

The Board of Women Managers  
Cotton States and International Exposition.

Atlanta, Ga.

To His Excellency,  
The Governor.  
Sir:-

We ask your kind consideration, briefly, of a matter connected with the Cotton States & International Exposition, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., Sept 18th to Dec. 31st, 1895.

One of the important factors of that Exposition is the Woman's Department. The Woman's Building will be one of the most imposing on the grounds, having two fire-proof annexes, one of which will be devoted to a Colonial Exhibit. Those having this matter in charge feel in its deepest sense the dignity and reverence of undertaking to gather together these priceless relics of the days that are no more. We desire that our children and our children's children and all the world may see what manner of men those were who made the one hundred and seventy years of our Colonial history, so illustrious and interesting. It is our intention to make this collection far exceed in historical value and interest any previous exhibition, and to that end we desire and expect the co-operation of the different patriotic societies, as well as that of all patriotic individuals.

Therefore, we come before your Excellency, desiring to enlist your sympathy in our undertaking, and asking that you appoint three ladies of your commonwealth as members of the Colonial Committee, Cotton States & International Exposition; this number to be increased by us at any time in the future, as we may see fit.

All articles consigned to us will be transferred free of charge and delivered by the Express Company to the authorized agent of the Exposition, who will receipt for same. They will at once be arranged in thirteen sections, each Colony having its separate exhibit. It is also designed to have thirteen days set apart during the Exposition, when our Committee will arrange suitable forms of entertainment commemorative of the leading events and distinguished men and women of each Colony.

Will your Excellency kindly inform us at your convenience, of the ladies chosen to represent your State? Georgia, youngest of thirteen, comes to you in the same spirit of fraternity in which she sent from our own Savannah, the powder with which the battle of Bunker Hill was fought; and Atlanta, the generous, the true-hearted, youngest and bravest among Georgia cities, comes to you asking your assistance, and knowing that she will not ask in vain.

Respectfully,

*Anna M. Thompson*

*President*

*Mrs Wm. Lawson Puel*

*Chair Colonial Com*