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Through state constitutions and legislation

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No, not based on the Constitution at the time

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Congress did enact several laws and regulations on slavery in the territories.

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Usually through compromise giving concessions to both sides in laws and resolutions.

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No, jobs, travel, immigration, property ownership, etc. were restricted.