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Haiti and the “Social Question”

“[T]o avoid this fatal mistake [of trying to solve the social question with political means, thereby leading to terror] is almost impossible when a revolution breaks out under conditions of mass poverty.” (102)
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Haitian Political Regimes, 1804-1843

• Dessalines, 1804-1806

• Divided rule
  – Alexandre Pétion, 1807-1818 (rules over the south as president of Republic of Haiti)
  – Henry Christophe, 1807-1820 (rules over north, declares monarchy in 1811)

• Jean-Pierre Boyer, 1818-1843 (reunites north and south in 1820, occupies Santo Domingo in 1822)
GENERAL JEAN JACQUES DESSALINES,
LIBERATOR OF HAITI.
ALEXANDRE PÉTION,
Président de la République d'Haïti.
an 15 de l'Indépendance.
Né le 2 Avril 1772.
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