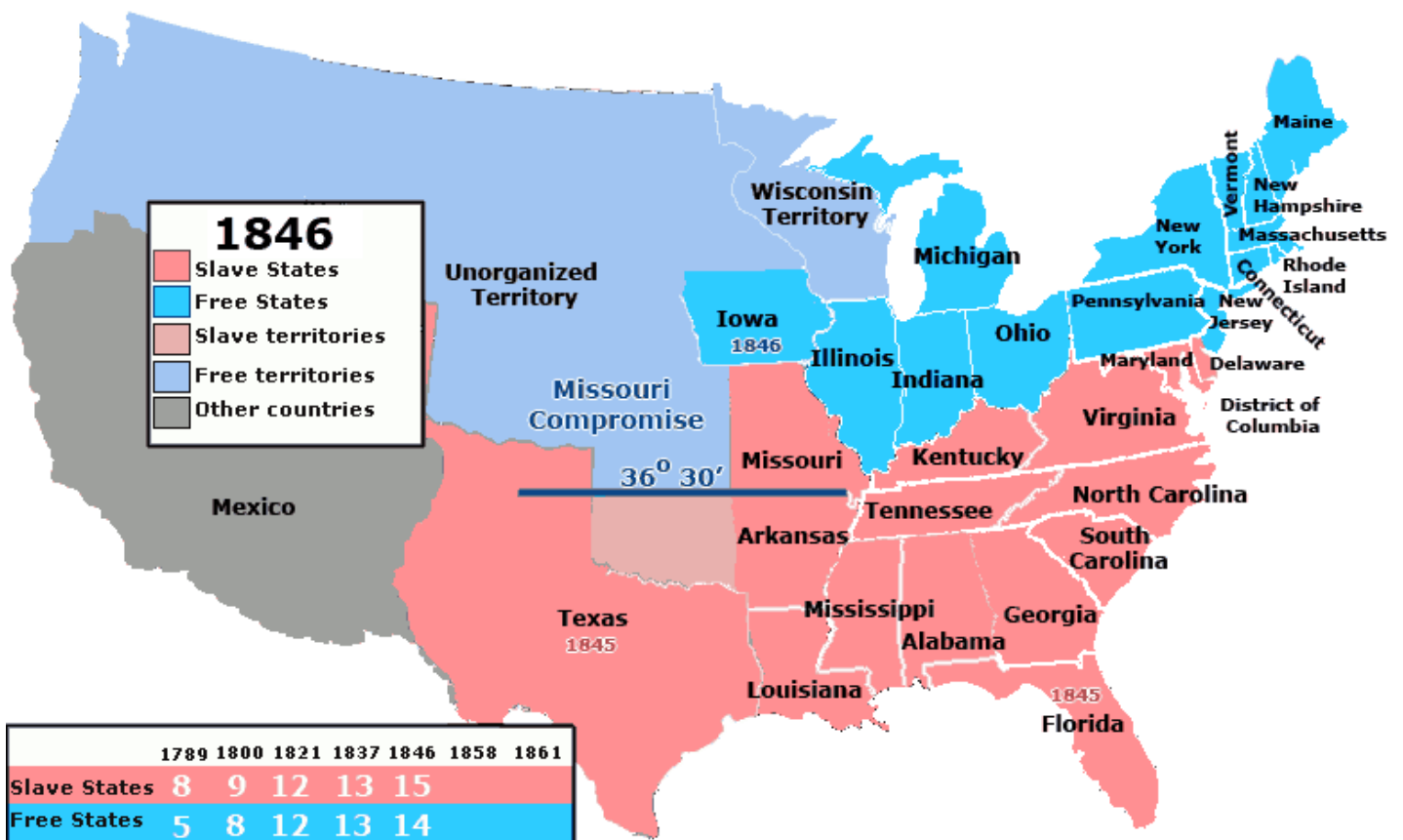
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“I have been frequently asked how I felt when I found myself in a free State. I have never been able to answer the question with any satisfaction to myself. It was a moment of the highest excitement I ever experienced. I suppose I felt as one may imagine the unarmed mariner to feel when he is rescued by a friendly man-of-war from the pursuit of a pirate ... I felt like one who had escaped a den of hungry lions.”

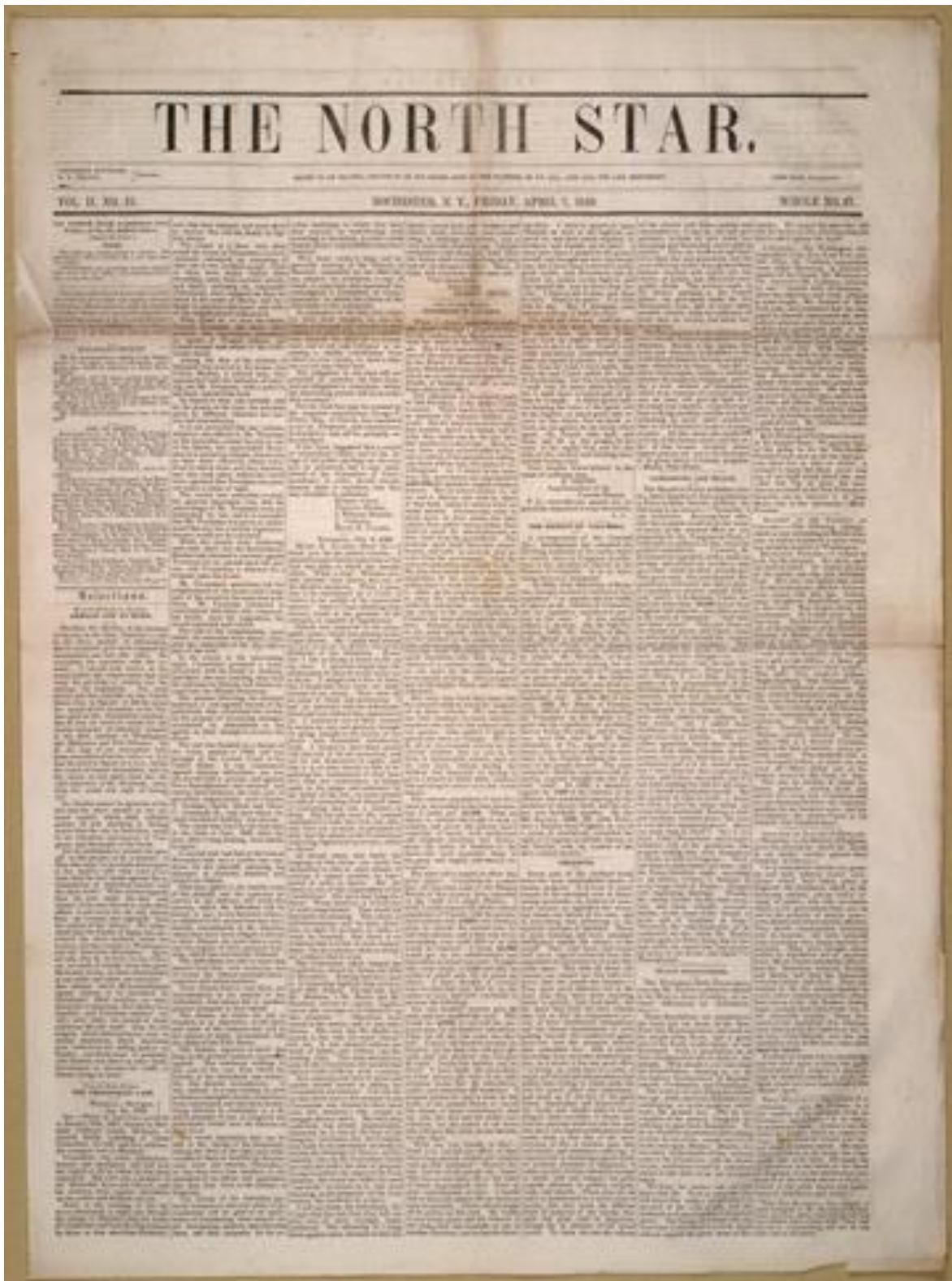
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Map of the United States 1846 including Free and Slave States



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Copy of *North Star*, the abolitionist newspaper Frederick Douglass published



Defense of slavery

Quotes from “The Universal Law of Slavery” by George Fitzhugh (from *Africans in America*)

“He the Negro is but a grown up child, and must be governed as a child, not as a lunatic or criminal. The master occupies toward him the place of a parent or guardian.”

“... the negro race is inferior to the white race, and living in their midst, they would be far outstripped or outwitted in the chaos of free competition.”

“Our negroes are not only better off as to physical comfort than free laborers, but their moral condition is better.”

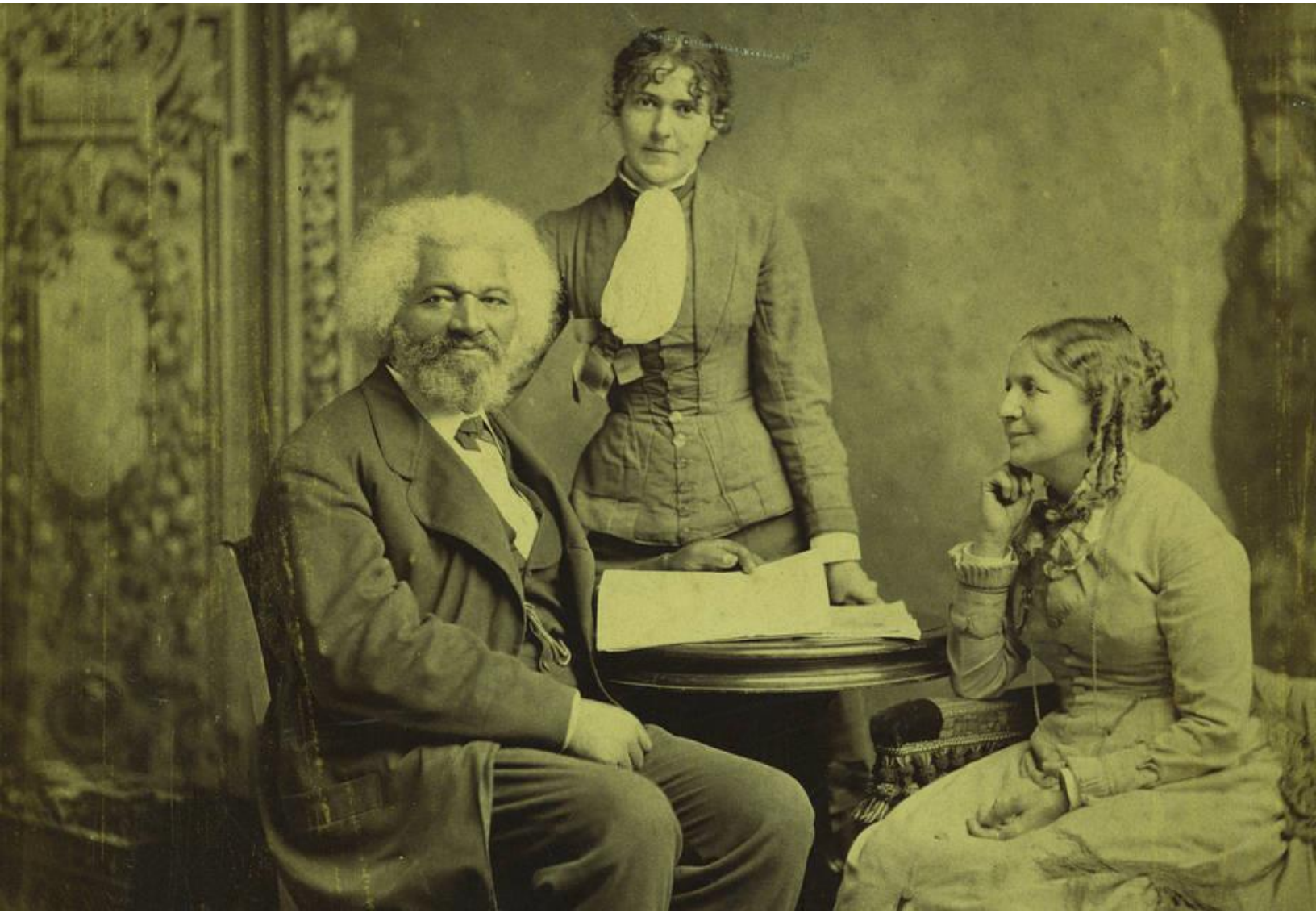
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American Anti-Slavery Convention, 1840



'The Abolition of the Slave Trade' (The Anti-Slavery Society Convention, 1840) circa 1846-1864

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