New Orleans 22 October 1836

Mr Samuel Ellis
New York Dr Sir,

We have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your favor 5th Inst. — We regret sincerely the situation of the Brutus & Invincible, the want of funds to put them to sea, and are under obligations for your friendly assistance — Mr S N Williams we are apprehensive has remained in the West longer than he anticipated as he would then make an effort to dispose of Scrip or effect a loan for the Govt, but we are of opinion he would reach N. York shortly after the date of your above acknowledged — We are sorry to hear, that the Scrip which we have issued would probably not sell in N. York — Now if this is the case, then there are no other means of raising Money, and we hope the friends of Texas will not stand by and see these Vessels sacrificed — We are aware of the difficulty of raising Money, the difficulty of negociating at the time you note. but in this we are of opinion the Money market will be more easier, and enable Mr W J Mr Mat who we have appointed agent to raise Money at least enough on the Scrip to enable the Vessels to be fitted out — The Expenses you speak of appear to us heavy, and we do regret the course Capt Brown