a few days after I did. One company or both of them were commanded by a Colonel Major Ward of Georgia. I proposed to Col. Thorn that the 1000 which Gen. Smartwout had authorized him to draw for, should be applied for their transportation and purchase of provisions. As your letter had gone to Nacogdoches, and Col. T. had not received the advice, I got other Texans to work with me in an obligation to Col. T. for the amount, if he would advance it, which he did, and the obligation was cancelled on receipt of the $1000 from you; and these troops were transported forthwith to Texas, and arrived there about the same time I did myself.

But this, my dear Sir, was a small matter, in comparison of the aid you rendered Texas in her darkest hour. After the declaration of independence, I was appointed to the Command of Galveston Island, with the commission of Col., and was ordered to repair to that place with all the volunteers I could get, and fortify it the best way I could for defence. Independently of the volunteers who had united with me, a great number of families, who had been