

PRESENTMENTS

OF THE GRAND JURY OF CLARK COUNTY, AUGUST TERM, 1831.

WE, the Grand Jurors of Clark County, for August Term, beg leave to make the following presentments, and impression of our opinion:

Viewing as we do, with deep concern the interest of the state at large, and believing that a reduction in the number of our Representatives in the Legislature, would give facility and despatch to public business, as well as reduce the public expense, do hope that our fellow citizens abroad will take the subject into consideration at the ensuing election, and instruct their Representatives to effect, if possible, this desirable object.

Of a general interest, we have also noticed that a certain class of cotton buyers, (*Gimblet Merchants*) have exercised an unwarrantable oppression towards the honest planters of our State, by improperly charging them with false packing, and exacting from them a reduction in the price, and thereby robbing them of a portion of their hard-earned property, causing at the same time, delay, perplexity and expense, as well as wounding their feelings and exposing their integrity to injurious suspicions.

We would therefore, respectfully suggest to our Legislature the propriety of some provision by which the honest planter may be protected in his property and his reputation.

At this time, when the Honorable Board of Trustees appear disposed to do every thing in their power to raise the reputation of our only State Literary Institution, we earnestly recommend to our Legislature, in every way in their power to co-operate in effecting this desirable object.

We respectfully suggest the propriety of some regulation to prevent the keeping of Gaming Tables, and the retailing of intoxicating liquors in, and near the town of Athens.

We highly approve of the short but pithy charge of his Honor Judge Clayton, and tender to him our thanks for his unremitting attention to business.

Also to Mr. Solicitor Trippe for his very prompt and accommodating attention to his duties and our calls.

We request that so much of our Presentments as are of a public nature be published in the Athenian.

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On motion of Turner H. Trippe, Sol. Gen. it is ordered that the foregoing presentments be published according to the request of the Grand Jury.