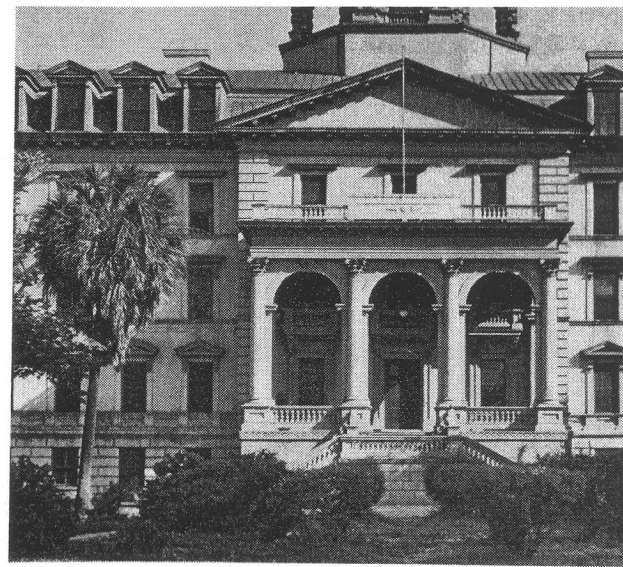


150 Wentworth

Yet the voices decrying destruction of valuable buildings have been relatively few, and little support has been given to the premise that efforts by individuals and private organizations are insufficient, and that the preservation of the city's architectural heritage is a proper function of government. Confronted with the suggestion that the municipality should prohibit the razing of venerable buildings, local politicians have skirted the subject, mumbled about legislative obstacles, or rejected the idea off-hand as illegal. Other citizens of influence seem to regard the proposal as nothing less than a horrendous threat to the Constitution, States' Rights and All-that's-dear. Preservationists themselves have pondered the idea with doubt



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and wistful inaction. The consensus be that legal prohibition of such a is not only too much trouble but in under our system of jurisprudence.

The truth is, however, that it been done.

Ordinance No. 11A, a Zoning Pl City of St. Augustine, Florida, adds reads in part: "No building, structure appurtenances thereto shall be torn down or moved, except and until a have been approved by the Zoning Commission such tearing down, demolition or removal. Applications for such permits...shall necessity or reason for such tearing demolition or removal.

"Any and all restrictions and set forth in this ordinance as to construction, restoration, razing, alteration or repair of buildings.. subject, however, to this exception, to building, structures and appurtenances erected prior to the year 1821, may repaired, erected, re-erected, rest constructed on the original foundation

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