

James Craine Bronaugh to Andrew Jackson, August 23, 1821, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

DR. JAMES C. BRONAUGH TO JACKSON.

Pensacola, August 23, 1821.

Sir, I conceive it to be my duty to report to you the manner in which Col: G. M. Brooke acted towards Col: Butler Judge Brackenridge and myself when in the discharge of your Orders of yesterday

At about half past 5 O'clock last evening we proceed to the House of Don José Callava for the purpose of demanding of him certain papers etc. by your order; but being informed that he was at Col: Brook's, we went to the gate and Judge Brackenridge entered the House for the purpose of informing him, that we had some private business with him, and that it was our wish to see him at his own House. Col: Brooke seeing me near the gate which is on the street several times called to me and requested me to come in, which I declined. He then came to the gate and requested both Col: Butler and myself to walk in, we informed him that we were in the discharge of certain duties and could not and requested him to ask Judge Brackenridge not to delay. He then returned to his House and a few minutes afterwards we were joined by Judge Brackenridge who informed us that Don Callava would neither give up the papers or return to his House and that Col: Brook had declared that no civil process should be served in his House; we then entered the gate and as we proceeded towards the House, Don Jose Callava and six or eight Spanish officers and citizens passed by and we were then accosted by Col: Brooke in the following manner "That he had been extremely badly treated in having his company disturbed—that he

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acknowledged no authority to arrest a man in his House—that he was astonished at our conduct and that it had been extremely indecorous towards him.”

I am sir with gr respect