Corpus Christi
March 17th 1845

Hon.
Wm G Cooke
Secy of War & Marine
Sir

A regular supply of Provisions for the Corpus Christi Ranger, cannot at all times be had at this place and I will have also to purchase them at high prices and if this is done I do not believe the appropriation will be sufficient and I am anxious that it should do so. I have thus gone authorized Mr Bolivar to purchase some Provisions for me at Galveston or New-Orleans. If the Hon Secy of the Treasury can by any instructions which he may give to the Collector at this Port relieve the appropriation from the duties on supplies. The Company will be much assisted and the Govt in no wise injured. I must ask you to assist me in this. If the arrange can be made Mr Bolivar will purchase in New Orleans otherwise I do not know if it would not be as well to buy at Galveston.

Yr Obdt Svt
S B Maverick
Commd Ranger