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PETITION

OF

A NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF ALABAMA.

*Praying the aid and protection of the General Government in forming a settlement in the Oregon Territory.*

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AUGUST 2, 1841.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

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*To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.*

The petition of the undersigned, citizens of Montgomery, Alabama, and its vicinity,

**RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH,**

That it is in contemplation to form a company of emigrants, in this neighborhood, to make a settlement in the southern part of Oregon, on the Pacific. It is thought the best route there is, by sea, to the isthmus; thence across, and to sail up the coast on the other side. On this route they might require protection. Although it might be desirable to have an armed force stationed in the territory, by Government, the emigrants do not propose to ask any other protection than the national character, and the occasional visit of an armed ship. It is thought that the permanent settlement of that territory is of such paramount importance, that the Government will not hesitate to make a liberal grant of land to the first settlers. They therefore pray that the Government will secure the right of way across the isthmus; will lend its countenance and protection; and will make such grant of land as may comport with the interest, the honor, and glory of our beloved country. And as in duty, &c.

F. BUGBEE, *and others.*

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