The Commissioners of the Oconee Navigation

~~respectfully~~

Report - that since their last annu=al communication, the hands were hir'd to boat the last winter season - that in the summer they hir'd them to Mr. ~~John W. L.~~ Daniel, the undertaker of the Lock and Dam, to accelerate and ensure its completion while the water was low, and then sent them down to Mooring's ferry under the care of Ja=cob Barrow, ~~as~~ Manager, who is ~~esteem'd~~ considerd a good patroon, and who states that he operated very efficiently in cuting and removing logs & other obstructions till a small swell in the river, ~~together~~ with the cool weather ~~rendered it necessary~~ induced him to abandon it - and the hands were then hir'd and turn'd over to Mspr. Fort and Calhoun for the boating season -

The Lock and Dam is completed in the opinion of the Engineer - It has cost the Mss. $ and it is believ'd will answer the purpose intended, advance the growth of Milledgeville, ultimately add to the convenience & prosperity of the Agricultural interest

~~The Comr. are of opinion the abutment on the Western bank is insufficient~~ agreeable ~~to his~~ the Engineers report herewith transmitted -

interest of the surrounding Country, ~~as well as the riparian inhabitants of the mouth of the river~~ — But in all dry seasons, ~~like the present,~~ the low water presents insurmountable obstacles, for a while, to the boating & Commercial interest, which we are compel'd to submit to, in common with almost or quite all the rivers, under like circumstances, South of the James River ~~Virginia~~

The Institution has $ besides Mr. and 100 shares Bank stock $ 16 Negro

We will again state — that from frequent experiments the sand bars within our limits are created by logs, limbs and brush, but by raising them, the current cuts away the sand, and by removing the cause, the channel is render'd deeper, the obstruction remov'd, and the navigation made safe —

+ Mr. Dorsey's boat has lately arriv'd ~~with a freight of 71,000~~ passd up & down through

We flatter ourselves that in the proper management of the funds & the ~~amount~~ deriv'd from the hire of the hands in winter, the Institution will be able to improve the worst places, remove all the ~~trees & logs that may~~ new obstructions that may fall into the river, and purchase one or more hands annually, and years long experience has demonstrated the propriety of having hands to work on the river every summer — and we have

+ ~~Mr. Dorsey's boat has lately arriv'd from Darien with a freight of 71000~~

the satisfaction to add that no accident has occur'd on this River for 5 years within our recollection — a strong evidence that the navigation is greatly improv'd

The Institution has $9000 in Bonds & Notes with good Security
Amount of Cash 2973 — 17 Negroes & one hundred Shares
Bank Stock —

men — 2 have died & one not calculated to answer the purpose has been sent off for sale
since our ~~the~~ last report

which we has not immediate use for have been

In order to render the funds more efficient

loaned on undoubted security —

ch the Stock