You will find it advantageous not to make the objects of your pursuit generally known, until they shall be attained. You may communicate freely with Col. Clarke L. Owen, of Texas, who will render you such aid as may be necessary and at his command, in the accomplishment of your designs.

Should similar depredations be committed in future, within your knowledge, it is hoped that you will not fail to take immediate steps to apprehend the offenders and restore the property in the manner herein designated.

You will, on reaching the settlements on the Guadalupe, report to James Allen Esq. and Col. Clark L. Owen, and receive from them such advice and aid as they may furnish.

By order of the President

G. W. Hill

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