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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSIONS

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No. 20.]

[HOUSE.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

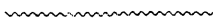
I herewith transmit to you certain Resolves of the Legislature of Alabama, relating to the construction of a Ship Canal across the Cape of Florida.

JOHN HUBBARD.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, }
Feb. 20, 1852. }

JOINT RESOLUTIONS,

Presented by Mr. PHILLIPS, of Mobile, to the House of Representatives, in reference to the construction of a SHIP CANAL across the Peninsula of Florida.



Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That the interest of the States bordering on the Gulf of Mexico, as also of those whose products find a market through this channel, is deeply involved in the inquiry, whether the expense, delay and danger, which now burthen the commerce of the Gulf in the navigation of the Cape of Florida may not be avoided in the construction of a SHIP CANAL across that State.

Resolved, That such a work would strengthen the military defenses of the country, lessen the political importance now attached to the possession of the Island of Cuba, and promote the agricultural and commercial interests of a large portion of the Confederacy.

Resolved, That our Representatives be requested to urge this subject upon the attention of the present Congress; and if such information be not now possessed as to the practicability of the work as to justify Congress, with the consent of the State of Florida, in at once undertaking it, then to adopt means, by survey or otherwise, to procure the fullest knowledge upon the subject.

Resolved, That the Governor of the State be requested to furnish copies of these Resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress; and also to each of the Governors of the

several States of the Union, with the request that they be laid before their respective State Legislatures at as early a period as practicable.

Approved February 6, 1852.

H. W. COLLIER.

JOHN D. RATHER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHARLES McLEMORE,
President of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
Montgomery, Feb. 6, 1852. }

SIR: I have the pleasure of transmitting you, Joint Resolutions of the Legislature of Alabama "in reference to the construction of a Ship Canal across the Peninsula of Florida," and most respectfully inviting your co-operation in the promotion of this interesting and important object.

With sentiments of respect,

I have the honor to be your ob't serv't,

H. W. COLLIER.

STATE OF MAINE.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 20, 1852.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Message and accompanying Resolves, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EDMUND W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*