

CUSTOM-HOUSE AT BILOXI.

MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MISSISSIPPI,

PRAYING

*The establishment of a custom-house at Biloxi, and also for the delivery of the mail twice a week between Biloxi and New Orleans, and intermediate places, and a weekly mail from Jackson to Mobile.*

APRIL 13, 1852.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

**A MEMORIAL** of the legislature of the State of Mississippi to the Congress of the United States, now in session, praying the establishment of a custom-house at Biloxi, and also a regular mail line to and from Biloxi, to the cities of Mobile and New Orleans.

Whereas Biloxi is situated on the most central point on the Gulf of Mexico, in the State of Mississippi, and has a safe and good harbor, and is immediately opposite the Ship Island harbor—the best one in the Gulf, as appears from the late surveys—and has over one hundred steam and sail vessels, the importance of a custom-house here is apparent, when it is a known fact that most of the vessels are owned there, and the great inconvenience of going to and returning from Shieldsborough, about sixty miles, to obtain licenses and to get a clearance for foreign ports, and that much of the timber is now shipped to Cuba and Texas; the establishment of which would be of great convenience to all persons interested in vessels, either as owners or shippers; therefore,

*Resolved by the legislature of the State of Mississippi,* That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their influence in obtaining, during the present session of the Congress of the United States, the passage of a law establishing a port of entry and custom-house at the town of Biloxi, and also an appropriation for the purchase of a boat for the use of said custom-house, and that the custom-house officer be authorized to inspect all of the light-houses in this State, &c.

*Be it further resolved,* That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their influence to get the mail delivered twice a week between the cities of New Orleans and Mobile, at Biloxi, Mississippi city, Pass Christian, and Shieldsborough; and a mail once a week from Jackson, Mississippi, to Biloxi, by land, by means of a stage-coach.

*Be it further resolved,* That the governor cause to be transmitted to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, a copy of the foregoing memorial and resolutions.

Approved March 8, 1852.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

I, James A. Horne, Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a memorial of the legislature of the State of Mississippi, approved March 8, 1852, as taken from and compared with the original now on file in my office.

[L. s.] In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State, this the 11th day of March, A. D. 1852.

JAMES A. HORNE,  
Secretary of State.

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