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Executive Department
Montgomery, Ala.

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Charles Walsh
Pres Bank of Mobile
Mobile
Ala.

Sir.

Your letter of 21st inst. has been received, for which you will accept my thanks. I sent a few days since by Col E Harrison two hundred bonds of one thousand dollars each; one half of them to be deposited in your Bank, and the other half in the Southern Bank of Alabama, to be held by the Banks until taken up by other bonds with the interest payable semi-annually ^{& at Mobile}, which will be ready in a few days. I had hoped that each of the Banks would be able to take one hundred of fifty thousand dollars of the state bonds, but the reasons assigned by you for not taking more than one hundred thousand are of such a character as to prevent me from insisting upon your taking more.

I fully appreciate the practical and patriotic motives which actuate the President and Directors of the Bank, and tender them my thanks for what they have done for the state in her emergencies.

A few days since I forwarded you a draft for Eight Thousand dollars drawn by W. M. Smith as President of the Bank of Selma, and on yesterday forwarded you another draft for ten thousand dollars drawn by A. C. Jones, adm^r. &c, the proceeds of both which I directed to be placed to the credit of D. B. Bratton Treasurer of the State of Alabama. There will I presume be no difficulty for transferring the proceeds of these drafts and the amount to be loaned by you to the Treasury of the ^{the Treasury} State, as it all will have to be paid out in the City of Mobile.

I may desire the aid of the Bank in disposing of the state bonds. Will inform you in due time.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt serv^t
Wm. A. Bratton

Copies of letters
to
Bk Mobile &
Southern Bank.

Mar 25th 1861



I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the draft for Eight Thousand Dollars drawn by W. M. Smith as President of the Bank of Alabama and on your order for said draft for One Thousand Dollars drawn by A. C. Jones adm^r. of the proceeds of both which I directed to be placed to the credit of the Treasury of the State of Alabama. There will I presume be no difficulty for transferring the proceeds of these drafts and the amount of balance by you to the Treasury of the State, as it will have to be paid out in the City of Mobile.

I may desire the aid of the Bank in disposing of the State Bonds. Will inform you in due time.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. H. Smith