money, found no Mexican armed vessels, and effected nothing more than to ascertain that no hostile naval force was in our waters, though it was known that the Mexican Government had in commission two or three vessels of armament superior to either of ours.

Returning from Brazos Santiago and nearing Galveston, saw the masts of several vessels inside, occasioning some anxiety; but pushing in found they were the vessels we left at Matagorda, and that the women and children of Western and Middle Texas, were near all in tents on the sand; and that day President Burnett and his Cabinet perhaps the news of the Battle came down, and soon after boat loads of Mexican prisoners, including Santa Anna and his Staff, Almonte, Cos, and other Mexican Generals of note. Soon after Genl Houston came down, suffering from his wound, and after a few days sailed for New Orleans on a small trading vessel then in Port.

Galveston, at this time, had no house, except the blank shell on the outside beach, known as the Mexican Custom house. This small house,