Executive Department
17th June 1842

S. D. Boylan Esq.
Sir.

You will take possession of the Hermaphrodite Brig Rutins. Commanded by Captain ~~Means~~ Means to transport the Troops now at Galveston, and land them at Live Oak Point. you will then return with the vessel to this place and deliver her again to the Capt or Consignee. you will take special care of the vessel.

Should Capt. Means desire to command his vessel you will permit him to do so. and discharge him at Live Oak Point. this order you will execute with the least possible delay. Major S. H. Coke will furnish the Meat Rations requisite for the Troops. you will have the power to call upon Col Mills for force should any be required to carry out this order. as it is absolutely necessary that the Troops now here should be restored to the frontier

I have the honour to be
Your Obt Svt
(Signed) Mm C Houston

Consulate of the United States of America at Galveston Republic of Texas.

I Elisha A Rhodes Consul of the United States at Galveston Texas do hereby certify that the above order is