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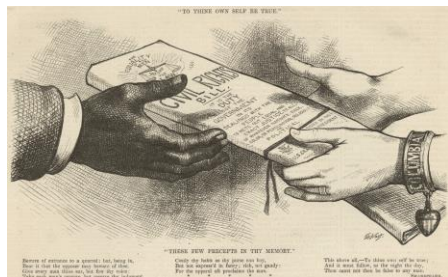
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Our Newest Exhibit ~ **Reconstruction: The Unfinished War at The National Civil War Museum**

(Harrisburg, PA) – [The National Civil War Museum](http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org) announces the opening of *Reconstruction: The Unfinished War*, the newest in our ongoing series of temporary exhibits highlighting specific topics of the American Civil War. *Reconstruction: The Unfinished War* will be open to the public January 19, 2017-December 31, 2017 and is included in the cost of regular admission to the Museum. The exhibit will discuss the unfinished issue of equality among the races in the reunited states. The fighting came to an end in the spring of 1865, but the bitterness remained, leaving many in the southern states unable to accept that the Confederacy was gone. Former slaves were now able to hold political office and demand equality under the law as citizens of the United States. The reconstruction of a fractured nation would be a long and difficult road to travel, a journey that continues to this day.

There will be an exhibit opening reception on January 18, 2017 5:30-7:30 with a presentation by historian Dr. William Blair, who will present *The Violent Side of Reconstruction* and refreshments. The cost of the reception is \$10.00pp and Free to Museum members.

For a complete listing of other events at the Museum, please visit the Museum website:

www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org or call 717.260.1861.

About The National Civil War Museum: Opened in February 2001, The National Civil War Museum, a member of the Smithsonian Institution Affiliations Program, is a non-profit private educational institution dedicated solely to the American Civil War. It is one of the largest museums in the world which interprets the entire American Civil War from a military and civilian perspective. The Museum preserves and exhibits some of the nation's treasures, including General Robert E. Lee's personal Bible, and more than 24,000 artifacts, documents and photos. Admission to the Museum is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for seniors, and \$10.00 for students with reduced rates for children and families. The Museum offers complimentary ample parking. For more information, please call 717.260.1861, or visit the Museum's website at www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org. Connect with us!

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