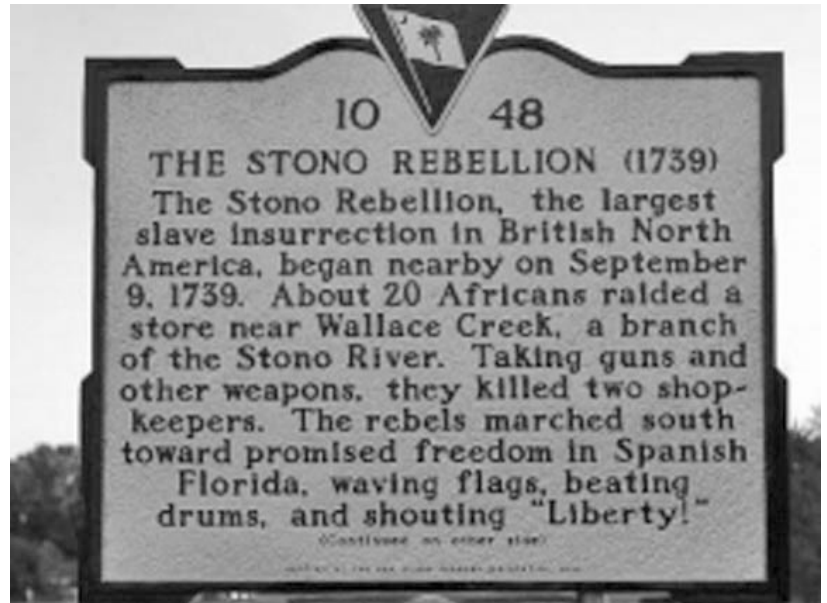


4-2.4 How did the relationship between Native Americans, Europeans, and Africans impact settlement?

Slaves and Colonists

Plantation owners considered slaves to be their **property** and were often **sold** without warning. Slaves wanted to gain their **freedom** from plantation owners. Some slaves **rebelled** against the **poor living conditions** and **abusive treatment** of their slave owners. They would **rebel** by holding **slave revolts**. However, **slave revolts** like South Carolina's **Stono Rebellion** were mostly **unsuccessful**. Some slaves were discovered before the revolt could be carried out. Others were quickly and brutally put down. Because slaves tried to rebel against their abusive owners, colonists then created **slave codes**. The **slave codes** were used to **control** and **monitor** the **behavior** of slaves in the colonies. The codes

included **rules** such as **limited** slave **education**, **purchases**, and ability to **sell goods**. Slaves were also **not allowed** to **travel** without their **master's permission**. **Such revolts** also made the slave owners and the colonists more **fearful** of the enslaved African population because the **slave population** already **outnumbered** the **free population** (colonists). In order prevent the slaves from continually revolting; some slave owners used **violence** and **intimidation**. Although **slaves** continued to **resist** their **captivity** through work slowdowns, faked



illnesses, breaking tools, and running away; most were **unsuccessful** in **escaping slavery**. Some **slaves did escape** the bonds of slavery by heading **North**. Still some in the **North** were able to **work** to **purchase** their **freedom** and the freedom of other slaves. These **free Africans** were able to **find work** as artisans or apprentices in the **New England** colonies.

Slaves and Native Americans

There was some **cooperation** between **slaves** and **Native Americans**. For instance, **runaway slaves** in South Carolina fled to Florida where they **joined Native American tribes**. However, some Native Americans tribes adopted the practice of slavery themselves and **enslaved** the runaway slaves anyways.