**PROCLAMATION**

AN ACT TO PREVENT ALL PERSONS FROM TEACHING FEMALES TO READ OR WRITE, THE USE OF FIGURES EXCEPTED

**Whereas** the teaching of females to read and write, has a tendency to excite dis-satisfaction in their minds, and to produce insurrection and rebellion, to the manifest injury of the citizens of this State:

***Therefore,****Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That any adult citizen, who shall hereafter teach, or attempt to teach, any female within the State to read or write, the use of figures excepted, or shall give or sell to such females any books or pamphlets, shall be liable to indictment in any court of record in this State having jurisdiction thereof, and upon conviction, shall, at the discretion of the court, be fined not less than one thousand dollars, nor more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned.

**II. *Be it further enacted*,** That if any non-adult citizen (under 18 years old) shall hereafter teach, or attempt to teach, any other female to read or write, the use of figures excepted, he or she may be carried before any justice of the peace, and on conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to receive thirty nine lashes on his or her bare back.

**III. *Be it further enacted*,** That the judges of the Superior Courts and the justices of the County Courts shall give this act in charge to the grand juries of their respective counties.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of **Douglas County** to be affixed. Done at The **Douglas County Court House** this 9th day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen.

Attest: