

New- Orleans 25<sup>th</sup> of January 1836.

Captain Allen

My Dear Sir,

I am now ready for embarking to morrow at every hour required, and want only an advance of 150 dollars, to settle my accounts, or rather those of my companions, and to buy some articles necessary for my equipment, and at least a pair of pistols and sword. I could fit me out perfectly well, if you would me procure an endorsement on a little bill on London, which I grant by my honour that it will be paid, in order to need less advance, and make a more honourable appearance in Texas, although a brave and enthusiastic, but presently rather poor and expelled officer, will not need it very much, to show but knolledge and valour, and the last I will.

I do not exactly know the hour of finding you at home, but will perhaps have the pleasure of seeing you at dinner time, or at any hour you appoint to me.

Yours very truly and respectfully

Edward Harcourt

[Addressed:] Captain Allen

[Endorsed:] \$150.00

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this day advanced to M<sup>r</sup>. Edward Harcourt one Hundred and fifty dollars-- [This is on the back of the above letter and written in Allen's hand.]