

Adams National Historical Park



John Quincy Adams

Sixth President 1825 - 1829

Anti-Slavery Advocate

After his presidency, John Quincy Adams was elected to the House of Representatives. Slavery dominated debates in Congress at this time, and Adams became a leading opponent. He played a significant role opposing the Gag Rule which prevented anti-slavery petitions from being discussed. "By the laws of nature ... man cannot be the property of man."

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