Phil.a 20th October 1836.

Thos. Ellis Esq.
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Dear Sir

I have this morning received your favor of the 14th inst. informing me of your safe arrival at this place by way of Galveston Bay.

I regret that you say respecting the Schooner Invincible and Pirates; and must say I regret those vessels have proceeded so far from home to make their repairs, even tho' the fact be admitted that such repairs can be made at less expense than at New Orleans; because the difficulty in procuring means in this quarter on the Coast of Texas is at all times attended with trouble and expense, and at the present time from many persons appears almost impracticable.

With respect to the arrangement you refer to of Mr. Toby and reference to certain profits of the Texas and authorities to meet the arrangement made to have those vessels forwarded, I make no reference on the subject of my being able to negotiate in the Atlantic Cities, Government Loan Scrip. With the present time I have not been able to dispose of any even in a close credit. This I would be willing to do provided I could be supplied with the paper. It is much more easy to procure expressions of sympathy from the public journals of this Country than any real and efficient aid, unless it be from those who have already contributed in the Cause, and from the Commencement offered their means. It is not reasonable to suppose that those friends can at all times be ready to render assistance.

The sudden altering prospect of raising for Scrip Blankets, Clothing &c for the support of the Army during the approaching Winter, from the impossibility of raising Money from it, convinces me that the plan you have adopted with respect to the Despatch

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