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Identifications

Alien & Sedition Acts

addition to

Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions

only

Louisiana Purchase

Alien & Sedition Acts

Quasi-War with France: US refuses to pay debts to France, claiming they were owed to the King, not the Revolutionary government. This plus Jay's Treaty with England lead to bad relations with France.

They start attacking our ships.

Navy
- US Boats was leaky and weak
6-7 Boats

1796-98: French ships attack and seize US vessels; then in the "XYZ Affair" three French diplomats demanded large bribes to restore diplomatic relations with U.S. Also, US was drawn into worldwide European unrest and conflict.

Alien & Sedition Acts!

1798: President John Adams and Federalists passed strong new laws:

- It is harder for 'aliens' to become US citizens
- It is easier to deport aliens
- **Sedition Act:** It is a crime to publish "false, scandalous, and malicious writing" against the US government or its officials (this Act had a "sunset" in three years in 1801)

Federalist

Foreign

Treason

Temporary

expired

go down by itself

including President

These Alien & Sedition Acts caused tremendous conflict between Federalists and angry Republicans

1 Amendment = Free Speech and Press.

Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions

Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were Republicans who felt that the Alien and Sedition Acts went too far, and were unconstitutional. They wrote an anonymous response called the Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions, named for the two state legislatures where they were discussed. They said:

Republican response ✓

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1. In the Constitution, the states only gave certain specific powers to the Federal Government. (not To make Bank)
2. If the Fed. Gov't tries to exercise any additional "undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force."
3. The states always have the power to judge if any Federal law exceeds its authority. They can decide for themselves if a law is unconstitutional. (This is called "compact theory.")

Who's division is that?

Virginia & Kentucky Resolutions

If Fed-Gov keep abusing its power and keeps Breaking the Constitution MAYBE states could seceed from The U.S.

4. **Finally, the Resolutions implied that if the Fed. Gov't. continued to abuse its power unconstitutionally, secession might be legal.**

take your State and leave the Union - U.S.

These resolutions were condemned by ten other states as dangerous and promoting disunion. But they were a major part of the Republican Party's beliefs, especially in Southern states.

In the end, the Quasi-War with France ended quickly, the Sedition Act ended automatically, and the disliked President John Adams was voted out in 1800 when he lost to Thomas Jefferson. ← President.

The Republicans now dominated the presidency, Congress, and most of the Federal Government.