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SUMMARY

Size.	48 items
Geographic locations.	Pensacola, Florida; Mobile, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1800-1854
Bulk dates.	N/A
Language.	English, French, Spanish
Summary.	Vice Consul of France in Pensacola and a member of the firm John Forbes and Company, which engaged in trade with Native Americans along the Gulf Coast. Correspondence documents shipment of goods, accounts, and purchases of slaves for a plantation in Georgia. Letters relating to Innerarity's French consular service (1835-1853) discuss land claims, political appointments, and the Mexican War.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

John Innerarity was a Vice Consul of France at Pensacola, Florida. He was a member of the firm John Forbes and Company which was engaged in trade with Native Americans (particularly with the Creek Indians) along the Gulf Coast. John Forbes (1769-1823) founded the firm in 1804 as the successor to the trading company Panton, Leslie, and Company, founded by John Innerarity's brother-in-law, William Panton, and John Leslie. William Panton died at sea in 1801.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence includes letters from John Leslie to William Panton concerning shipments and prices of goods, a Native American raid led by William Bowles on a store owned by Panton, Leslie and Company, and the hiring of additional employees including John Innerarity.

Financial matters discussed in letters include accounts of Panton, Leslie and Company, shipments of goods, purchases and sales of slaves by John Innerarity and his brother James for a plantation in Georgia, the trial of individuals connected with William Bowles, and the succession of Henrietta Innerarity, John's sister.

Letters relating to Innerarity's French consular service (1835-1853) discuss land claims in the Floridas, political appointments, the activities of Andrew Jackson, and the Mexican War. Other issues discussed include personal financial matters, the slave trade, foreign sailing vessels, and a yellow fever epidemic in Mobile, Alabama (1834).

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contents</u>
April 23, 1800	Letter from John Leslie, at London, to William Panton, at Pensacola, mentioning "adventures" of William Bowles in raid on Prospect Bluff shore at St. Mark's on Wakulla River, the capture of <i>Oknomack</i> with St. Augustine goods, ill luck in lottery drawing, employment of John Innerarity, Forbes' need for 2 clerks, and John's willingness to immigrate;
July 15, 1802	Letter from Leslie to John Forbes commenting on delay caused by discontinuance of postal service between Forbes and Georgia, decrease in price and value of shipping since Treaty of St. Amiens, shipments and selling price of skins and cedar, sale of <i>Hamilton</i> , failure of E. Gairdner and Son, proposed departure of John Innerarity, failure of the Cuban government and the Creek nation to stop depredations of Bowles and his outlaws in the Upper Towns, and the illness of Alexander McGillivray, Creek chieftain;
August 9, 1803	Copy of letter from Thomas Forbes, Nassau, to James Gairdner discussing accounts of Panton, Leslie, and Company with Edwin Gairdner and Company including payment for schooner <i>Washington</i> captured in service;
September 1802- January 1803	Copies of letters (pages 29-36) from Forbes principally to members of the firm concerning business matters, shipment of furs and hides and Indian goods, purchase of slaves by James and John Innerarity for plantation in Georgia, (September 30 and December 18, 1802), special treatment to be given Judge Kelsall, President of Court which tried rascals connected with Bowles, [at Nassau], (January 1, 1803);
August- September 1803	Copies of letters from Forbes principally to members of firm commenting on departure of transport <i>Serapisa</i> from Nassau with 6 th West Indies Regiment for Barbados, Spanish alarm over prospect of war, possible plan of Napoleon to attack Gibraltar, firm's release of East Florida trade if desired by Governor H. White, and rumor that America will offer territory west of Mississippi as ceded by France to Spanish for East and West Florida, (August 29, 1803), and to Edwin Gairdner regarding financial matters including note from John Turnbull signed by Gairdner, (September 12, 1803);
June 28, 1803	1 letter from John Forbes, Pensacola, Florida to James Innerarity, in care of John Lind, New Orleans, stating Leslie hard pressed financially and wished to send slaves to Louisiana for sale if permission can be obtained from French;
1803	Fragment of a plot of John Forbes land on Acebo Creek, Georgia;
1803	1 list of lots in Pensacola belonging to Panton, Leslie and Co.;

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May 6, 1813	Certified copy of letter to Governor Kindelan from General Thomas Pinckney, ordering release of Forbes' slaves from Amelia Island, within the Florida line, in compliance with Treaty of San Lorenzo;
May 21, 1814	Letter to John Innerarity from A. H. Gordon, Nassau, commenting on Austria's leniency towards Napoleon, close of business in Nassau and East Florida;
July 24, 1814	Contract of George Skeate, London, with J. Forbes and Company at Pensacola;
August 30, 1815	Letter to Skeate from James Watt, London;
1815-1816	Lists of expenses at Liverpool and Pensacola;
November 29, 1814	Letter from John Innerarity, Pensacola, to his brother, James, at Mobile, stating Andrew Jackson touched by local suffering will allow place to be supplied; commenting on Jackson's taking John's horse because he thought it belonged to Colonel Nichols; requesting James to send vessel <i>Henry</i> to Bon Secours with supplies; and mentioning arrival of Brig. from Jamaica with rum and dry goods;
May 24, 1817	Letter to [John Forbes] concerning his withdrawal from the firm and division of property, mentioning Forstall's departure to New Orleans because of oppressive military service during reign of martial law, and Folch's (governor of Pensacola) "game" in regard to slaves;
May 8, 1818	Letter to John Innerarity, Mobile, from Matthew Hanna, Pensacola, stating Indians offered safe conduct to nation and pardon if they entered Fort Crawford;
October 5, 1828	Letter [in Spanish] to John Innerarity, Pensacola, from Marcos DeVilliers, Havana;
October 26, 1830	Letter to Innerarity from R.G. Bard, Mobile, recommending employment of merchant for possible of duty;
April 8, 1832	Letter to Innerarity from John Carnochan, "Rocky Comfort," Gadsden, [Alabama], commenting on probable favorable decisions for Innerarity's land claims and stating Andrew Jackson "a curse to the country of late years;"
April 8, 1833	Letter from J.M. Berrien, Savannah, Georgia, to J.M. White, Pensacola, regarding business matters and recovery of \$500 from [John] Innerarity;
September 23, 1834	Letter from James Innerarity, nephew, Mobile, describing Mobile during yellow fever epidemic as a desolate place, with only 1,000 population and 320 deaths from September 1 through September 22, mentioning scarcity of mourning articles;
1835-1844	Letters to John Innerarity [in French] from the French Consulate in New Orleans

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	concerning his appointment as French Consul agent and later vice consul at Pensacola;
September 28, 1835	Receipt of money from James Innerarity due children of John Innerarity from estate of Henrietta Innerarity, sister of John;
September 5, 1843	Document [in French] signed by John Innerarity bearing printed seal of the vice counsel of France at Pensacola;
1845-1847	4 letters [in French] to John Innerarity, Vice Consul of France, at Pensacola (January 17, 1845, October 31, 1845, May 4, 1846, and April 25, 1847);
May- December 1847	2 letters [in French] from Innerarity to Baron Aime Roger, French Consul General, in New Orleans (May 17 and December 9, 1847);
1847-1848	3 letters to Innerarity from Henry Wilson, military governor, at Vera Cruz, Mexico, discussing landing by British steamer of Mexican General Parades, an enemy of the United States (August 15, 1847); stating General Patterson organized forces to assist General Scott and mentioning departure soon of Bankhead, British minister (October 18, 1847); mentioning proposed visit of Commodore Perry to Pensacola, news from General Butler of ratification of peace treaty with Mexico, and removal of troops by transport to New Orleans (June 10, 1848);
January- June 1848	3 items of Innerarity concerning land claims including a copy of legal document concerning suit of the United States vs. John Innerarity in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Florida at Tallahassee (January 15, 1848), a letter from Richard L. Campbell, judge, Marianna, Florida regarding Apalachicola land claims (March 5, 1848), letter to William P. Innerarity (son of John?) concerning financial matters and land claims on the Pascagoula and at Baton Rouge, (June 16, 1848);
[1840s]	1 copy, no date, of Spanish document (July 10, 1530) issued by King Carlos in Madrid to governors, alcaldes, mayors of the Indies;
1850-1853	2 letters [in French] to John Innerarity, Vice Consul of France, at Pensacola from Anthony Perrier, British Consul at Brest, France [January 10, 1850] and from Aime Roger, Consul of France, at New Orleans [September 10, 1853];
March 22, 1854	Letter to Innerarity, Acting Vice Consul of Great Britain, from the British Consul, W. Moreton Dyer, at Mobile, requesting information on the building of war vessels for the Russian Government.

CROSS REFERENCES

Subject	Date	Description of relevant documents
Bowles, William Augustus, 1763 or 4-1805.	1800-1803	Government's failure to stop raids on stores of Panton, Leslie and Company; trial of rascals by Judge Kelsall, discussed in letters: April 1800; July 15, 1802; and January 1, 1803
Creek Indians.	1800-1803, 1818	Panton, Leslie and Company's trade with, 1800-1803; pardon of Creeks and safe conduct to Nation for return to Fort Crawford, Mark Hanna letter, May 8, 1818
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845.	1814, 1832	Occupation of Pensacola, John Innerarity letter, November 29, 1814; calls Jackson "a curse to the country of late years," Jack Carnochan letter, April 8, 1832
Leslie, John.	1800-1803	Business matters affection Panton, Leslie and Co. in Floridas include comments on discontinuance of postal service, adverse effect of Treaty of St. Amiens on trade, shipments of skins and cedar, and Indian depredations, 2 letters by, April 23, 1800 and July 15, 1802; permission needed from French to sell slaves in Louisiana, John Forbes letter, June 28, 1803
Mexican War, 1846-1848.	1847-1848	Landing of enemy Mexican general by British ship; organization of forces by General Patterson to assist Winfield Scott; transportation of troops to New Orleans after peace treaty; 3 Henry Wilson letters: August 15 and October 18, 1847; June 10, 1848
Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821.	1803, 1814	Possible plan to attack Gibraltar, Thomas Forbes; August 29, 1803; Austria's leniency regarding fate of Napoleon, John Innerarity: May 21, 1814
Pensacola (Fla.)--History--19th century.	1814	Occupation of Andrew Jackson, John Innerarity letter, November 29
Pinckney, Thomas, 1750-1828.	1813	Orders release of Forbe's Negroes from Amelia Island to comply with Treaty of San Lorenzo, 1 letter (copy) by Pinckney to Gov. Kindelan, May 6

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Trading companies--Florida.	1800-1818; 1848	Trading posts established by Panton, Leslie and Company and continued by its successor John Forbes and Company; land claims
Turnbull, John.	1803	Note guaranteed by Gairdner paid by Thomas Forbes, September 12,
Yellow fever--Alabama-- Mobile.	1834	320 deaths from September 1-22, and population of only 1000; scarcity of mourning articles, James Innerarity letter, September 23

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