

COBB, HOWELL, 1815-1868.

Howell Cobb papers, 1857-1860

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Cobb, Howell, 1815-1868.
Title: Howell Cobb papers, 1857-1860
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Abstract: Correspondence from Secretary of the Treasury Howell Cobb to Captain John Faunce of the Revenue Cutter Service.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Howell B. Cobb (September 7, 1815 - October 9, 1868) was born at Cherry Hill, Jefferson County, Georgia, the son of Colonel John A. and Sarah (Rootes) Cobb. He was graduated from Franklin College in 1834, studied law for two years in the office of General William Harden and was admitted to the bar in 1836. Representative from Georgia (March 4, 1855 - March 3, 1857); Speaker of the House of Representatives (1849 - 1851); Governor of Georgia (1851 - 1853); Secretary of the Treasury in President Buchanan's cabinet (March 6, 1857 to December 10, 1860 when he resigned); chairman of the convention of delegates from the seceded States in Montgomery, Alabama - February 24, 1861; appointed Brigadier General in Confederate Army February 13, 1862, promoted to Major-General September 9, 1863. Although a pro-slavery man, Cobb held strong union views. He made his last public appearance in Atlanta on July 23, 1868 when he, along with Robert Toombs, R. J. Moses and Ben Hill, spoke at the Great Bush Arbor meeting. He died of apoplexy while on a visit to New York City on October 9, 1868.

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence (1857-1860) from Secretary of the Treasury Howell Cobb to Captain John Faunce of the Revenue Cutter Service. The letters are concerned with the construction, outfitting, arming, manning, and provisioning of the cutter HARRIET LANE, which was temporarily under the control of the U.S. Naval force to be sent to Paraguay.

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