

The question of slavery in the decision of 1861 was whether it would remain legal (and the general administration was even more so). National Union over slavery remained a central issue in 1861 and 1862 when the war of attrition, John Brown, attacked the United States Army at Harper's Ferry in Virginia with a plan to arm northern Virginia slaves to fight over their liberation including the issue of slavery. This was a strong, a lot of national attention (and Southern leaders to join). After South-Carolina finally and unilaterally seceded from the Union in December (21, 1860), they began to threaten other states in the southern states. Four more states left the Union to break over before joining the Confederacy. Virginia became the first state to secede after the war began on April 17, 1861. Political leaders from the western counties of Virginia did not agree with their state's decision to secede with the Union. They wanted better and began planning a highly organized rebellion against their state's secession from the Union. After more than two years they finally succeeded in creating Shenandoah's 30th state, West Virginia. What caused relations between the Union and Western counties of Virginia to become so bad that secession was thought to be loyal to their home state? How was this process different from the actual secession process? From what we know that the secession of West Virginia and the nation's civil war is far more complicated.

From April 17, 1861 to June 20, 1862 delegates from the counties of the western Virginia used the word of war to create one of the most interesting and well-planned war processes that eventually created West Virginia. Beginning with the opposition to Virginia's Ordinance of Secession in 1861 and after decades of being generally ignored by the Virginia government,

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