Department of War & Marine
Washington, 27th. April, 1843.

To

Thos. H. O. S. Addicks

Sir:— Information has been received at this Department, that a number of Cattle the Property of Chrisantes La Roche, a Widow Lady, residing near San Antonio, have been lately taken possession of and driven to the interior settlements, probably by a Party of Marauding Texans. The conduct of such persons cannot be looked upon with too much reprehension, nor their acts punished with too much severity. While the robberies of such Bandits are permitted to go unpunished, society is unsafe. private property is jeopardized.

You are therefore authorized to raise such number of men as may be requisite, from the settlements on the Guadalupe, or at such places as may be most practicable, to pursue and apprehend the offenders and deliver them to the civil authorities for trial and punishment; and to regain possession of the Cattle and return them to their proper owner, taking with you such Mexicans or other persons as may be necessary to identify the Property.