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Executive Department

Montgomery, Ala. April 10th 1861.

Mr. W. J. Norris.

Pres. Commercial Bk of Ala.

Selma.

Ala.

Sir.

I send by
Col. J. W. Echols forty seven state bonds
of \$1000⁰⁰ each, for which you will either
give him the specie or furnish him
Exchange on the Bank of Mobile, or
the Southern Bank of Alabama,
or on both of said Banks as
may best suit your Convenience.

I find that insurance
from this place to Mobile is $\frac{1}{4}$ of
one per cent, and suppose it can not
be more from Selma to Mobile.

If the Bank can furnish checks
upon either of said Banks ^{at the cost of insurance}, it will
have the privilege of doing so instead
of sending the specie.

The act of the Legislature
legalizing the suspension of
specie payments, approved

Feb 2nd 1861, requires the Commercial Bank of Alabama to take in bonds of the state \$106,400.00. The Bank under an ordinance of the Convention loaned to the state \$58,823.35, which deducted from the above amount leaves \$47,576.65. I therefore take only \$47,000 at this time, hoping to be able to sell bonds enough to pay back the amount borrowed, being \$58,823.35. If this can be done it will relieve the Bank of the necessity of furnishing the whole of the amount of \$106,400.00 as required by the act of the Legislature. This, however, will be left an open question for the present.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt-
servt
A. B. Moore.

Letter to
Pres. Com. Bank

April 10th 1861

W.D.

