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The story told here is a critical yet unknown chapter in the creation of the American republic. Claudio Saunt vividly depicts a dramatic transformation in the eighteenth century that overturned the world of the powerful and numerous Creek Indians and forever changed the Deep South. By 1800, some Creeks, whose most valuable belongings had once been deerskins, owned hundreds of African American slaves and thousands of cattle. Their leaders, who formerly strove for consensus, now ruled by force. New property fostered a new possessiveness, and government by coercion bred confrontation. *A New Order of Things* is the first book to chronicle this decisive transformation in America's early history, a transformation that left deep divisions between the wealthy and poor, powerful and powerless.

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Abbreviations

- AGI Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Spain. Microfilm copies in PKY.
- AGN Archivo General de la Nación, Mexico City, Mexico. Microfilm copies in PKY.
- ASPFR* *American State Papers, Class I: Foreign Relations*. 6 vols. Washington, D.C., 1833–1859.
- ASPIA* *American State Papers, Class II: Indian Affairs*. 2 vols. Washington, D.C., 1832.
- CIL “Creek Indian Letters, Talks, and Treaties, 1705–1839.” Edited by Louise F. Hays. Typescript in GDAH.
- CO Colonial Office
- CRG* *Colonial Records of the State of Georgia*. Edited by Allen D. Candler. Atlanta: Franklin Printing, 1904–1916.
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- DIASC* *Documents Relating to Indian Affairs, Colonial Records of South Carolina*. 2 vols. Edited by William L. McDowell, Jr. Columbia: South Carolina Archives Department, 1958.
- EF East Florida Papers, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Microfilm copies in PKY.
- FO Foreign Office

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GDAH	Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta
<i>LBH</i>	<i>Letters, Journals, and Writings of Benjamin Hawkins</i> . 2 vols. Edited by C. L. Grant. Savannah: Beehive Press, 1980.
LBH	“Letters of Benjamin Hawkins, 1797–1815.” Edited by Louise F. Hays. Typescript in GDAH.
LOC	Lockey Collection, PKY
LTB	“Unpublished Letters of Timothy Barnard, 1784–1820.” Edited by Louise F. Hays. Typescript in GDAH.
<i>MIPAFD</i>	<i>Mississippi Provincial Archives: French Dominion</i> . 5 vols. Edited by Dunbar Rowland and A. G. Sanders. Jackson: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1927.
PC	Papeles Procedentes de Cuba. Archivo de Indias, Seville, Spain. Microfilm copies in PKY.
PKY	P. K. Yonge Library of Florida History, University of Florida, Gainesville
PRO	Public Record Office, London, England
SCG	<i>South Carolina Gazette</i> . Only the later date of each weekly newspaper is cited.
SD	Santo Domingo Papers, Archivo de Indias, Seville, Spain. Microfilm copies in PKY.
ST	Stetson Collection, PKY
<i>USS</i>	United States Serial Set. These citations refer to congressional documents and are given in the standard bibliographic form as used by the Congressional Information Service.
WO	War Office

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