

Contents

Introduction: Boom	<i>1</i>
1 Jeffersonian Visions and Nightmares in Louisiana	<i>18</i>
2 The Panic of 1835	<i>46</i>
3 The Steamboat Sublime	<i>73</i>
4 Limits to Capital	<i>97</i>
5 The Runaway's River	<i>126</i>
6 Dominion	<i>151</i>
7 "The Empire of the White Man's Will"	<i>176</i>
8 The Carceral Landscape	<i>209</i>
9 The Mississippi Valley in the Time of Cotton	<i>244</i>
10 Capital, Cotton, and Free Trade	<i>280</i>
11 Tales of Mississippian Empire	<i>303</i>
12 The Material Limits of "Manifest Destiny"	<i>330</i>
13 "The Grey-Eyed Man of Destiny"	<i>366</i>
14 The Ignominious Effort to Reopen the Slave Trade	<i>395</i>
Notes	<i>423</i>
Acknowledgments	<i>509</i>
Index	<i>515</i>