

ss, or shell-stone that may be employed for that purpose: position to be selected is a healthy one and if not whether the of being made so by removing the bushes, drawing the er and letting in the salt water from the Sea,—You will be enquired into all the facts concerning the former shment, why it was so unhealthy; if there was a want of Island at the time, or if it is insuperable from circum-nd contol—In fine, to make yourself acquainted with stance and fact relating to the place—as to its Military commercial, agricultural, fishing, wrecking, and indeed tion of advantage, including Naval purposes, and also vantages under every point of veiw, especially as to it pancy—Should the War Department decide upon placing it is probable that it will be made a dependency of Tampa ment, and consequently one company from that place, th Regt, will be ordered to Key West, so that it may be ould it be found necessary, and also releived at stated it be judged proper to consider it rather as an out post ment garrison—It would be as well perhaps, to take the e post under your command, with you, if you go, yourself f not, to send him with the Officer that you may select e duties herein directed.<sup>69</sup>

honor to be Sir Your Most. Obt. Servt.

ALEX MACOMB Major Genl.

# TO CONGRESS BY INHABITANTS OF KEY WEST

[NA:HF, 20 Cong., 2 sess., DS]

[January 10, 1829]

& House of Representatives of the United States.

orial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Key West, respectfully represent: that from the increased number s and business of the Island, the establishment of a mail place and the main, would be of the first importance to is believed it would be mutually beneficial, particularly ngaged in commerce throughout the United States

Feb. 10, 1829 (NA, WD, HQA Lets. Recd., M 1828), that he would Vest immediately and make his report from that island. See Col. ljutant General, Aug. 12, 1829 (NA, WD, AGO Lets. Recd., C 150), antonment Clinch should be abandoned and Cantonment Brooke the Fourth Regiment moved to Key West. See also *post*, p. 503.

view, as frequent and certain communication could then be held with the West India Squad[ron] and th[MS. torn <sup>70</sup>] officers upon the Island, which at this time is precarious and frequently delayed a long time after it should have been received.

It is believed a Mail route could be established between this place and Charleston, to depart twice a month at an expense not exceeding Two thousand dollars as there are already vessels regularly running between the two places and there is no doubt the owners would make a contract upon the most liberal terms, and your memorialists with great confidence assert, that the amount of Postage received would be sufficient to defray the expense of the route. The communi- cation between this place and Havanna is almost invariably effected in one night, the distance being about seventy miles, and vessels are regularly coming from thence, about twice or three times a week; if a Mail route was established from here there can be no doubt, the merchants of Havana, [MS. torn <sup>71</sup>] avail themselves of it, in their communications with the United States, and immense and important advantages would result to the commercial community, from the facility and certainty with which information could be obtained from this important Island.

Your Memorialists therefore most respectfully pray, that you will afford them all the aid in your power, in the establishment of a Mail Route between this place and the city of Charleston South Carolina, or such other place as you may deem most advantageous.

KEY WEST *January 10 1829.*

W <sup>m</sup> PINKNEY Collector Customs,	Richard:W Cussans
HENRY WILSON U. States Marshal	Robert A Gere
SJD. of Florida	Samuel Brown
P. C. Greene	M. Furlong
John Whitehead	G. Adams
John Morrison	David Cary
P. L. Hoffman	Tho <sup>s</sup> Eastin
P. N. Gardere	Benj. F. Fowler
W. Fuan	Joseph Cottrell
Sam <sup>l</sup> F. Phillips	Nath <sup>l</sup> Glover.
W <sup>m</sup> T Atkins	D M Breadalbane
Tho <sup>s</sup> C Corkle	Frederick Parker
C Mäller	Isaac Neufville

<sup>70</sup> A copy of this document made in the 1920's contains at this point the word "public" which is not in the original.

<sup>71</sup> The word "would" appears here in the copy made in the 1920's.

John G. Clift	Jossephus Fitch
-William G Porter	Lemuel Otis
M: R: Hackley	Ch E. Hawkins
Rob. A Lacey	Alex Sergeant <sup>73</sup>
Horatio P Voss <sup>73</sup>	Felix C Ruby
J M Bunce	<sup>73</sup> F. A. Browne & Co.
Ede Van Evour	- Edgar Macon-
Sallaston Leonardy	* D. Coffin Pinkham
William Bethell	The° Owens
John Geiger	Sam <sup>1</sup> G. Pelot.
John Pearce	W <sup>m</sup> B Gibbons
Henry Kelly	Charles M Johnson
Edward Hunt	William Bunce
William Johnson	Antonio Giraldo
Lewis J. Hunter	Manuel Solana
D. Clapp	Antonio Andrews—
M. A. Outlaw	Amos. Tift—
Tho <sup>s</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Afee	Edward Chandler.
E Mallory	Nelson Tift—
Stephen Mallory	Solomon Ferris
W <sup>m</sup> H Wall	Asa F. Tift
Geo. E. Weaver	Amos. C. Tift
Joseph Paterson	<sup>73</sup> R <sup>t</sup> Philippo
W <sup>m</sup> Taylor	John Barclay—
John Wood	W: W: Rigby
William H Hillard	John Bethell
-Edward Porter	L F Breaker ←
Robert Douglas	* H. S. Waterhouse
Normon Sherwood	Geo—E: Tingle
Patrick Sullivan	M G Hewson
Rob <sup>t</sup> Campbell	Stephen Grant—
Robert Atkinson	Ph. J. Quereau
Sam Airs	Alex <sup>r</sup> P Scott
William Cummings	Sam <sup>1</sup> Bills
Jacob Goff—	Levi James
Sylvester Hill	James R Brown
William Fisher	Alfred Stevens
David Williams	Samuel Stalmes
Tho <sup>s</sup> Berry	Joseph B Marble,

<sup>73</sup> Reading uncertain.

PRESENTMENTS OF THE GRAND JURY OF THE SUPERIOR  
COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT <sup>56</sup>

[NA:SD, Misc. Letters.:C]

[May 29, 1830]

At a Session of the Superior Court for the Southern Judicial District of Florida held at Key West in the County of Monroe on the Eight day of May one thousand Eight hundred and thirty Present the Honorable James Webb

On this day the Grand jury Came into Court and through their foreman Feilding A Browne Esqr made the following presentments, "to wit

The Grand jury now in Session, in and for the County of Monroe; present that it is a matter of great importance in the futherance of justice and the due Administration of the Law, that a sufficient jail should be erected at Key West; in said county sufficiently secure to Contain prisoners and Large enough for there Comfort and health, The want of a jail is so much felt at each term of this Court; that they Cannot refrain from presenting the subject again although they have repeatedly made remonstrances upon this Subject; many offences go unpunished in Consequence of having no secure place to Confine the accused; before trial, or to punish him after it.

A Cistern sufficiently spacious to hold rain water for the use of the Officers of the Court House and during the time of holding Court is absolutely necessary, It could be excavated in the solid Rock at a small expence and its importance as supplying pure fresh water Cannot be sufficiently appreciated unless it is known that the water procured from the wells on the Island is highly impregnated with Limestone and is never drank by the inhabitants when rain water Can be procured.

At the time the House now belonging to the United States and Used as a Court House was erected, it was intended to put around it a Gallery which in this Climate is absolutely Necessary to render a house habitable, particularly during the summer months, Labor and materials being at that time dear and difficult to be procured, it was postpond, and has not yet been done, materials and Labor, are now at a reasonable price and the preservation of the building, as well as the Comfort and health of the Occupants of it, require that galleries

<sup>56</sup> Enclosed in a covering letter of May 29, 1830, from Joel Yancey to the Secretary of State.

should be erected or it is otherwise not fit to be inhabited, during the Summer. All of which is most respectfully presented

Fielding A Browne Foreman	Amos C Tift
Silas How	Darius Clapp
William T. Atkins	M Furlong
→ L. F. Breaker	Joseph Prince
H S Waterhouse	Tho <sup>s</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Afee
Rd B Stanard	John H Sawyer
B. B Strobel	Lemuel Otis
William H Wall	Joseph Cotrill
William Cooley	John Whalton

Superior Court Southern Judicial District of Florida

This is hereby to certify that the foregoing presentments of the Grand Jury in & for the body of the County of Monroe & Southern District of Florida, is a true Copy, as of record in my office.—

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name  
[L. S.] and affixed the seal of said Court this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May  
A. D 1830—

JOEL YANCEY Clk.

[Endorsed] with Joel Yanceys of 27 May 1830

### PROCLAMATION OF PUBLIC LAND SALE

[NA:GLO, Rec. of Procls., Vol. 1]

No. 151. TALLAHASSEE—Florida Proc. dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 1830—  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

In pursuance of law I, ANDREW JACKSON, *President of the United States of America*, do hereby declare and make known that a public Sale will be held at the Land Office at Tallahassee in the Territory of Florida, on the Second monday in October next, for the disposal of the public lands within the limits of the undermentioned townships, Situate North of the base line and East of the meridian Vizt:

Townships two . . . . .	of Range Six.
Townships One and two . . . . .	of Range Seven
Townships One and two . . . . .	of Range Eight.
Townships One and two . . . . .	of Range Nine
Townships One and two . . . . .	of Range Ten <sup>57</sup>

The townships will be offered in the order above designated, beginning with the lowest number of Section in each township.

<sup>57</sup> Oct 25 1830 [Pencilled notation on the MS.].

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS FOR TERRITORIAL  
APPOINTMENTS

[FSL: Terr. Govrs. Let. Bk.:M 70]

Executive Department TALLAHASSEE 19th February 1840

*To the Honorable the Senate of the Legislative Council*

I respectfully nominat the following persons for the offices opposite  
their Names and request the consent of the Legislature thereto,

F. A. Brown Auctioneer for the County of Monroe

Samuel T. Vail Tax Collector for the County of Monroe

W<sup>m</sup> H Bethel Justice of the Peace for Dade CountyW<sup>m</sup> Whitehead Auctioneer for the County of Dade

Andres Papy Lumber Inspector for St: Johns County

James Smith Justice of the Peace for Jackson County

P. A. Randolph F. Wattington W<sup>m</sup> H Wall L. F. Breaker

R. W. Cussins—Port Wardens for Key West

J. B. Brown W. H. Wall R. W. Cussins. W. C. Greene A. F.

Tift—Auctioneers for Monroe County

L. F. Breaker John Dubose Justices of the Peace for Monroe  
County

John Iverson Notary Public Duval County

Edgar M McDonald Auctioneer Duval County

Joseph L. Dutton, Auctioneer & Lumber Inspector for Duval  
CountyFrancis A. Huson George Branning John M. Ponce Justices of  
the Peace for Duval County

John B. Allen Justice of the Peace Hillsborough County

W<sup>m</sup> P. Killgore Auctioneer & ~~Coroner~~ Hillsborough County

R. D. Killgore Auctioneer Hillsborough County

Domingo Acosta ~~John J. Braddock~~ J. Tomkins William Turner

John Motes Justices of the Peace for Nassau County

Daniel Campbell Justice of the Peace Escambia County

F. Desa Reid Sen<sup>r</sup> Henry D<sup>c</sup>Castilo Auctioneers for Escambia  
County

Douglass Dummett Judge County Court Mosquito County

Francis Pellicer Justice of the Peace for Mosquito County

[Blank] Cantwell Notary Public for Apalachicola—

Samuel H. Williams Auctioneer for the County of Mosquito

ROBERT; RAYMOND; REID

(The like message sent also to the House)

<sup>70</sup> See *ante*, p. 20, n.