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I HAVE the honor, respectfully to submit and report to your Excellency a compilation of the Laws and Resolutions of this State, in pursuance of the act requiring the same. In tendering for your examination this work, I have only to remark, that notwithstanding the wide and unrestrained discretion with which you are very properly invested by law, thereby constituting for my labors, a somewhat dubious fate. Yet, in taking these, I beg leave to express to you the assurance of my entire confidence in your judgment, and, that whatever may be the result, I shall be cheerfully reconciled, year 1818, that your legal and professional observation, in which is most estimated every part of their worth.

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Receive my highest consideration.

AUGUSTIN S. CLAYTON.

JANUARY 1st, 1811.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. GEORGIA;
MILLEDGEVILLE, 25th February, 1811.

WHEREAS, by an act passed the 12th day of December, 1809, entitled "an act to compile and arrange the laws and resolutions of this State, passed since the political year 1800," it is enacted and declared, "That during the year eighteen hundred and ten, the laws of this State, passed since the political year eighteen hundred, and concurred and approved resolutions, (except such as relates to elections by the General Assembly) and every tenth year thereafter, shall be compiled, arranged and printed." And by the same act it is further enacted and declared, "That the Legislature shall by joint ballot of both branches, appoint some fit and proper person to compile and arrange the laws of this State, in pursuance of this act, and report the same to his Excellency the Governor, who shall approve or disapprove of the same."

And whereas Augustin Smith Clayton, Esquire, was by joint ballot of both branches of the Legislature, in conformity with the before in part recited act, to wit, on the 12th day of December, 1809, duly elected to compile and arrange the laws of this State, in pursuance of the said act.
AND WHEREAS the said Augustin Smith Clayton, Esquire, hath presented to me a compilation of the laws and resolutions of this State, made in conformity to the said act; which compilation was by executive order of the 3d day of January last, submitted to the inspection and examination of Horatio Marbury, Edmund B. Jenkins, Hines Holt and Anthony Porter, Esquires, who have reported thereon as follows, to wit:

"Pursuant to your Excellency's order of the 3d ultimo, the undersigned have carefully examined a compilation of the laws of this State, passed since the political year 1800, up to the year 1809, inclusive; together with such concurred and approved resolutions, as were deemed necessary by the compiler; and now present them to your Excellency as true copies from the originals in the office of the Secretary of State.

"They have also examined the notes of reference made by the compiler, and found them to be appropriate.

"They have not found that chronological arrangement of the laws which is most desirable in a compilation of this kind; but have found them (which in their judgment is entirely essential) arranged under the particular year in which they were passed.

"The marginal notes with an index to the whole, they have thought proper to leave with the compiler, whose talents and judgment they deem amply sufficient to ensure their correctness."

NOW KNOW YE, Legislators, Judges, Citizens and People of Georgia, that I, David Brydie Mitchell, Governor thereof, in conformity with, and in obedience to the aforementioned act, do by these presents APPROVE of the aforesaid compilation of the laws of this State.

D: B: MITCHELL.

* The laws of 1810, by a subsequent resolution of the Legislature are compiled by Adams and Duyckinck, and form a part of the present volume.
PREFACE.

The laws contained in this volume, are arranged in the order of time in which they passed; every act is numbered from one to the conclusion, and under each act that has been amended, suspended or repealed, a reference is made to the law so amending, suspending or repealing, by the number of it, and the year in which it passed.... The notes refer by numbers, and the index by pages.... At the top of the book, is expressed the year in which the laws of each session passed, in order to facilitate a readier notice.