

CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS: LESSON 2: HANDOUT 2: CONFEDERATE CONSTITUTION EXCERPT

CONFEDERATE CONSTITUTION:
SECTIONS REGARDING SLAVERY¹

Article I states that no law should restrict owning slaves.

Article IV, Section 2 states that citizens of the Confederacy will enjoy the same rights as those in the Union. They are also allowed to freely own and transport slaves to other Confederate states.

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 3 states that the Confederate states can gain new territory and establish government outside of the Union. New states can be admitted to the Confederacy in some cases.

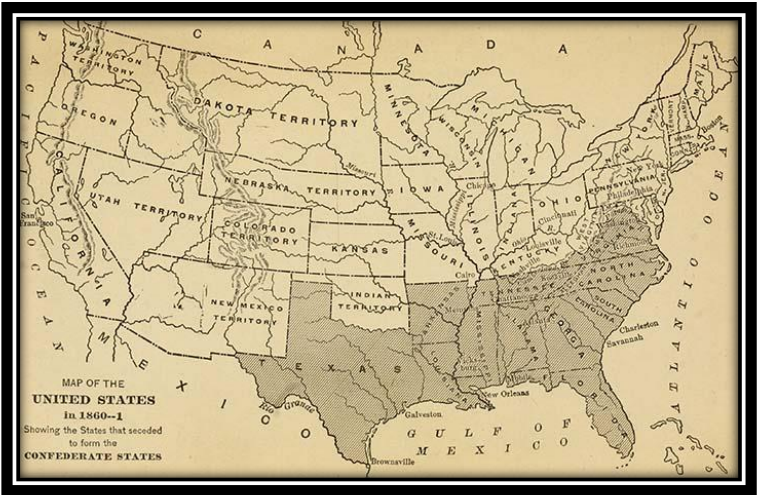
The right to own slaves shall be recognized and upheld in all Confederate states and territories.

The Confederate Constitution was written as the supreme law of the Confederacy. While it looked very similar to the U.S. Constitution, this section of the Confederate Constitution discusses the laws about slavery.

Article I, Section 9, Clause 4
No bill of attainder, *ex post facto* law, or law denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves shall be passed.

Article IV, Section 2
"The citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States; and shall have the right of transit and sojourn in any State of this Confederacy, with their slaves and other property; and the right of property in said slaves shall not be thereby impaired."

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 3
"The Confederate States may acquire new territory; and Congress shall have power to legislate and provide governments for the inhabitants of all territory belonging to the Confederate States, lying without the limits of the several States; and may permit them, at such times, and in such manner as it may by law provide, to form States to be admitted into the Confederacy. *In all such territory the institution of negro slavery, as it now exists in the Confederate States, shall be recognized and protected by Congress and by the Territorial government; and the inhabitants of the several Confederate States and Territories shall have the right to take to such Territory any slaves lawfully held by them in any of the States or Territories of the Confederate States.*"



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