**Section 5: Abolition and Complicity, 1827-1865**

**Introduction:** New York State and Slavery: Complicity and Resistance, 1827-1865

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11. Excerpts from the Cuban Travel Diary of Joseph J. Dimock
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**Additional Documents Available on the Internet**
1829. Militant Pamphlet by Robert Alexander Young
1831. Denouncing Colonization
1831. The African Sentinel and Journal of Liberty
1834. William Hamilton’s Speech at the Fourth Annual National Negro Convention
1834. Garrison Literary and Benevolent Association
1834. The Rev. Peter Williams Resigns
1837. Political And Civil Rights
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1849. Frederick Douglass and Henry Garnet Debate Strategy
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1850. The Fugitive Slave Bill: Its history And Unconstitutionality
1852-1854. New York Times Cuba Slave Sources
1852. Decision in Appeal of the Lemmon Case
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