

Lawrence:-

The beginning of Lawrence is so closely connected with slavery, ~~that~~ it may interest you to discuss briefly this ancient traffic, which still exists in Mohammedan lands.

Slavery ~~at~~ in its inception marked progress in civilization. Prior to the use of prisoners as slaves, conquered peoples were massacred. Slavery at least permitted them to live, and later under some of its refinements, permitted them hope for better days.

Fifty years before Columbus discovered America a Portuguese ship exchanged Moorish captives for negroes ~~to/be~~ on the West African coast. These negroes became slaves and the traffic developed rapidly.

It is interesting to note that the year ~~of~~ 1620 which brought the Puritans to Plymouth, also brought the first slave ship to Jamestown, Va.

The Spanish Conquistadores met with little success in enslaving the Indians they found in the Western Hemisphere, so they largely killed them off and in their place introduced Africans

At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were two hundred thousand negro slaves in Virginia alone. Washington was a slave owner, but ~~gave~~ at his death gave freedom to his slaves, and voiced a wish for ~~the/dis~~ some sort of an equitable arrangement by which slaves might be freed, and their owners compensated for them.

The Missouri Compromise, enacted in 1820, and approved by President Monroe was the first effort in America to limit the extension of slave territory. Prior to this date the number of states in the Union were equally divided between slave and free states. When Maine wished to become a state, and a free state, the South insisted that Missouri be made a slave state in order to maintain the parity between slave and free states.