



A cartoon showing Revels in the Senate seat once held by Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy. The ghost of Davis watches. Revels, in fact, took the seat of the other Mississippi Senator, Albert G. Brown.

Senator Charles Sumner had listened quietly to the friends and foes of black men. This man from Massachusetts had fought in the Senate for the rights of blacks just as hard as Thaddeus Stevens, now dead, had fought for them in the House of Representatives.

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Sumner had made many enemies. In a position he had taken. Once he had been beaten about the head so severely by a Congressman from South Carolina under the care of doctors for two years. No one in the Senate was more so than Sumner. When he rose to speak for the rights of blacks, there was almost no one who would listen. He said: "All men are created equal, and all are free. For a long time it has been said that the white man is superior to the black man. But now we know that the black man is just as good as the white man." Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts.

