To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate: 
the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of 
Representatives of the Legislature of Georgia.

The Memorial of James Fort, John Burnett, Jr., Isaac 
North and Daniel Blue, Stephen C. King, John Burnett, Jr., 
Henry D. Augusta, Robert, William D. Davis, James H. Dartle, and 
their associates, most respectfully sheweth: That your memorialists 
entitling a full and true conviction of the important 
advantages that would accrue to this state, and the Union, 
by cutting a canal, or constructing a railroad, from the 
Alabama, at or in the vicinity of Clarke’s bluff to Satilla 
River, to communicate with the harbour of Brunswick. beg 
leave to present this memorial and pray your Honorable 
body will take the same under due consideration and 
discussion, and incorporate the subscribers into an act annexed, 
and their associates and successors into a body politic:

and with vested powers, rights, and privileges to effect 
the aforesaid communication, either by canal or railroad, 
as may hereafter be judged most practicable and conducive 
to the commerce of the interior, and of Brunswick, and with 
power to demand and collect tolls upon the same by way 
of remunerating themselves, their associates and successors, 
that may arise from the contemplated enterprise, in 
such manner and ratio as herein after prayed for.

Your memorialists pray first to be incorporated under 
the name and style of "The Brunswick Canal Company," 
to be invested with power to open books of subscription 
for stocks in such manner and places, as may be judged 
by them most conducive to perfecting the aforesaid internal 
communication, and also to be invested with other corporate 
powers, that is to say: When the amount of stock for 
two hundred thousand dollars may be subscribed for, such subscribers shall be entitled to
Stock holders, and members of said Company, to elect, organize and establish a Board to be styled the President & Directors of the Brunswick Canal Company; to sue and be sued, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended as a corporate body politic in all courts of the State of Georgia, or any place whatsoever having competent jurisdiction over any matter, dispute, or transaction touching the business, affairs, or well being of said Company, and to make such by-laws, rules and regulations, as the said Board may deem most conducive to good order, faith, and harmonious government of said Company. Provided that their by-laws, rules, and regulations be not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State, or of the United States.

Your memorialists further that the said Company, when organized, and shall have completed the aforesaid communication, within four years from the first day of April next (1827) or sooner if possible to accomplish the work in the magnitude herein after described, then to be entitled, together with their heirs, associates and successors, to demand and receive, by way of toll, for all goods, wares, merchandise, or productions of the country carried on, or through said communication, and Steams, or other boats, vessels, crafts, or crafts of any description, or vehicle whatever, passing on, or through said canal or rail-way, such sum of money, as the said Company shall think proper to impose in their regulations of toll, not exceeding, at any twelve months in succession twenty-five per cent per annum, and proportioned on the amount of money, which they shall have expended in making and keeping in repair the said canal, or rail-way.
To ascertain which the Boards aforesaid shall cause to be kept an accurate set of books of the amount of stock paid in, and all of all expenditures, including repairs, and all incomes of tolls, which books shall always be liable to the inspection of the Legislature, or a committee appointed by that body; and that the said Company by their Board of Directors, or their authorized agents, shall have power to stop any goods, wares, merchandise, or productions of the country, vessels, steam or other boats, craft, raft, or vehicle of any description from passing on or through said canal, or rail-way, until payment to the said Company of such ratio of toll, as may be demanded aforesaid.

Your memorialists further pray your Honorable body to invest them and their associates with power to select the most practicable, and economical route for effecting said canal, or rail-way between the Matamahad and Turtle River, or their branches. — And in case of any difficulty arising in regard to any part of the necessary strip of land that may be selected, said Company may appoint three disinterested free holders within the State, under the sanction of the Hon. the Inferior Court of Glynn county, and the owner, or owners of such disputed part of the selected route for the canal, or rail-way, shall also appoint three disinterested free holders in manner aforesaid, who, together with those on the part of the Company aforesaid, shall form a committee of valuation, and shall proceed upon the premises and award the amount of damages such owner, or owners, may sustain in the value of such strip of land, which the said Company shall pay for, unto the said owner, or owners.
in fee-simple right to the same forever.
In case the committee aforesaid cannot agree upon the valuation, they shall choose the seventh member to be attached to said committee. And that in all such cases, it should be found by the said committee, acting as a committee of estimate, that no damages have occurred but that on the contrary that the value of the property of such a party has been increased by the improvements, that then the party or parties shall pay up the President Directors to the said company, as much as may be adjudged to be appropriated to the benefit of those whose property may happen to be improved.

Your memorialists further pray your Honorable body that no canal, or rail-way, leading from the Matamah to Pine tree River, or their branches, shall hereafter to be cut or constructed within twenty miles of the route they may select.

The stock at all times to be transferable on the books of said Company, agreeable to the stock, and regulations of shares in the same, as may be adopted, at a standing, by at least two thirds of the Directors thereof, in manner aforesaid, as are customary in such cases.

Should the above petition be granted by the introduction and passage of a bill, embracing the points herein prayed for by your memorialists, they deem it proper to state more fully to your Honorable body, their views in regard to continuing the aforesaid communication.

Your memorialists, comprising the land holders, in part, between the Matamah and Pine tree River, having already caused a scientific survey to be made, at their own expense, with a view for a canal from Clark's Bluff on the Matamah,
to the head of Cowpen Creek, a short branch of Turtle River, seven miles above Brunswick, by one of the most reputable scientific civil Engineers of the country. viz. Mr. John Wilson, who reports in favour of the practicability of a canal or canal, and have memorialists do not wish to direct themselves, and their associates of the power or privilege of investigating other routes in the vicinity, before a final decision and commencement of excavation; inasmuch as upon a more minute investigation of the adjoining country, above and below that route, it may be possible to find one more practicable, economical, and beneficial to the commerce of the interior parts of the State, viz. Brunswick, or in case it may be found still more so to construct a road, that your memorialists shall have the exclusive privilege of adopting either a canal or road, which ever may be found best to suit the face and nature of the country and waters between the above-mentioned Rivers.

The practicability, in regard to the fundamental principles of the level, was supply of water for a feeder from the Matamah, having been fully ascertained by the Engineer aforesaid, your memorialists deem it far more advan-
gageous to themselves, their associates, and successors, and also to the commerce of the state, to adopt, if possible, the plan of a canal of the following magnitude — That is, to say, they bind themselves and associates, though in case they find it most practicable to adopt a canal, to construct it agreeable to the following outline: viz. thirty-five feet wide at the bottom, with sufficient sloped from the top to render the banks permanent, and of sufficient depth to afford, at least fou-
and a half feet water all the way through from lock to lock, and with receptacles or side basins at given points, of equal width of the main body of the canal, for the reception of Steam Boats or other large crafts, in case of necessity, while other boats or craft of a similar class may pass in the opposite direction.

Your memorialists feel, also, deeply impressed with a firm belief that their present designs will, when carried into effect, prove vastly beneficial to the western and southern counties of the state, and also to the general welfare of Georgia in the commercial world, by opening this important outlet to the Ocean, by way of the noblest bar and harbour south of the Cape of Virginia, in a becoming magnitude, with the future destination of Brunswick, which would also enhance the importance of that part of the state, as the main receptacle of the vast trade from the western states, which must naturally centre at Brunswick through the national Florida canal, by uniting the trade of the two countries, also from Europe, and the commercial world, at that geographical angle.

Which Port, at the same time, is the most central upon the margin of the Ocean, of any in the state, of equal magnitude, and lucrative invitation for all classes of industry of the country, and the world.

Hence your memorialists conceive their main object should be nothing less than a canal of the above outlined—that is to say, which, when completed, shall admit a Steam Boat, that may hereafter leave the Ocmulgee, or the Oconee, with at least Eight hundred bales of cotton on board, to pass through
the contemplated canal, from the Chattahoochee into
Gatte River, without unloading, and lie alongside
of a merchant ship at Brunswick, and to return with
a full cargo into the interior with equal facility.
With a sincere conviction that your memorialists
have prayed for nothing beyond the power of your
Honorable body to grant; and that their views are
calculated to promote the perpetual interest of
Georgia in a very important part of the State,
they beg leave to submit the above memorial
with the most profound respect, for your
consideration: and your petitioners will ever acknow-
ledge it.

Dated in Glynn County
this 10th of October, 1820

1. Capt. Ford
2. Daniel Blay
3. Isaac W. McDade
4. Hymen C. King
5. E. March
6. D. A. King
7. Isaac McGinniss
8. Wm. Cassady
9. John Fort
10. James H. McMillan
11. Charles W. Barret

12. Peter Hulpie
13. C. H. W. Coates
14. James Gosnell
15. W. Butts King
16. P. F. D. Demere
17. Mary D. Eaton
Rich Pateiffe

74, William Reddings
James Grant

76, Thomas Down

77, Robert B. Pateol

78, Daniel May Jr.
Jacob Moore

79, W. Towns
John Dickery

80, Darby ben Menagone

81, J. McGreer

82, Theodore Day

83, John B. Harris

84, M. Davis

85, P. Hayton

86, Leman Reed

87, Robert Hamilton

88, Daniel Bullock

89, A. Springs

90, Robert Davis

91, Robert Blair

92, William Neely

93, Bartholomew

94, Mr. Densmore

95, Robert Brown

96, Dr. J. Herd

97, Bath Lamar

98, Jeff Hunt

99, Mrs. Peck

100, John L. Anderson

101, J. Mill

102, J. B. Davis

103, W. H. Young

104, M. W. Morris

105, W. O. Mitchell

106, Wm. Black

107, Peter J. Pigeon

108, William E. Wood

109, Dr. Miller

110, William L. Lockwood

111, A. C. Bartlett

112, Thomas Robertson

113, A. C. Simonds

114, J. V. Clarke

115, T. B. Piggott

116, M. H. stair

117, J. S. Godfrey

118, John B. Ford

119, August

120, F. B. Young

121, J. I. Dandridge

122, W. C. Bragg

123, B. R. Heston

124, C. Godwin

125, L. W. Peake

August
John W. King
Wm. Johnson
Col. Strickler

Baltimore

Flater

James Turn
James Ballard
J. B. Beacham

Lance Collin

James W. [illegible]
James Work
Tom P. [illegible]
S. S. Driver

Wm. Brewer
[illegible] [illegible]
Alm. Marshall
F. Lamar
T. [illegible] Jordan
Michael Sullivan

Recapitulation:
87. from Glynn, Wayne, Camden, and all South Counties
82. from Augusta
44. " Macon
129. " [illegible] County
11. " Midway
323. Subscribed