and three scrubby trees upon or near the outside beach, some miles I think from the present City; in which trees or rather bushes were said to be an eagle's nest constituted the land marks, by which the seaman knew his approach to Galveston. I may mention that on our first visit, the only inhabitants visible at the island, were Monroe Edwards, and the wild Africans whom he had on the Dart, then lying in the harbor. Some of these were occasional on shore. Other inhabitants there were none. Consequently the change on our return from the short cruise was great, and in conjunction with the great change in the military aspect, cheering.

For a day or two, Santa Anna, and Staff, and Almonte were placed upon the Independence, and in charge of your Applicant as Officer of the Deck. From the Independence I think they were transferred to the Brutus, and taken around to Velasco.

Subsequently the Independence was ordered to New Orleans for supplies and increase of men, sufficient for her armament, and while there in July, your applicant saw in the public journals, the call of Genl Rusk for volunteers to repel the