Contents

	Acknowledgments	xi
	Note on Sources	xvii
	Introduction: The Legal Culture of Slavery	1
1	Setting the Scene	17
2	Bringing Suit	41
3	Crafting Strategy	67
4	A World in Motion	93
5	Double Character	116
6	Defending Suits	142
7	Political Repercussions	167
	Conclusion: After the Verdict	191
	Appendix	197
	Notes	215
	Bibliography	261
	Index	281