Confederate States of America,
WAR DEPARTMENT.

Richmond, July 15, 1861.

Sir:

You are hereby informed that the President has appointed you

Col. [underline] 16th Geo Regt.

In the Provisional Army in the service of the Confederate States. You are requested to signify your acceptance or non-acceptance of said appointment: and should you accept you will sign before a magistrate, the oath of office herewith, and forward the same with your letter of acceptance to this Department.

J.M. Walker

Secretary of War.

Col. Howell Cobb,
16th Geo Regt.
Richmond
State of Georgia.

BY GEORGE W. CRAWFORD,

Governor of said State.

To the Hon. Howell Cobb

Greeting:

Whereas, by the Second Section of the First Article of the Constitution of the United States of America it is ordained and established that the House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second year by the People of the several States; and whereas, by the returns made agreeably to law of the election held on the first Monday in October last for eight Members to represent this State in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for two years, from and after the third day of March next; you, the said Howell Cobb were duly elected one of the said Representatives in and by the Sixth Congressional District of said State.

These are therefore to commission you the said Howell Cobb to take session in the House of Representatives of the United States for two years, from and after the third day of March next as aforesaid and there and exercise all and every the privileges and powers which, of right, you may or can do, in and by virtue of the said Constitution in behalf of this State.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at the Capitol in Milledgeville this 29th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America, the sixtieth.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

N. M. Brown

Secretary of State.
GEORGIA.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY HOWELL COBB,
GOVERNOR OF SAID STATE.

To the Honorable the Justices of the Inferior Court for the County of

Of Rabun (or any three of them.)

WHEREAS I have this day commissioned

James B. Billingsley

Sheriff for the county aforesaid:

AND WHEREAS the said person cannot attend at the Executive Department to qualify for his said office without great inconvenience, I have selected you, the said Justices, or any three of you, to administer to him the oath of office, as annexed, and upon his taking and subscribing the same, and giving bond, you will certify your proceedings to me, that the same may become a record.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Executive Department, at the Capitol in the city of Milledgeville, the 17th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty and of the Independence of the United States of America the seventy-eighth.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Adair Hood

Secretary Executive Department.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

Rabun County.

I, James B. Billingsley, do solemnly swear, (or affirm,) that I will faithfully execute all writs, warrants, precepts and processes directed to me as Sheriff of the County of Rabun and true returns make, and in all things well and truly; and without malice or partiality, perform the duties of the office of Sheriff of Rabun County, during my continuance in office, and take only my lawful fees.

And I do further swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the State of Georgia, and to the utmost of my power and ability, observe, conform to, support and defend the Constitution thereof, without any reservation or equivocation whatsoever, and the Constitution of the United States: and I do further swear, that I am not the holder of any public moneys unaccounted for:—So help me, God.

Sworn to and subscribed before us,

this 3rd day of February 1852.

[Signatures]

James B. Billingsley

J. H. Coffee

S. T. Burner

L. W. Jones

J. L. C.
State of Georgia,

Bibb County.

Know all men by these presents that we, James W. Billingsley, as Principal, and James Billingsley, as Securitves, all of said county, are held and firmly bound unto His Excellency, Howell Cobb, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof, for the time being, and his successors in office, in the just and full sum of Five Thousand dollars, for the true payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly, severally and firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this the Third day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas James W. Billingsley has been elected Sheriff of said county, now should the said James W. Billingsley well and truly do and perform faithfully his duty as Sheriff of said county, by himself, Jailor and Deputies, and faithfully execute all writs, warrants, precepts and processes directed to him as Sheriff as aforesaid, and true returns make, and in all things well and truly, and without malice or partiality, do and perform all and singular the duties of said office of Sheriff as aforesaid, by himself, Jailor and Deputies, during his continuance in office, and take only the fees prescribed by law, and perform all and singular the duties required of him as Sheriff of said county, then this obligation to be null and void, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Tested and approved by

Edward Coffee, J. L. C.
Lewis S. Jones, J. L. C.
Bingy Love, J. L. C.

Examined, approved & ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Court, April 8th, 1852.

James Jackson
J. C. W. C.