

Richmond Aug 5. 1847. ⁴⁰

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answer.

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if not important. It belonged how-
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what ever papers his Father
may have left relative the first
State Bank or the early history
of this State his Son also has
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now did I ever hear his Father
speak of any such. I have in-
formed him of your application
to me and that I had referred
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The address of my cousin is
Col. Andrew P. Calhoun Fannin-
dale P. O. Milledge Co.

Very Respectfully
Yours

James M. Calhoun

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there was in the Executive
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and Spain in 1796 containing
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Abner J. Pickett Esq
Montgomery
Ala.

from the
Hon James E. Walker

5 August 1847

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¹ James Martin Calhoun (1805-1877) of Richmond, Alabama, was appointed as a commissioner to settle the boundary dispute between Alabama and Florida. In addition, he served many terms in the Alabama legislature from the 1830s to the 1860s.

² Francis Wilkinson Pickens (1805-1869) was a grandson of Revolutionary War General Andrew Pickens. Gen. Pickens acted as an agent of the U.S. government in Indian relations several times from 1785 to 1801. F.W. Pickens was the brother of James M. Calhoun's wife Susan. See MSS Book 1, No.64, letter from F.W. Pickens dated 30 September 1847.

Cousin Col Andrew P. Calhoun³ Faunsdale P.O. Marengo Co

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from the / Hon. James E. Calhoun

³ Andrew Pickens Calhoun (1812-1865), son of Senator John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, moved to Marengo County in 1835, where he was a successful planter.

⁴ Andrew Ellicott (1754-1820) appointed by George Washington as U.S. Commissioner to survey the boundary as defined in the Treaty of San Lorenzo (1795), was engaged in this expedition from 1796 to 1800. Esteban Minor was appointed Commissioner on the Spanish side.