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What was the relationship between rhetoric and slavery, and how did

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rhetoric fail as an alternative to violence, becoming instead its precursor? Fanatical Schemes is a study of proslavery rhetoric in the 1830's. A common understanding of the antebellum slavery debate is that the increased stridency of abolitionists in the 1830's, particularly the abolitionist pamphlet campaign of 1835, provoked proslavery politicians into greater intransigence and inflammatory rhetoric. Patricia Roberts-Miller argues that, on the contrary, inflammatory rhetoric was inhere