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“Victorious rebels rarely maintain their revolutionary fervor after they secure their own ascendancy. So the Americans were hardly remarkable in their departure, after the Peace of Paris, from the principles for which they had battled the British. From the northern frontier of New England to the southern seaport of Charleston, newly ensconced officials of the states and of the nation crushed uprisings premised on the political ideals of ’76. Aspirations to liberty were subordinated to demands for order, local inclinations were overmastered by central imperatives, and legitimate suspicion of power gave way to an insistence upon its prerogatives. . . .T he alterations were everywhere. The counterrevolution advanced on every front. But nowhere – not in the retreats of the evangelical churches, not even in the notorious three-fifths clause of the Constitution – did the Thermidorean impulse appear more compellingly, and compulsively, than in the American response to the rising of people of color in San Domingo.” (83 of “The Color of Counterrevolution.”)