

Copy of a letter from the Honorable Albert Gallatin, to George R. Clayton, Secretary of the Executive Department of Georgia, dated Treasury Department, September 8, 1802.

SIR,

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 12th ultimo, inclosing a statement of the monies which have been withdrawn from what is called the Yazoo deposit.

The United States being now in consequence of their agreement with the State of Georgia, placed in the same relation towards the Yazoo claimants in which the state formerly stood. It is of importance that she should be furnished with such documents or information, in possession of the state, as may ~~be~~ ^{be} proper to settle improper claims, or, if Congress should think it more eligible, to make a compromise as advantageous to the public as circumstances will admit.

On that account the commissioners on the part of the United States, whose duty it is, to make a full statement to Congress at their next session, of the nature, extent and present situation of all claims derived, or pretended to be derived from Georgia, are desirous of obtaining from the state, copies of the laws under which the sums specified in the statement you enclosed were withdrawn, and also the particular evidences under each sum was paid to the applicants.

I will therefore thank you to communicate and transmit to this department, or the Secretary of State, such transcripts as are necessary for the purpose, as every information relative to the formation and subsequent modification of the several companies, which you will consider as calculated to throw light on the subject.

I regret that the illness of the Governor should be the cause which prevents his writing, and from a fear that the same reason may continue to operate, have directed this letter to you.

I have the honor, &c.