

they have recognized them as facts accomplished, and have, with remarkable wisdom and discretion acquiesced in the new order of things, and united in the faithful execution of the Constitution and the laws. Our colored population have been orderly and industrious to a degree remarkable under the circumstances that surround them, and have given evidence of a disposition, which, if not interfered with by the fanatical and hypocritical enemies of our country and of their race, will, to a large extent, mitigate the unavoidable miseries attending their sudden emancipation. Upon the faithful execution of our laws, in spirit, and in truth, by the Courts, the juries and the officers of our State, will depend, to a great extent, that feeling of public security and confidence which is so necessary to the happiness and prosperity of a people. Prejudice, passion and partiality, must, in all cases, be guarded against and avoided, and substantial justice must be done practically to all. It matters little what our constitution provides or our Legislature enacts, if the laws are not executed faithfully and impartially, and it affords me gratification to report that, so far as my observation extends, there has been generally manifested on the part of our people a disposition to enforce the laws justly and fairly, and conscientiously themselves to abide by the same. It is this disposition of a people that enables them to govern themselves successfully, entitles them to that right and destroys the least vestige of an excuse or pretence for governing them with arbitrary and irresponsible power; and the full re-establishment in our State of civil law and authority by the President of the United States, has proved his justice and wisdom, and gives an assurance of his determination to maintain constitutional liberty and republican principles in our country.

Very respectfully,
JNO. B. GALBRAITH,
 Attorney General.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
 TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 14th, 1866. }

His Excellency, **DAVID S. WALKER,**
Governor of Florida:

SIR—I have the honor to report receipt at this office since the 21st day of December, A. D. 1865, of the following contributions for the use of the State Library, viz: From the Department of the Interior, the proceedings of Congress, Executive and Legislative; Journals Senate and House; Reports of Committees and from the Departments from 1859-60 to 1865-6 inclusive, comprising in all some..... 360 vols.
 Also American papers..... 17 "
 Writings of James Madison,..... 4 "
 U. S. statutes at large 1865-6,..... 34 "

I have also received in exchange from the several States of Nevada, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan, Maine, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, California, Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, the proceedings of their respective Legislatures, accompanied in some cases with their Statute Laws, and Department Reports—thus adding altogether over four hundred and fifty (450) volumes to the Executive and Legislative Departments of the State Library. With regard to the Judicial, the most important branch of the Library, I have, for an obvious reason been less successful, but nevertheless, in spite of my inability to furnish the necessary exchanges, some additions have been made, to-wit: 11 volumes Illinois Reports; 1 vol. Digest; 2 vols. California, no. 28; 2 vols. Pennsylvania, nos. 49 and 50; 2 vols. Nevada, no. 1; 1 vol. Iowa, no. 17; 1 vol. Digest; 1 vol. Minnesota, no. 10; 1 vol. Alabama, no. 37; 1 vol. Connecticut, no. 27; 1 vol. Kentucky, no. 1.

In conclusion, I would respectfully suggest for the consideration of the General Assembly, that the Secretary of State be authorized to have published and bound annually, a sufficient number of extra copies of the Florida Reports to exchange with all the States. It is believed that it would be an easy matter to resume and carry on the system of exchange so happily commenced prior to the war, and the importance of augmenting this branch of the Library at so small a cost to the State, is deemed too obvious to admit of argument.

I have the honor to be,
 Very respectfully,
BENJ. F. ALLEN,
 Secretary of State.