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SUMMARY

Size.	892 items
Geographic locations.	Catahoula Parish, Louisiana; New Orleans, Louisiana; Virginia
Inclusive dates.	1787-1934
Bulk dates.	1867-1875
Language.	English.
Summary.	Legal and business papers of James G. Taliaferro, also contains political letters from prominent politicians and papers concerning economic and social conditions during the Reconstruction era.
Organization.	Arranged chronologically.
Restrictions on access.	No restrictions on access.
Related collections.	James G. Taliaferro Letters, Mss. 1562 Zachariah and James G. Taliaferro Papers, Mss. 237 James G. Taliaferro Papers, Mss. 3327
Copyright.	Copyright of the original materials is retained by descendants of the creators in accordance with U.S. copyright law.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

James Govan Taliaferro was born in Amherst, Virginia, on September 28, 1798, to Zachariah Taliaferro and Sally Warwick. The family moved to Claiborne County, Mississippi, in 1806, and to Catahoula Parish, Louisiana, in 1815, where Zachariah operated a sawmill with Charles Patteson.

James Taliaferro graduated from Transylvania College in Lexington, Kentucky, and married Elizabeth M. B. Williamson of Lexington in 1819. Taliaferro practiced law in Harrisonburg, Louisiana, served as a judge in Catahoula Parish, and was a member of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury (1859-1860). He owned and operated the Harrisonburg *Independent* (circa 1856-1861) and represented Catahoula Parish in the constitutional convention of 1852 and the secession convention of 1861. Taliaferro was a strong opponent of secession and refused to sign the ordinance; two of his sons served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He later served as an associate justice on the Louisiana Supreme Court (1866-1876) and a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1868. James G. Taliaferro died in Harrisonburg, Louisiana, on October 13, 1876.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers consist of letters, reports, business records, printed items, and other materials documenting political, economic, and social conditions in Louisiana. Legal and business papers of Zachariah Taliaferro pertain to his sawmills in Virginia and Catahoula Parish, in partnership with Charles Patteson (1804-1824).

Letters show Judge James G. Taliaferro's interest and activity in Louisiana politics, particularly in the Whig and later in the Republican Party, from such men as Joseph Walker, W. P. Kellogg, J. Madison Wells, General W. S. Hancock, J. R. G. Pittkin, and others. Scattered copies of the *Harrisonburg* (Louisiana) *Independent*, of which Taliaferro was publisher, reflect his Unionist sympathies in the Louisiana Secession Convention (1861). Also included are several slave sales and a letter from a father searching for his daughter, a former slave who had been purchased by Taliaferro (1871).

Papers for the Reconstruction period reflect certain economic and social conditions in Louisiana in addition to political situations and pertain to Taliaferro's work as an associate justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, as president of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1868, and as candidate for governor. Taliaferro's opponent, Henry Clay Warmoth, was elected governor.

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1787-1812	<p>Petition of Bryan Bruin and others from Virginia to settle in the Spanish settlement on the Mississippi to be free to profess their religion (Catholicism), and decree of Governor Miro granting the request (1787);</p> <p>Letters to Zachariah Taliaferro at Bent Creek from James Govan, Virginia, concerning Taliaferro's plantation and mill in Virginia; copy of petition of Robert Wright to the county court of Buckingham, Virginia, concerning his arrest for failure to pay his accounts (1806);</p> <p>Copy of a judgment <i>Wills v. Taliaferro</i> (1807);</p> <p>Copy of plat and certificate of survey filed in the claim of Henry Cassidy by Zachariah Taliaferro to George Morrow for land in the County of Concordia (1812);</p> <p>Plat and copy of Spanish grant of 1803 recorded in the Opelousas Land Office (1812);</p>
1813-1822	<p>List of U.S. naval victories in the War of 1812;</p> <p>Newspaper clippings concerning war news (1813); on Commodore Chauncey and the British force (undated);</p> <p>Agreement concerning payment to Lobdell for William Elliot by Zachariah Taliaferro (1813);</p> <p>Agreement between Drury W. Breazeale and William Elliot, and Zachariah Taliaferro concerning property obtained from John Cummins;</p> <p>Duplicate receipt issued by Joseph Moore of the <i>Neptune</i> at Natchez to Zachariah Taliaferro for supplies to be delivered at Alexandria (1814);</p> <p>Statements of account of James G. Taliaferro (1814-1821);</p> <p>Letters to Zachariah Taliaferro: from Charles Patteson in Natchez concerning laborers for the mill, sale of cotton, and purchase of supplies (1815); from D. W. Breazeale at Black Lake concerning claim against Taliaferro as trustee of John Cummins (1817); from W. & D. Flower, New Orleans, concerning disposition and sale of lumber, health of a slave, and other matters (1819); from Terence Cooney in Lexington, Kentucky, concerning the purchase of a horse (1820); from Stephen Prather concerning the sale of his mill, the payment of his debts, his children's education and his intention to settle in the province of Texas (1822);</p> <p>Authorization to Z. Taliaferro to dispose of property to satisfy a judgment benefiting the trust estate of John Cummins (1816);</p> <p>Receipt for payment from the estate of John Cummins (1816); receipt for payment of the judgment in the case of <i>Lobdell v. Taliaferro & Clarke</i> (1816); receipt by Charles Patteson to H. Harmon for cotton sold for Zachariah Taliaferro (1816);</p> <p>Letter from J. G. Clarke, Port Gibson, to John Cummins concerning property (1816);</p> <p>Release from Drury W. Breazeale to Zachariah Taliaferro on his purchase of the estate of John Cummins (1818);</p> <p>Certificate for slaves (1819);</p> <p>Receipt to Zachariah Taliaferro from Stephen Prather for a slave (1822);</p>
1821-1823	<p>Papers filed in the case of Zachariah Taliaferro v. James Watson, Curator of the Estate of Charles Patteson (1822) giving testimony on their business dealings from 1814 to the date of</p>

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	the trial, notes on law of partnership, and an answer to the petition of Taliaferro, statement of account of estate of Charles Patteson & Co. to Taliaferro inventory of the property of Charles Patteson, notice to the defendant that testimony would be taken in Catahoula from James Wright, Shadrack Chaver, George Whitaker, John Green, Richard King, James G. Hunter, John J. Bowie, and many others; letter of transmittal of interrogatories; Commissions for taking testimony, testimony of Fielding L. Turner, testimony of Edmond Weeks, Thomas Lacy, and many others; Statement of expenses in securing depositions by P. A. Vandon, report of J. G. Hunter, Nicholas Leavens, and Richard King in auditing of accounts, statement of account, charges for attorneys' fees, memorandum on suits bought by Taliaferro, answer of Joshua G. Clarke to petition in case of Zachariah Taliaferro v. J. G. Clark and E. Smith, deposition of Edward Turner, William Miller's answer to J. G. Clarke's interrogatories;
1824	Papers concerning the contested election of John J. Bowie to representative of Catahoula Parish including copy of the notice served on Bowie, signed by James G. Taliaferro and affidavit of deputy sheriff that a copy was served on Bowie; Copy of notice sent to Bowie from James G. Taliaferro served Bowie giving notice for the taking of depositions; Protest of Bowie against the taking of depositions; Depositions of Thomas Greyson, James Disha, and Stacey Hodkins; deposition by John Harrison concerning the ages of Joseph Hathorn and Jacob McDaniel; deposition of James G. Taliaferro concerning not obtaining certain testimony; deposition of Joseph F. Sitaken at the home of James Bowie by justices of the peace; deposition of John Galvin; Petitions of electors in Catahoula Parish protesting the election of Bowie, addressed to the Louisiana House of Representatives; Notice to Bowie from James G. Taliaferro that he would not take the testimonies of Elias Carter, Daniel Wiggins, and others and reply of Bowie protesting;
1824-1829	Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from Charles T. Scott, Alexandria, concerning political campaign of Mr. Walker, Scott's opponent for state senator (1824); from G. W. Lovelace, Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish, discussing political sentiments (1824); from Edward Doney, Poplar Springs, concerning the opening of a bank in Alexandria and a request for money (1823); from G. S. Matthews, Sicily Island, requesting support in his candidacy for the office of Major for the Battalion (1826); from V. Thomas, Alexandria, concerning Taliaferro's assistance in a campaign for state senator and introducing Mr. Thibodaux, a possible candidate for governor (1827); from Robert Ogden, Vidalia, concerning claims against the estate of J. Cumins and the estate of Patteson (1827); from Joseph Walker, Alexandria, introducing General Overton, a candidate for Congress, and requesting support in his campaign for senator in the legislature (1828); Receipt for state and parish taxes of James G. Taliaferro (1826); Letter from Joseph Walker, Rapides, to Z. Taliaferro concerning Richard Winn (1827); Printed copy of "The Virginia Address," from a meeting gathered to prevent the election of General Jackson to the presidency and mailed to Taliaferro by U.S. Senator Josiah Stoddard Johnston of Louisiana (1828);

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1831-1839	Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from T. Phelps, Mount Washington, concerning election of Brigadier General in the militia (1831); from Amy Warwick, Virginia, to her daughter, outside of letter addressed to Mr. James G. Taliaferro (1835); from H. B. Green concerning a lawsuit (1837); from James Shannon, College of Louisiana, Jackson, concerning his son's attendance at the preparatory school, the charges, and the length of the session (1837-1839); from H. A. Bullard, New Orleans, concerning selection of candidates for governor and prospects for Whig success in the national election (1838); from John Taliaferro, a Congressman from Virginia, concerning a deed to property; Letter from James G. Taliaferro, Harrisonburg, to his wife Elizabeth, Woodford County, Kentucky, concerning family matters (1839);
1840-1849	Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from W. M. Carpenter, Jackson, Louisiana, concerning geological specimen (1841); from his son at Louisiana College concerning withdrawal of appropriation for college, rains, and family matters (1842); from R. N. Wood, Tensas Parish, concerning qualification of election commissioners at Hoover's precinct and the possibilities of Trueman Phelps' election over the office-holder, Spencer (1842); from H. A. Bullard, New Orleans, concerning the legal education of Taliaferro's son (1842); from Charles Jones, Black River, concerning candidates for the Whig party (1843); from J. J. Sanford concerning Whig prospects, the use of the telegraph, mailing lists for anti-annexation and other speeches, Locofocoism, his school in Washington and other matters (1844); from Daniel Warwick and his son, Robert D. Warwick, Amherst, Virginia, concerning lack of intelligence and virtue of American freemen for not electing Clay, inability to place confidence in representations of the press and political speakers on prospects of election, experiments with plants, low price of cotton, the death of their Uncle John, his liberation of African Americans and use of his estate to procure locations, supplies and expenses of moving them to Ohio (1844-1848); from Edward Sparrow, candidate for lieutenant governor on the Whig ticket from Alexandria concerning his campaigning at the races and Natchitoches (1845); 28 letters from Henry William Huntington, Catahoula Parish, concerning property qualifications for voting, possible candidates, including Trueman Phelps, parish representatives for the convention, comparison of Louisiana government with that of Mississippi, his financial affairs, leaders of the Locofoco party in the parish, signals used at Natchez to indicate a Whig victory, political meetings at which Bingaman of Natchez and George Yerger of Vicksburg attended, the constitutional convention, the fraud at Plaquemine, members attending the convention, possibility of amending the new constitution, dueling propensities of candidate William DeBuys, a shipment of freight, party discipline of Locofocos, resignation of North Carolina Senator William Henry Haywood, Jr., appointment of a judge by the governor and the possibilities of various candidates, nominations for presidency and a contest between Taylor and Van Buren becoming a question of slavery and anti-slavery, the attitude of the people of New Orleans to politics, his exposition of Whig principles in the <i>New Orleans Bee</i> , the military spirit in the country, the Wilmot Proviso as an "infernal trap," the Locofoco vote, Stephen Duncan's qualifications for the office of Secretary of the Treasury, the reelection of General Taylor to the presidency, disagreement with a letter from General Sparrow (1842-1849);

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1850-1859	Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from Dr. Samuel Cloud on the treatment of yellow fever (1854); 10 from his son, R. W. Taliaferro, Little River, concerning trespassing on his property and cutting of his timber, the cotton gin, supplies for bagging, a note on the letter from J. Q. A. Taliaferro concerns matter for the paper, provisions needed, affairs and the flood (1856-1858); Receipts for wall and tombstones for the burial ground at the Prairie (1850-1854); Plat of the meanders of Little River through township 7 North range 8 east, sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 (1851); Receipt for lumber sold to H. Shriver (1859);
1860, 1864-1867	Copy of deed dated 1848 certified by the recorder (1860); Letters from R. W. Taliaferro to his father James G. Taliaferro: concerning supplies and hiring cotton pickers, the gin burning and the excitement surrounding it, and his willingness to let slaves and land go (1860); describing the effect of the war on New York, his support of Lincoln in the national convention to which he was a delegate, discussing war and political news (1864); transmitting Governor Wells' request that he come to New Orleans (1866); Letter and bill from James G. Taliaferro to H. Shriver for lumber; Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from A. Miltenberger, New Orleans on business matters; from Gov. J. Madison Wells notifying him of a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy and broadside giving regulations, expenses, and political news from Louisiana; from his grandson, Taliaferro Alexander, New Orleans, concerning family matters; from William Briggs, Vicksburg, concerning claims for losses during the "revolution" and requesting his assistance in obtaining a position; from J. Hawkins, New Orleans, requesting his assistance in obtaining a position, giving political news, and commenting on the number going to Washington seeking pardons; from Charles Jones, New Orleans, concerning remaining in Washington, patronage, and pardon (1865); printed letter from Thomas G. Rhett of the office of the Mechanics' and Agricultural Fair Association of Louisiana postponing the opening of the fair because of the epidemic; from Harper, Harrisonburg, asking Taliaferro's opinions of questions relating to suffrage and asking if his views could be made public; from W. B. Carr, Natchitoches, requesting his opinion on a legal question; Picture of the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy near Alexandria;
Jan.-Mar., 1868	Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from R. W. Taliaferro, New Orleans concerning a letter of recommendation for Dr. J. P. Sullivan; from Thomas B. Waters, a delegate to the convention, requesting a warrant, the opposition to the constitution, the meeting being held and business affairs; from General W. S. Hancock, expressing his opinion regarding an election under the Reconstruction Acts; from J. R. G. Pitkin, New Orleans, concerning sending him as a representative of the convention to Washington; from J. W. McDonald, Minden, accepting the nomination on Taliaferro's ticket and prospects of election; from John Ray, Monroe, concerning anxiety in Washington over two state Republican tickets and the prospects for election; from W. H. Sparks, Macon, Georgia, concerning offer to defend Governor James Madison Wells when his impeachment was being considered and writing of memoirs; from Robert Mogel, J. P. Kramer, and others organizing a laboring men's union requesting his views on an eight hour day on public works; from D. E. Haynes, St. Helena Parish, concerning support and mentioning the necessity of going to school rooms armed because of his "political

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1869	Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from Isaac Shlenker, Trinity, concerning payment of a debt and a claim against the government; from W. H. Sparks, Griffin, Georgia, concerning his acquaintance with Governor Wells, the murder of Frank Gruber, and other matters; from John H. Ilsley concerning financial affairs; from W. D. Spann, Trinity, concerning a note and mentioning the difficulty between B. F. Hughes and Jones of the state taxes and a claim for taking the 1860 census; from W. Beresford Parr, Natchitoches, concerning an interview with the governor; from William H. Byrnes, New Orleans, inviting him to the ground breaking ceremony of the Church of St. Joseph; from R. K. Howell, New Orleans, concerning financial dealings and news of other judges of the supreme court; from John T. Faulk, Logtown, concerning their friendship, pension for service in the War of 1812 and the lack of a justice of the peace in that part of the parish; from J. M. Johnston concerning bill for supplies; from H.

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1870	<p>Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from H. J. Alford enclosing a circular on the law and claim agency in Washington; from a captain in New Orleans inviting the supreme court to attend the funeral of Brevet Major General J. A. Mower, late commander of the Department of Louisiana; from J. Jules Bossier, Natchitoches, requesting recommendation for appointment as receiver of the Land Office at Natchitoches; from E. Hunter Taliaferro, Virginia, telling of hardships his family suffered during the war, claiming relationship as descendents of two brothers who came from Italy, and asking for assistance in obtaining a position; from the American Union Club, New Orleans, extending invitation to a celebration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln; from U. S. Senator J. S. Harris and speech of Waitman T. Willey of West Virginia on claims of southern loyalists delivered in the Senate and concerning the appointment of Mr. Bossier as receiver of the Land Office at Natchitoches; from his daughter Susan B. Alexander, Catahoula Prairie, concerning news at Trinity of boats not stopping there after the battle involving Jones, Liddel, and Glenn; from his son-in-law, L. Wooton, concerning settlements of his brother's estate; from F. C. Remick, secretary of Governor Warmoth, announcing the appointment of Robert L. Brooks as surveyor of Catahoula Parish and enclosing petition for his appointment signed by citizens of the parish; from Judge J. S. Whitaker, New Orleans, concerning a case before the supreme court; from Esther Sargent, Neville, Ohio, concerning a succession; from Taliaferro Alexander, New Orleans, expressing thanks for draft and from Shreveport telling of a boat collision on his way there and the holding of court in Caddo Parish; from John Lynch, New Orleans, introducing General W. S. Mudgett who visited Catahoula in the interest of the Republican party;</p> <p>Newspaper clipping of letter addressing the Opelousas Journal concerning the contest for the office of sheriff between Captain James G. Hayes and Dr. Brooke in St. Landry Parish;</p> <p>Printed copy of brief in the case of U. S. v. R. W. Taliaferro, et al;</p> <p>Broadside advertisement of a Handbook of Politics for 1870;</p>
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Invitation to the commencement exercises of the University of Louisiana, Medical Department; program of the commencement exercises of the University of Louisiana, Law Department; reprint of speech of Lionel A. Sheldon of Louisiana delivered in the U.S. House of Representatives on enforcing the Fourteenth Amendment;

Card for passage on the boat chartered by the American Union Club for a trip to Chalmette; Memoranda; list of cases assigned to Taliaferro; telegram explaining Judge Ludeling's absence; broadside giving results of a mass reform meeting held at Minden;

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Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from W. M. Foster, New Orleans, extending invitations to anniversary of the Bible Society; from the New Orleans Law Association extending invitation to a dinner; from John Enright, New Orleans, deputy tax collector of Catahoula Parish, concerning the seizure of the boat *Eureka* for state and parish taxes; from Judge Henry C. Dibble, New Orleans, to attend a séance at his house; from the alumni association of the Law Department of the University of Louisiana extending invitation to annual dinner; from Mechanics' and Agricultural Fair Association extending invitation and enclosing complimentary ticket; from J. Madison Wells, Alexandria, concerning order of books, and concerning a judgment and a rejection of Wells' testimony as untrustworthy; from R. W. Taliaferro, Bushley Creek, requesting wagons and harness leather; from A. P. Field, New Orleans, introducing J. A. Wolfson of Natchitoches Parish; from J. L. Hunsicker, Monroe, concerning a room during the supreme court session; from Isadore Newman & Bro. concerning warrants and drafts; from T. E. Alexander, concerning family matters and mentioning the building of the Texas & Pacific Railroad from Shreveport to Fort Worth, Texas; from W. R. Fish and Jacob Hawkins concerning a matter before the circuit court of the United States; from W. W. Howe, New Orleans concerning Judge Hawkins accepting a new judgeship;

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1875-1934	Letters to James G. Taliaferro: from Zebulon York, Union Point, concerning rental of property; from T. A. Routon, Harrisonburg, concerning family matters and court in session; from P. H. Morgan, New Orleans, explaining missing court warrants, whereabouts of judges on summer vacation, and prospects of the national election; from H. B. Taliaferro, Caldwell Parish, concerning family matters and court in session; from James Forsythe, Harrisonburg, concerning rental of property and other matters; from T. McHyman concerning bills and the collection of money from the state treasury; from T. Alexander enclosing a newspaper clipping on the sand bar fight of 1827 at Vidalia and the Myra Clark Gaines case; from R. W. Taliaferro, Sandy Lake, concerning the payment of his taxes; from J. M. Edwards, Marksville, introducing E. D. McLaughlin; from E. Mayo, Opelousas Clerk of Court, providing transportation; from John W. Howell, Clerk's office, New Orleans, concerning vouchers and news from Cincinnati; from Mrs. Lama Jones, Trinity, concerning a foreign post of consulship for her son, C. B. Jones; Receipts for rent, groceries, steamers, post office box rent; doctor bill; freight bills; promissory note; memoranda; Letter from T. Alexander, Shreveport to his brother telling of Albert's visit and other matters (1919); letter from H. G. Taliaferro, Harrisonburg to [John] Steele Alexander, Rhineheart, concerning his running for office (1912); beginner picture for Sunday school class (1934);
Undated	Letters to James G Taliaferro: from J. R. G. Pitkin concerning a case; from W. E. Jourden

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	concerning renting of house; from R. W. Taliaferro, concerning registration in Harrisonburg; from Mrs. Frances E. Lawrence, daughter of Dr. Walter Brashear concerning her husband's opposition to secession, burning of home in St. Mary Parish and foreclosure on property; from James F. Lathard concerning his admission to the bar; from James Hasting Mahogany requesting groceries; from the editor of the <i>Daily Republican</i> concerning publication of an article written by Taliaferro; Memoranda; advertisements, cards, and invitations; Sunday School Promotion certificate;
	<u>Printed volumes include:</u>
Undated	Incomplete copy of school book <i>History of America and the American Revolution</i>
Undated	Incomplete copy of school book <i>Lessons in Reading and Speaking</i>
1896	<i>McGuffey's Eclectic Spelling Book, Revised Edition</i> (New York, Cincinnati, Chicago: American Book Company, 1896)
Undated	<i>The Lord's Guests at the Lord's Table</i> by William Wistar Hamilton (Nashville, Tennessee: Southern Baptist Convention, undated)
1839	Thomas H. Lewis, "An Exposition of the Facts on Which the Senate rejected the Third and last nomination of William W. Bowen, for appointment as judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana." (Opelousas, Louisiana: Addison and Guegnon, 1839).
1841	Parish of Catahoula, "Proceedings of the Police Jury at the Town of Harrisburg, held in and for the Parish of Catahoula, for the months of June and September 1840, and for the months of May and June 1841." (Alexandria, Louisiana: Red River Whig printer, 1841).
[1844]	Hon. Willis Green, chairman of the Whig Congressional Executive Committee, "Whig Text Book, or Democrat Unmasked, To the People of the United States." (Washington, D.C.: J.&G.S. Gideon's Printing Office, [1844]).
[1860]	Bell and Everett National Executive Committee, "Vindication of John Bell from the Misrepresentations of the Breckinridge Executive Committee, as contained in their campaign (sic) document, No.5." (no printer, [1860]).
1868	State Constitutional Convention, "Constitution adopted by the State Constitutional Convention of the State of Louisiana, March 7, 1868." (New Orleans: Republican Office printers, 1868).
[1871]	V.O. King, M.D., "Lecture on the Formation of Language," read before the New Orleans Academy of Sciences, October 9, 1871 (New Orleans: Bronze Pen Book and Job Office, 1871).
1872	42 nd Congress, 2 nd session. House of Representatives, Report No. 22, P.1, "Report of the Joint Select Committee to Inquire into the condition of affairs in the late insurrectionary states." (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1872)

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