

Abolitionists Abroad

American Blacks and the Making
of Modern West Africa

Lamin Sanneh

HARVARD UNIVERSITY PRESS

Cambridge, Massachusetts

London, England

1999

CONTENTS

Acknowledgments	xiii
Introduction	1
<i>The Transatlantic Corridor</i>	2
Antislavery	3
Establishment Structures	6
Antistrucre	9
The American Factor	11
The Frame of Interpretation	16
Historiography	19
1. The American Slave Corridor and the New African Potential	22
<i>The Historical Significance of Olaudah Equiano</i>	24
<i>Antislavery and Black Loyalists in the American Revolution</i>	31
<i>The Black Poor in London</i>	40
<i>The Sierra Leone Resettlement Plan</i>	41
<i>Antislavery and Early Colonization in America</i>	45
<i>Thomas Peters: Moving Antislavery to Africa</i>	50
<i>Freedom and the Evangelical Convergence</i>	53
<i>Upsetting the Natural Order</i>	55
<i>New Light Religion: Pushing at the Boundaries</i>	59
2. "A Plantation of Religion" and the Enterprise Culture in Africa	66
<i>Antislavery and Antistrucre</i>	69
David George	74

- Moses Wilkinson 80
The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion 85
Paul Cuffee 88
The Voluntarist Impulse 101
Christianity and Antinomianism 103
3. Abolition and the Cause of Recaptive Africans 110
Sir Charles MacCarthy: Christendom Revisited 113
Recaptives and the New Society 122
The Example of Samuel Ajayi Crowther 126
The Strange Career of John Ezzidio 129
4. The Niger Expedition, Missionary Imperatives,
and African Ferment 139
Change in the Old Order 140
*Recaptives and the New Middle Class:
Brokers or Collaborators?* 142
Thomas Jefferson Bowen and the Manifest Middle Class 145
Crowther and the Niger Expedition 150
The Niger Mission Resumed 161
Antislavery and Its New Friends 165
The Native Pastorate and Its Nemesis 167
Martin Delany: Anatomy of a Cause 170
Debacle 175
Reaction and Resistance 177
5. American Colonization and the Founding of Liberia 182
Colonization Sentiments 183
Commercial Motives: Purse and Principle 185
The Humanitarian Motive and the Evangelical Impulse 187
Colonization without Empire: America's Spiritual Kingdom 192
Colonization before Antislavery: Mission of Inquiry 194
African Resettlement: Fact and Fiction 198
*The Founding of Liberia: Privatization of
Public Responsibility* 203

<i>Lott Carey and Liberia</i>	210
<i>Expansion and Exclusion</i>	212
<i>Black Ideology</i>	221
Conclusion	238
<i>Antislavery</i>	239
<i>Antistrucre</i>	240
<i>The American Factor</i>	241
<i>Crowther, the CMS, and Evangelical Religion</i>	243
<i>Colonialism, Christendom, and the Impact of Antistrucre</i>	243
<i>New World Lessons</i>	246
Notes	251
Sources	281
Index	283