

Commercial Building Front
191 King and Clifford Streets
Charleston
Charleston County
South Carolina

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Address: 191 King and Clifford Streets, Charleston,
Charleston County, South Carolina.

Present Occupant: George C. Birlant and Co., Antiques.

Brief Statement
of Significance: A mid 19th century commercial building of interesting
architectural character; built c. 1850.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A commercial front of a design common in northern cities but unique in Charleston, with granite colonnettes at the first story. Condition of lower story is good; upper stories, fair.

Made of brick and granite, it has three stories, 9 bays wide, and a 50' frontage; faces east.

First story: Compound granite colonnettes, simple (Gothic) bell capitals, resting on plinth block base, carry a granite lintel with label-mold cornice. Lower part of seven openings is of granite, paneled (the other two are wood, paneled similarly).

Second and third stories: Rectangular windows, with granite sills and lintels, set in brick walls. Small iron (ventilating) panels above third story windows; four-over-four double-hung sash.

Cornice: A large cove crowned by a cymatium--this appears to be cast iron. Portions are rusting.

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