

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,  
Tallahassee, January 1, 1878. }

To His Excellency George F. Drew, Governor of Florida :

SIR: In obedience to the 9th Section of the 7th Article of the Constitution, which requires that "each officer of the Cabinet, shall make a full report of his official acts, of the receipts and expenditures of his office, and of the requirements of the same to the Governor, at the beginning of each regular session of the Legislature," I have the honor of submitting, herewith, the report from this office for the period of two years, commencing January 1st, 1877, and ending December 31st, 1878.

### COMMISSIONS.

The following Commissions have been issued :

Members of the Cabinet.....	7
Circuit Court Judges.....	4
State Attorneys.....	8
County Judges.....	36
Sheriffs.....	41
Clerks of the Circuit Court.....	37
Assessors of Taxes.....	42
Collectors of Revenue.....	40
County Treasurers.....	40
County Surveyors.....	36
County Commissioners.....	225
Superintendents of Common Schools.....	45
Justices of the Peace.....	416
Notaries Public.....	135
Commissioners of Deeds.....	42
Auctioneers.....	45
Inspectors of Timber and Lumber.....	36
Commissioners of Pilotage.....	31
Timber Agents.....	2
Members Boards of Education.....	13
Harbor Masters.....	1
Constables.....	14
State Engineers.....	1

### REMOVALS.

The following Executive removals have been made :

County Commissioners.....	161
Justices of the Peace.....	81
Notaries Public.....	30
Superintendents of Schools.....	20
County Surveyors.....	22
County Treasurers.....	19
Timber Agents.....	7
State Detectives.....	2

The following are the Executive and Senatorial removals that have been made :

Clerks of the Circuit Court.....	16
Sheriffs.....	18
County Judges.....	14
Commissions of Pilotage.....	9
Collectors of Revenue.....	10
Assessors of Taxes.....	8
State Attorneys.....	3

### RESIGNATIONS.

There have been received and accepted the resignations of the following officers :

County Judges.....	9
State Attorneys.....	2
Clerks of the Circuit Court.....	5
Sheriffs.....	7
Collectors of Revenue.....	2
Assessors of Taxes.....	4
Justices of the Peace.....	63
County Commissioners.....	31
County Treasurers.....	2
Superintendent of Schools.....	9
County Surveyors.....	6
Inspectors of Timber and Lumber.....	6
Notaries Public.....	3
Commissioners of Pilotage.....	4
Commissioners of Deeds.....	1
Constables.....	2
Members Board East Florida Seminary.....	1
Members of the Assembly.....	1
Adjutant Generals.....	1

### REQUISITIONS.

The following States have made requisitions upon Florida for fugitives from justice :

Alabama.....	68
Georgia.....	28
Kansas.....	3
Pennsylvania.....	1
Mississippi.....	1
Missouri.....	1
Illinois.....	1
Texas.....	2
Iowa.....	1

Florida has made through her Executive requisitions upon the following States :

Georgia.....	20
Alabama.....	6
Texas.....	3
Indiana.....	1

Extradition warrants have in all cases been issued upon the

Requisition of other States, and the same courtesy has been extended to this State.

#### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

The following articles of association have been filed in this office since January 1st, 1878 :

Southern Narrow Gauge and Sliding Railway Company, articles filed January 9th, 1877.

Merchants Union of Jacksonville, articles filed January 31st, 1877.

Western Railroad Company, articles filed February 26th, 1877.

Florida Canal and Inland Navigation Company, articles filed March 5th, 1877.

Sanderson and Lake Butler Railway and Timber Company, articles filed March 14th, 1877.

Jacksonville Band Association, articles filed April 23rd, 1877.

Jacksonville and Panama Turn Pike Company, articles filed April 27th, 1877.

Clifford Orange Company, articles filed May 4th, 1877.

Jacksonville and Mobile Railway Company, articles filed June 1st, 1877. Letters patent issued.

Sun and Press Publishing Company, articles filed June 15th, 1877.

Wekiva Steamboat Company, articles filed July 7th, 1877.

Tampa and Fort Mead Telegraph Company, articles filed September 3rd, 1877.

Duval Savings Bank, articles filed October 27th, 1877.

Fort George Island Association, articles filed December 21st, 1877.

Escambia Brick Manufacturing Company, articles filed January 21st, 1878.

Lawtey and Lake Kingsley Tramway Company, articles filed January 31st, 1877. Letters patent issued.

Tampa, Peace Creek and St. Johns River Railroad Company, articles filed February 19th, 1878. Letters patent issued March 4th, 1878.

Lake Monroe and Orlando Railroad Company, articles filed February 27th, 1878. Letters patent issued May 23rd, 1878.

Union, Mercantile and Real Estate Association, articles filed April 1st, 1878.

Atlantic and Gulf Transit Canal Company, articles filed April 1st, 1878. Letters patent issued April 1st, 1878.

West Florida Fair Association, articles filed May 1st, 1878.

Apopka Canal Company, articles filed May 20th, 1878. Letters patent issued September 5th, 1878.

Lake Jessup, Osceola and Kissimmee River Railroad and Navigation Company, articles filed June 2nd, 1878.

Pensacola and Gulf Steamship Company, articles filed June 4th, 1878.

Fibre Manufacturing Company, articles filed June 24th, 1878.

St. Johns Florida Co-operative Colony, articles filed July 20th, 1878.

Central Florida Agricultural, Industrial and Fair Association, articles filed July 20th, 1878.

The Merchants' Inland Navigation Company, articles filed July 22nd, 1878.

Cedar Creek and Waldo Railroad Company, articles filed November 26th, 1878.

Florida State Park Association, articles filed December 2nd, 1878.

Florida International Ship Canal Company, articles filed December 7th, 1878.

#### TAX UPON COMMISSIONS.

In accordance with the Laws of the State, Chapter 1936, and amended by Chapter 2089, the Secretary of State was required to charge a State Tax upon Commissions. In obedience to said requirement I have paid into the State Treasury the sum of four thousand one hundred and forty-two (4,142) dollars as the tax upon 1297 Commissions. Of this amount, six hundred and eighty-eight (688) dollars, was paid into the fund for the "maintenance of lunatics." Prior to March 2, 1877, one dollar upon each Commission and certificate of election, went as a perquisite to this office. Upon that date, Chapter 2089 of the acts of 1877 went into effect, providing "that all fees arising under this section from certificates of election or appointment to office and from commissions to officers, shall be paid to the State Treasurer before the certificate, appointment or commission issues, by the party from whom due, and the amount thus realized shall constitute a part of the fund appropriated for the maintenance of lunatics." The number of Commissions issued from March 2, 1877, up to December 31, 1878, (upon which one dollar from the tax of each Commission and certificates of election, went to the benefit of the Asylum,) was 688. I have also turned over to the Treasurer one hundred and fifteen (115) dollars on account of laws sold.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LAWS.

The acts and resolutions of the last Legislature were printed in pamphlet form and distributed in accordance with the law. I found an almost universal complaint from county officers, particularly Justices of the Peace, that their predecessors in

office had not turned over to them any of the books belonging to their respective offices. The acts prior to 1877 being all exhausted, I distributed to all applicants an unbound copy of "Bush's Digest." This, however, contained the laws only up to 1870-71, and the acts of '72 '73, '74 and '75, were exhausted. The Attorney-General at my request, kindly consented to prepare a Justices' Manuel, embracing all laws bearing upon the duties, powers, &c. of Justices. I would respectfully recommend the passage of a law, requiring every officer, upon his resignation, removal, or the expiration of his term, under proper penalties for failure, to turn over to the Clerk of the Court in his county, all copies of reports, acts, &c., received from the State, these to be delivered to their successors in office upon giving receipts, &c. Unless some law of the kind be enacted, with a penalty sufficient to insure compliance, the State will never be able to keep its county officials properly supplied with laws for their guidance. The Supreme Court Reports, Volume XVI, (five hundred volumes,) have been printed, bound in paper, and turned over to the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

LIBRARY.

During the last two years the State has accumulated a large number of volumes, many very valuable, but owing to the want of a suitable library-room some two thousand volumes, pamphlets and records of the State, have been placed in a basement room of the capitol. The dampness of the location will render these volumes and records entirely useless in a very few years. It is not only the duty, but should be the pride of the State to have suitable apartments prepared, and these volumes properly secured and an accurate catalogue made of the same. At the same rate of increase, it will be but a few years before the State will have an Executive and Legislative Library, of which she may well be proud.

I am very respectfully,  
W. D. BLOXHAM.

PARDONS

COUNTY.	NAMES.	CRIME.	SENTENCE.
Duval.....	John Dorr, <i>alias</i> John Judkins.	Embezzlement.	Two years Penitentiary.
Madison....	James Phillips.	Affray.	Fine \$100.
Duval.....	Andrew Smith.	Assault with intent to com't murder.	Fine \$25.
Suwannee..	Joe Jacobs.	Breaking and entering dwelling house in n't time.	Two years in State Prison.
Suwannee..	James Gibbs.	Assault.	\$ 10 and costs.
Madison ...	Edgar Garnett.	Allowing prisoner to escape fr'm jail.	Imprisonment 3 months in county jail.
Orange.....	David G. Russell.	Forgery.	State Prison for 5 years.
Leon.....	Henry Buchanan.	Assault with intent to kill.	Imprisonment in county jail for 6 months.
Suwannee..	Henry Watkins.	Affray.	Fine and imprisonment.
Suwannee..	Dob Mosely.	Affray.	Fine \$150.
Suwannee..	Aaron McKinnie.	Affray.	Fine \$100.
Alachua....	Thomas J. Myers.	Polygamy.	Five years in State Pris'n
Madison ...	Daniel Jackson.	Carrying concealed weapons.	Fined \$50.
Jefferson...	J. H. Fraser.	Obtaining goods under false pret'ces.	Fined \$50.
Levy.....	John T. Brush.	Acting stevedore without license.	Fined \$50 and costs.
Columbia ..	Henry Marsh.	Larceny.	Imprisonment in county jail 12 months.
Madison ...	Richard Matthews.	Robbery.	State Prison for life.
Madison ...	Harrison Cardwell.	Robbery.	State Prison for life.
Madison ...	Henry Mason.	Robbery.	State Prison for life.
Madison....	Nero McKee.	Robbery.	State Prison for life.
Manatee ...	Mitchell Harrison.	Entering dwelling with intent to commit a felony.	State Prison for 10 years.
Samter. ...	William Wright.	Maliciously killing a horse.	Fined \$5 and costs.
Columbia ..	Harry Brown.	Burglary.	State Prison for 10 years.
Columbia ..	Wm. H. Clarke.	Forgery.	State Prison for 5 years.
Columbia...	John D. Raulerson.	Assault with intent to murder.	State Prison for 5 years.
Suwannee..	James Long.	Forgery.	State Prison for 10 years.
Orange.....	William Robinson.	Forgery.	State Prison for 5 years.
Alachua ...	Benjamin Rush.	Lewd and lascivious cohabitation.	Fined \$200 and costs.
Suwannee..	William Tomkies.	Larceny.	Fined \$50 and costs.
Suwannee..	John Tomkies.	Larceny.	Fined \$50 and costs.
Suwannee..	Francis Tomkies.	Larceny.	Fined \$50 and costs.
Madison...	George Bugg.	Mans'l'r, 4th degree.	Fined \$50 and costs.

DEATH

COUNTY.	NAME.
Levy.....	James Rawles.
Suwannee.....	Samuel Godwin.
Escambia.....	John Simon, <i>alias</i> Samuel Robinson.

GRANTED.

WHEN PARDONED OR FINE REMITTED.	ON WHAT TERMS.	UPON WHOSE RECOMMENDATION.
May 23, 1877.	Pardoned.	Upon petition of Judge and citizens.
May 23, 1877.	Fine remitted to \$25 and costs.	Upon petition of citizens.
June 13, 1877.	Fine remitted.	Upon petition of citizens.
June 14, 1877.	Pardoned.	Upon petition of citizens.
June 14, 1877.	Pardoned.	Upon petition of citizens.
June 20, 1877.	Pardoned.	Petition of citizens.
May 23, 1877.	Pardoned.	Petition of citizens.
September 14, 1877.	Committed upon paying costs.	Petition of citizens and recommendation of State Attorney.
September 28, 1877.	Pardoned.	Petition of citizens.
September 23, 1877.	Fine remitted upon paying costs.	Petition of citizens.
September 23, 1878.	Fine remitted upon paying costs.	Petition of citizens.
November 9, 1877.	Pardoned.	Upon petition.
November 21, 1877.	Fine remitted upon paying costs.	Upon petition of jurors and citizens.
January 14, 1878.	Pardoned.	Petition of Judge, jurors, State's Attorney and citizens.
January 17, 1878.	Fine remitted.	Upon Petition.
January 26, 1878.	Committed to 9 months and relieved of payment of costs.	Recommendation of citizens, State's Attorney and jurors.
March 8, 1878.	Pardoned.	Punishment already commensurate with offence.
March 8, 1878.	Pardoned.	Punishment already commensurate with offence.
May 31, 1878.	Pardoned.	Punishment already commensurate with offence.
May 31, 1878.	Pardoned.	Punishment already commensurate with offence.
June 4, 1878.	Pardoned.	Upon representation of Judge, State's Attorney and citizens.
June 14, 1878.	Pardoned.	Pardoned on recommendation of the Judge, jury and State's Attorney after paying fine and costs.
June 27, 1878.	Pardoned.	Upon petition.
July 3, 1878.	Committed to imprisonment until Aug. 4, 1878.	Ill-health, and to leave the State not to return.
September 6, 1878.	Pardoned.	Petition of citizens.
September 6, 1878.	Committed to imprisonment until Sept. 10, 1878.	Petition of citizens.
September 6, 1878.	Pardoned upon payment of costs.	Petition of citizens.
October 4, 1878.	Pardoned.	Petition of citizens.
November 12, 1878.	Pardoned.	Petition of citizens, having paid fine and costs.
November 12, 1878.	Pardoned.	Petition of citizens, having paid fine and costs.
November 12, 1878.	Pardoned.	Petition of citizens, having paid fine and costs.
November 26, 1878.	Pardoned, and fine and costs remitted.	Petition of citizens.

WARRANTS.

CRIME.	WHEN EXECUTED.
Murder.	March 1, 1878.
Murder.	March 29, 1878.
Carnal knowledge and abuse of a female child under the age of ten years.	May 24, 1878.