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NOT TO BE A SUB-PORT

**That is the Text of Letters Received
from Washington.**

For a number of days past the rumor has been current that there would be an attempt to make of Fernandina a sub-port and to consolidate the collector of customs with that office at Jacksonville.

Though the Board of Trade made diligent inquiry into the matter, both here and at Washington, there seems, happily no foundation for the above rumor and the special committee appointed to look after the matter has called the attention to this affair of both Senators Taliaferro and Fletcher, as well as to the Hon. Frank Clark, and on behalf of this special committee the News-Record herewith publishes in full the correspondence on the entire matter:

Fernandina, Fla., Feb. 14th, 1911.
Hon. Frank Clark, M. C.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-
The following telegram was sent to you on the 10th inst., by the secretary of the Fernandina Board of Trade of this city:

"We are informed that a bill has been introduced in Congress providing for the consolidation of certain Custom Houses and that the bill makes Fernandina a sub-district of Jacksonville; please wire us whether this is true and if so what the present status of the bill is."

In reply your wire on the 11th was received, as follows:

"Telegram received, after diligent search at both ends of the capital I can find no such bill, will be vigilant and keep you advised."

The Board of Trade last evening (13th inst.), appointed a Special Committee to take up this matter re to the consolidation of the Custom House at this port, making Fernandina a sub-district of Jacksonville. It was stated at the meeting of the Board that the Secretary of the Treasury had recommended the consolidation of collection districts and that the President fully approved the recommendation and that the law of 1903 gave the President the power to make the consolidation without an Act of Congress, although the Custom House District and Port of Fernandina was established by an Act of Congress.

The Board of Trade and citizens of this place most earnestly protest against the proposed consolidation. We know you are fully advised of the condition of the shipping at the district and port of Fernandina and if required we can furnish you statistics showing the importance of retaining the Custom House at this place.

We sincerely trust you will continue to be vigilant and do all you can in our behalf.

The Board of Trade through the Special Committee thank you most cheerfully for your promptness in this matter.

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM B. C. DURYEE,
Chairman Special Committee,
Fernandina Board of Trade.

Fernandina, Fla., Feb. 20th, 1911.
Hon. D. U. Fletcher,
United States Senator,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-
The Board of Trade on the 12th inst. appointed a special committee relative to the proposed consolidation of Customs Districts.

It is rumored that the district and port of Fernandina will be included in the recommendation of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury and if such is the case, no doubt President Taft will approve the consolidation.

Hurriedly, the Secretary of the Board of Trade communicated with the Hon. Frank Clark relative to the matter, also the Special Committee communicated with Hon. Frank Clark and it seems there is no foundation for the rumor.

Of course our citizens protest against the proposed consolidation of making this port the sub-district of any port and we most earnestly request that you will protect us in this matter and if in your judgment you will kindly do all you can to defeat any proposed consolidation making this port a sub-district.

Relying upon you to favor us in this matter and with best wishes.

Most sincerely yours,
WILLIAM B. C. DURYEE,
Chairman Special Committee,
Fernandina, Fla.

A similar letter has been written to Hon. J. P. Taliaferro, U. S. Senator.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23, 1911.
Wm. B. C. Duryee, Esq.,
Fernandina, Fla.

Dear Sir:-
Yours of the 20th has been received.

I will look into the matter, and shall certainly not favor the making of your port a sub-district of another port, as you mention. I have heard of no such proposition before.

With kind regards,
Yours very truly,
D. U. FLETCHER.

Fernandina, Fla., Feb. 27th, 1911.
Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher,
United States Senator,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-
On behalf of the Special Committee of the Board of Trade, I wish to thank you for your prompt reply relative to the matter of making this port a sub-district.

Our citizens are rejoiced to know that no such proposition has been entertained at Washington, and that you do not favor making the port of Fernandina a sub-district.

Again thanking you for your kindness in this matter, I am

Faithfully yours,
WILLIAM B. C. DURYEE,
Chairman Special Committee,
Fernandina Board of Trade.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22, 1911.
Mr. William B. C. Duryee,
Fernandina, Fla.

My dear Sir:-

Yours of the 30th instant, regarding a rumor that the district and port of Fernandina would be included in a recommendation of consolidation of the Secretary of the Treasury, has been received. I have not heard of any report of the kind and infer that it is merely rumor.

If a movement of the kind, however, should develop I shall, of course, do what I can to prevent any consolidation.

With kind regards,
Very truly yours,
JAS. P. TALIAFERRO.

Fernandina, Fla., Feb. 27th, 1911.
Hon. James P. Taliaferro,
United States Senator,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-
I wish to thank you for your promptness in replying to my letter regarding the rumor that the port of Fernandina was to be made a sub-district.

Our citizens are pleased to know that you do not favor any consolidation and that there is no foundation for the rumor.

Personally I wish to congratulate you upon your new appointment, knowing that you will fill the post with honor as you have in the United States Senate.

With the best of wishes, I am,
Faithfully yours,
WILLIAM B. C. DURYEE,
Chairman Special Committee,
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Rev. W. J. Wooten filled his regular appointment at Ephesus Saturday and Sunday and was favored with a good attendance. He is spending this week with his friends at Lessie.

Messrs. J. W. Daniel, Palmer Wilds, Drew Haddock and Clearance McKendree were all pleasant guest at R. G. Haddock's Sunday evening. Mr. Fred Jones and charming sister, Geneva, of Callahan, are spending this week with relatives in this community.

Measles and sore eyes are still raging in this vicinity.

Mr. W. M. Haddock, of Evergreen, spent Sunday with homefolks at Lessie.

Mr. Edwin Haddock, of Kingsland, Ga., attended church at Ephesus Sunday. Wonder if there isn't some attention over here for him. Say, E—, things look mighty suspicious. You must not go to church so early next time. Wait for your candy kid.

Mr. Lewis E. Haddock was a pleasant guest at R. G. Haddock's Saturday evening.

Rev. A. E. Calkins, our well known mission worker, will preach at Brickyard school house Sunday, March 5th. Lets all try to attend.

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Miss Earnie and Mae Higginbotham spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. W. Jones.

Mr. A. N. Jones made a business trip to Jacksonville Friday.

Misses Ethel, Hazel and Palmer Horn spent Sunday at W. B. Jones.

Mr. H. C. Jones ate his first new Irish potatoes Sunday. My! You should start an agricultural college, Pink.

Mr. A. N. Jones, Jr., went to Yulee Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Dave Jones spent Saturday night at Mr. A. N. Jones.

Miss Marrie Jones spent Saturday night at Mrs. F. M. Swails.

Mrs. A. N. Jones and son, Leroy, spent Saturday at Mrs. J. L. Higginbotham.

Lizzie and Arthur Jones spent Sunday at Mr. W. B. Jones.

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Mrs. A. N. Jones has the first brood of young turkeys on the swamp.

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WILLIAM B. C. DURYEE,
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