and it was finally decided by a Vote of the Army upon the parade ground, drawn up in line, for and against, and Lamar was rejected, some time after the incident referred to, I was sent with despatches for the Cabinet then sitting at Velasco, and considerable excitement prevailed in Camp when I left, owing to the release of Santa Anna, and his officers, after delivering the despatches I was ordered to report for duty at Col. or Dr. Jack Shackelford, ranch at "Orozimbo", a few miles above Columbia on the Brazos, and was detailed as one of the guard over Santa Anna, Almonte, Nunes & Cos, and during my stay there an incident occurred, which any old Texian may remember, there was a Schooner, came up the River, and landed near the House, the name of which I have forgotten, but the Captain of the vessells name was "Pegés, and it was rumored at that time, that she was sent from New Orleans, with poisoned liquors, so as to afford an opportunity for the escape of our prisoners, it was somehow discovered, and the plot failed, one Franklin C. Gray, was supposed at that time to be the originator of the plot, and was publisher of a newspaper called the Brazoria Gazette, at the time the Army disbanded I returned to Columbia, in poor health, and finances, and stopped at Major Hensley Hotel, where I frequently met near all the Notables of the land, this was at the time of the