Contents

Preface		11
Notes on Terms		21
A Calendar of Events Associated with Slavery, the Slave Trade and Emancipation, 1770–1823	,	23
One: What the Abolitionists Were Up Against		39
"The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture": The		
	39	
	49	
The Shifting Interests of Slave-Trade Diplomacy	64	
	72	
Two: The Seats of Power, I		84
Prospects for Reform	84	
	86	
Petitioning and Representation	92	
Three: The Seats of Power, II		113
The Testing of Parliamentary Supremacy	13	
Sanction and Jurisdiction in the United States:		
"Migration and Importation"	19	
Gestation of the "Negative Pregnant"	31	
Jurisdiction in the French Revolution: The		
Formula for Loss of Control	37	
Expansion and Constraint 1	48	

8 Contents

Four: The Boundaries of Idealism	164
Introduction The Founding Fathers and the Debunkers	164 164 169
Jefferson's Uncertain Commitment	184
Philosophes of the Caribbean The Neutralization of Antislavery in the South	196
Five: The Quaker Ethic and the Antislavery International	213
The Quaker Initiative	213
The Solvent of Wealth William Allen and the Limitations of	233
Quaker Philanthropy A Preliminary Assessment: The Symbolism of	242
Slave and Free Labor	249
Six: The Emancipation of America, I	255
The Limits of Revolutionary Ideology	255
Slavery as an Obstacle to Man's True Destiny	262
The Penalty for Being Inconsistent	273
Seven: The Emancipation of America, II	285
How Negroes Could Help Emancipate White Americans	285
Race and Reality	299
The Perishability of Revolutionary Time	306
Declension and Justification	326
Eight: The Preservation of English Liberty, I	343
The English Context Compared with That	
of America and France	343
Some Political and Ideological Implications	346
Antislavery as Reinforcement of Legitimate Authority	373
Nine: The Preservation of English Liberty, II	3 86
Slavery as the Prime Symbol of Corruption	386
Benevolence as the Redemption of Politics	403
The Slave System as a Mirror for English Society	453
Ten: Antislavery and the Conflict of Laws	469
Introduction	469
Property versus Legal Personality	471
Personal Dominion versus Service	479
Contract and Consent: Toward a Free Labor Ideology	489
Conflicting Jurisdictions	501

Contents	9	
Eleven: The Good Book		523
The Perversion of Scripture: The Bible's	523	
Bondage to Slavery Apologetics and Latitudinarian Drift	525	
Initial Salvos Jesuit Intrigue	531 541	
Come Sound the Jubilee!	551	
Epilogue: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the Phenomenology	of Mind	557
Index		565