



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

RAY MABUS
GOVERNOR

March 5, 1990

Mr. Gordon W. Epperly
Post Office Box 34358
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Dear Mr. Epperly:

Your letter requesting copies of the Mississippi House and Senate journals showing the vote of rejection of the ratification of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution is being forwarded to Mr. Kenneth Raigins, Director, Legislative Reference Bureau, for his review. I hope that Mr. Raigins will be able to assist you with your request.

Thank you for writing the Governor's Office.

Very truly yours,

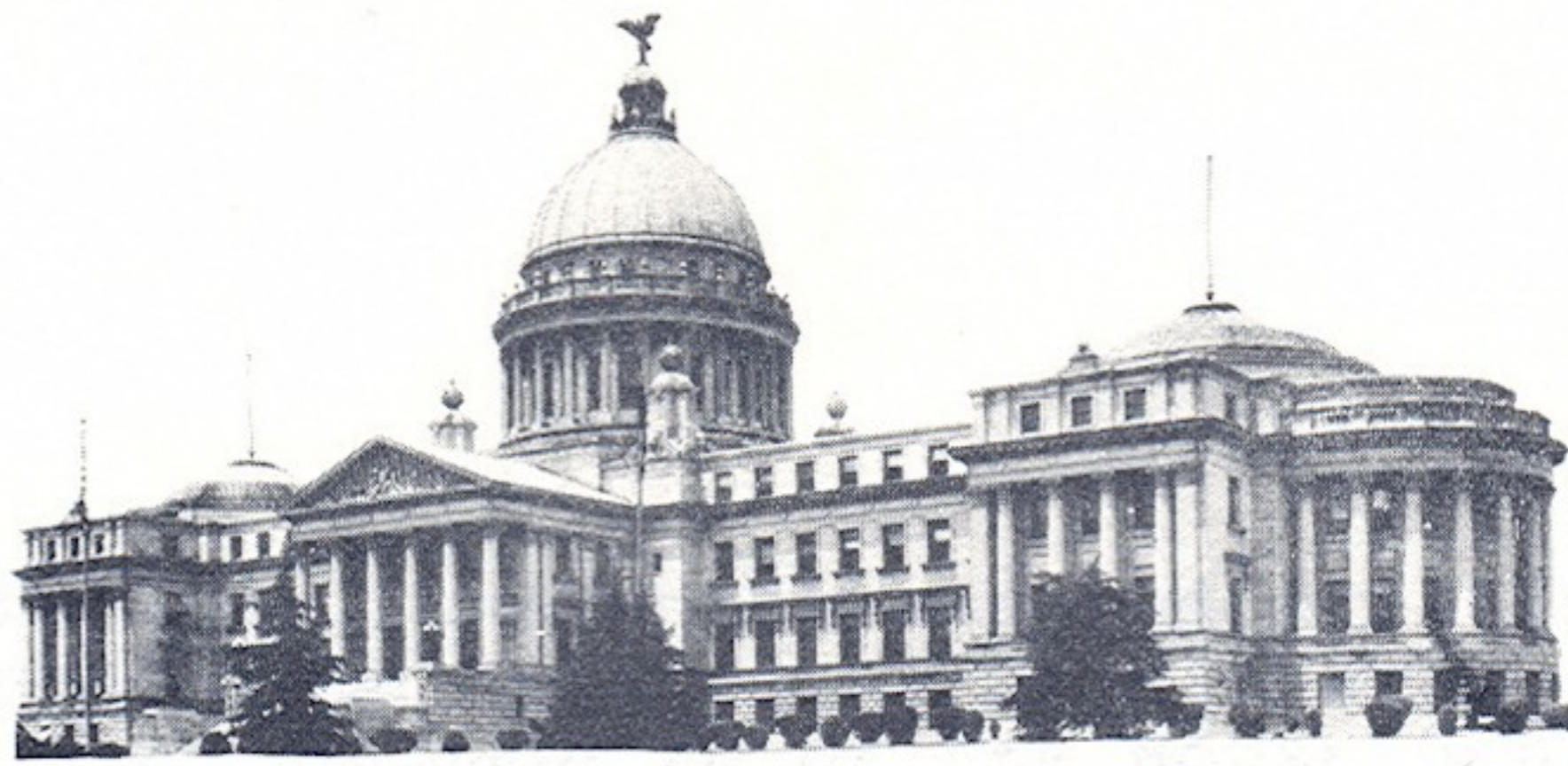
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas C. Perrone".

Thomas C. Perrone
Director of Administration

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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March 9, 1990

Mr. Gordon W. Epperly
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Dear Mr. Epperly:

Your inquiry to the Governor's Office concerning the Fourteenth Amendment was referred to this office for reply. Although Mississippi refused to ratify this amendment in 1867, the State did ratify it in 1870.

I am pleased to enclose the following material on this subject:

- (1) Chapter DVII, Laws of 1867, which is the resolution of the Mississippi Legislature by which the State refused to ratify the Fourteenth Amendment.
- (2) Portions of the House and Senate Journals of the Called Session of 1866-67 containing, among other things, the vote on the resolution mentioned in (1), above. The House vote occurred on January 25, 1867 with 86 YEAS and No NAYS. On January 26th, two representatives (McRaney and Hillyer) were permitted to have their votes recorded in the affirmative, bringing the vote to 88 YEAS and No Nays. The Senate voted on January 30th with 26 YEAS and No NAYS.
- (3) Chapter CCXCIV, Laws of 1870, which is the resolution ratifying the Fourteenth Amendment.
- (4) Portions of the House and Senate Journals of the 1870 Regular Session showing the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment. A Joint Resolution of the Senate ratifying the Fourteenth Amendment was adopted in the Senate on January 15th and in the House on January 17th. The vote on this resolution can be found on page 19 of the Senate Journal and pages 26 and 29 of the House Journal.

On January 15th, the House adopted a ratification resolution offered by Mr. Parker. The vote is shown on page 20 of the House Journal. I did not find action by the Senate on this resolution in the Senate Journal.

- (5) The Act of the United States Congress, approved February 23, 1870, admitting Mississippi to representation in Congress.
- (6) A copy of the Fourteenth Amendment as it appears in the United States Code Annotated (USCA) which contains the ratification history of this amendment in the various states.

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is a repository for many old documents and records and may be of assistance if more detailed information is needed. The mailing address is: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth B. Raigins
Kenneth B. Raigins
Director

cc: Hon. Thomas C. Perrone
Office of the Governor



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Your inquiry of 2-15-90 has been received and we are using this reply form to service you more promptly. Please refer to the items checked below.

- () We do not have _____
in our collection.
- () We do not search deed records. We can provide you with a list of researchers who will search these for you for a fee.
- (✓) We have searched the Senate Journal of the October 1866 Session and are enclosing the correct page stating that the MS Legislature voted against the ratification of the 14th amendment of the U.S.
- I apologize for the mistake and hope that it did not cause great inconvenience.
- () This library is primarily a reference library and does not participate in inter-library loan.
- () _____ is not indexed.
It is not possible for our limited staff to conduct comprehensive searches of unindexed material. It will be necessary for you to visit the Search Room, engage a professional researcher (a list is enclosed) or contact the proper county official.
- () We are unable to undertake research on a surname alone.
- () Limit research to one search per letter.
- () Enclosed is a pamphlet, "Research in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History", which describes briefly the material in our collection.
- () Enclosed is _____

