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After revising Madison's draft, Congress approved a Bill of Rights and ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution became law. The Bill of Rights was primarily a symbolic document until the U.S. Supreme Court established its power to strike down unconstitutional legislation in *Marbury v. Madison*. That seemed of little moment at the time, since most of the states had their own bills of rights and citizens of those states had varying degrees of double protection. Seventy years passed. The Civil War came, dividing the nation by its onset and cementing it by force in its outcome. As one result . . .

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