

I have to promptly accept the appointment conferred on me by the Governor in relation to the U. Survey of Andrew J. H. W. Ellicott. I shall at once take the proper steps for protecting the interest of the State

Yours Very Respectfully
Robert Brent

Hon
John Randolph Quinn
Sec. of State
Annapolis, Md

Executive Department
Milledgeville Ga. 15th June 1853.

Sir: I request that you will cause me to be furnished with an answer to the following interrogatories, from the proper Department of your State Government.

Is the law law of your State upon the ad valorem principle? If so, what is the per. centage levied? If not, you will furnish me with an estimate, of what it would probably amount to, if reduced to an ad valorem standard? What is the amount of money annually appropriated for the purposes of education, by your State Authority? What is the amount of your State debt, at this time.

An early compliance with this request will be regarded as a personal favor, which will be cheerfully reciprocated.

Yours Very respectfully,
Howell Cobb

Executive Department
Annapolis, Md
September 22^d 1853

His Excellency
Howell Cobb

Sir: I had hoped to be able in reply to your Communication of the 15th June last, to give you full information in regard to our taxable basis &c &c. but up to this time we have not received the necessary returns from the Assessors upon which to make a reliable calculation. At the last Session of the General Assembly an Act was