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D Sir

In the Month of January 1836 I visited New Orleans in Company of Dr Bishop, and immediately on my arrival you called on us ~~but~~ and urged me very strongly to assist this Country by purchasing Land Scrip you introduced me to the Commissioners and used all your endeavors to get me to take an Interest in Texas which at that time I declined for Reasons I have told you (of a private nature) I feel very confident you have been the Cause of Benefit to this Country, for you were very anxious for its Welfare; at the time I was in New Orleans you had purchased Arms and ammunition which you told me was for Texas, I should certainly have complied with your wishes and ultimately your influence has Caused me to Remove to this Country. I Recollect when in New Orleans that you were more Zealous for the Cause of Texas than any other person; in fact, nearly all the Houses of Business in that place appeared to be against Texas.

I am yours obt

Wm H Bowen

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