House of Assembly, 17th August 1783.

The Committee appointed on the Petition of James Moffran praying that he might be allowed to remove a number of Negroes (the property of John Graham) from East Florida into this state, and that the said Negroes might be specially protected, on the name of the said John Graham as in the Confiscation Act.

Reported as their opinion that the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted, and that His Honor the Governor be empowered and required to grant permission to the said James Moffran, to import said Negroes into this State and to protect and secure them against any claim or claims that may be made for in behalf of the State under and by virtue of the Confiscation Act, which was agreed.

Extract from the Minutes.

John Wilkinson, Sec.
Sir

your letter of the 29 Aug, did not come to hand till a week after the date - I must request you to inform his Honor the Governor, that it is not in my power to attend the Council, as I am making preparations to go to the Northward, to remove my children & negroes, into this state, my horses are poor, and if I do not give them rest as well as food they will not be able to perform the journey,

I am sir with respect your Obt. servt. James Stewart

Telamon Cuyler Collection
University of Georgia
Resignation

HON. James Stewart

Hon. Council

David Rees Esquire

Town of Savannah

Rees
In Council. Savannah 23rd Oct. 1783

Ordered, That the Surveyor General be requested & required to transmit, or cause to be transmitted, monthly and every month, to this Board, all suits depending or determined in any of the Courts for hearing and determining the same within this State, to serve as a guide for signing of Grants — and that a certificate be required by this Board, before signing any grant for Land, from the Justices presiding at the Land Court of the County where such Land lies, that there is no bar or impediment to the signing the same, and also that the same has been improved and cultivated the time required by the Land Act.

Extract from the Minutes

D. Rees, Sec'y E. & C.
Order of Council
Respecting James,
June 28, 1783
Oct. 23