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San Antonio de Bexar Octo. 7th 1837

To the Hon Bernard E Bee
Secretary at War

Sir

I have the honor to report from the discretionary power (by my orders vested in Lt Col Wells Comdg this Post to furnish me with horses &c for the expedition — I have been unable to proceed so soon as I expected, I have fitted out on my own accounts fifteen men, but this is too small a number to ensure safety and success — being thoroughly convinced, since my arrival here that the number I first mentioned you (50 men) is requisite and necessary (the number of men I have) — the only difficulty is in procuring horses and Arms for those not mounted, as I have went to considerable trouble and expense and believing it an object of vital importance to the Government that an

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