

Claiborne June 13th 1826

Executive Department.

Dear Sir,

I have waited with some anxiety to receive an answer to the letters which I had the pleasure to address to you some time ago, and have fears that you may not have received them. The first I wrote was intended to inform you of your appointment in conjunction with Arthur P. Bagby Esquire as one of the commissioners to run the line dividing this State and Georgia, and at the same time to ascertain, by opening a correspondence with you, what length of time would be requisite to give you notice by mail of the time and place of meeting of the commissioners, when the time and place might be determined--- The subject was so involved in contingencies, that we were not able to fix the time until the middle of May--- I then wrote to you again giving you information of the time and place. I hope you will have recd them, at least before this comes to hand by Major Wiggins, whom I beg leave to introduce to your acquaintance, and polite attention and whom I have engaged as an Express to give you the necessary information--- It would not be proper to abandon a matter of so much importance as the running of this line to the uncertainties and accidents of the mail.--- It is likely your letters are now on the way to me, for I am assured that you gave immediate attention to them; but the mail arrangements are so preca^usious, on the route to Huntsville and the occasional delays so unsurmountable, that I cannot avoid sending an Express--- If you have not recd my letters, and also one from Mr. Bagby, for he too has written to you, requesting you to meet him at Fort Mitchell the last of this month, you will be subjected to the inconveniences of a very short notice which I wished much to prevent; but even in that case I have the utmost reliance on your zeal and activity to meet all the disadvantages which may result from accidental occurrence--- You will find your commission at

Fort Mitchell on the Chatahouchee in the hands of Mr Bagby.
I thought this more safe than sending it to you by mail. The
Commissioners are to meet at Fort Mitchell on the Chatahouchee,
the first Monday in July next, and you will use all due diligence
to give a punctual attendance there, on the day appointed,
or as soon thereafter as possible--- On your arrival at the
Chatahouchee you will receive from Mr Bagby one hundred and sixty
dollars--- I consulted Mr Bagby, and this was the sum which
we supposed would be sufficient for each to meet immediate
expences until the General Assembly should make full compensation---
I have delayed sending the Express, waiting for the mail, until
I am now pressed for time, not wishing to delay him a moment
longer--- I have sent on to the Chatahouchee the result of the
examination which I have been able to give to the Articles of
Agreement & Cession, addressed to Mr B--- I will send on another
copy, to yourself, by the next mail, directed to Fort Mitchell
on the Chatahouchee--- This perhaps will be most safe as I
have great hopes you will have left home for the place of meeting
even before the Express may reach your house which you will
probably have done if you have recd Mr Bagby's letter and mine---
By way of security I enclose you a certificate of your appointment.
I beg you to give me constant information of your proceedings
and I shall write to you as any thing may occur to me which
might be of service in establishing the line--- There can be
no doubt that the most probable construction of the Articles will
make the direct line to commence above the "Cussetas and Coweta
Towns"--- There is a misnomer of the Creek intended, but it
can be located by the express declaration of the Articles---
You will have the goodness to write to me by Major Robert D.
Wiggins and be assured that I

remain very respectfully
your friend & obedient servant

John Murphy

Major Charles Lewis
Jackson County
Alabama

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This is to certify to all whom it may concern, that I have appointed Major Charles Lewis, in conjunction with Arthur P. Bagby Esquire, the Commissioners on the part of this State to cooperate with such Commissioners as may be appointed on the part of the State of Georgia, to ascertain the boundary Line between that State and the State of Alabama, agreeably to the Authority vested in them by a Resolution of the General Assembly of this State passed the 7th day of January 1826.

John Murphy.

Endorsed:

1826

Copy of a Letter addressed to Major Lewis on the Subject of the Line between Georgia and Alabama and forwarded by Express.