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 inhabitants of said County, it shall be to select the most eligible and
 convenient situation for the seat of said County, provided that no two
 of the said Commissioners, be shall be appointed from any one of the Islands
 of said County, and that two atleast shall be appointed from the main Land.

Be it further enacted that when the said County seat shall
 have been established according to the provisions of this act, it shall be
 the duty of the Judge to hold his Court in the place established and the Clerk
 shall attend and keep his office there.

Be it further enacted, that if the said Commissioners or a
 majority of them should not agree with regard to the most eligible situation
 for the County seat, then and in ^{that} case the subject of disagreement shall
 be referred to the Judge of the County Court, whose decision shall be final.

Done at Tallahassee this 2^d day of July 1823. Approved July 3^d 1823.

J. J. Fatio Clerk.
 Wm. P. Duval Governor of the Territory of Florida.
 Geo. M. Stanley President of the Legislative Council.

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Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida That all that part of the Territory aforesaid lying south of a line commencing Boundaries of at Boca Gasperilla¹ the mouth of Charlotte harbour on the Gulf of Mexico and extending up the northern margin of said Charlotte harbour to the mouth of Charlotte river,² thence up the northern margin of said river to lake Macaco³ thence along the northern margin of said lake to its most eastern limits thence in a direct line to the head waters of Potomac river thence down said river to its entrance Into the ocean⁴ together with all the keys and islands of the cape of Florida shall constitute a county to be called Monroe County.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted. That the Governor shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, for the protection and the administration of justice in the county established by this act; to appoint such officers, civil and of the military, as are or may be by law provided in the several counties of this Territory.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the officers thus appointed shall exercise the same powers, incur the same penalties and responsibilities and be entitled to receive the same compensation as is or may be by law provided for officers of the same station in the several counties of this Territory.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the judge of the county court to be appointed by virtue of this act, shall hold two terms of his said court in each and every year, to commence at Allenton on the Island of Key West on the first Mondays in May and October.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said judge, at the first term of his court any three of the magistrates of said county being present, and concurring therein to appoint four commissioners inhabitants of said county, to select the most eligible and convenient situation for the county seat of said county, Provided, That no two of the said commissioners shall be appointed from any one of the Islands of said county, and that two at least shall be appointed from the main land.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That when the said county seat shall have been established, according to the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the judge to hold his court at the place established, and the clerk shall reside and keep his office there.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That if the said commissioners or a majority of them, should not agree with regard to the most eligible situation for the county seat, then and in that case the subject of disagreement shall be referred to the judge of the county court, whose decision shall be final.

Approved July 2^d, 1823
Attested,
F.J. FATIO
Clerk

Approved July 3^d, 1823
WM. P. DUVAL
Governor of the Territory of
Florida.

GEO: MURRAY,
President the Legislative
Council

¹ Gasparilla Pass.

² Peace River.

³ Lake Okeechobee.

⁴ Hillsboro Inlet.