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City of Austin Texas
[illegible] 19th February [illegible]

Sir,

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Inst from San Antonio de Bexar [illegible] has been handed us by Col Cooke.

Whereunto enclose to you the annual message of President La Mar and refer you to the 30th and 31st pages for his views of the trade with Santa Fe, which he hopes may, for the present, meet [illegible] expressed in your [illegible] From the [illegible] a [illegible] in the opening of this trade to Texas [illegible] his constant [illegible], and nothing but the weak state of the country [illegible] from raising a Regiment of men to accompany a Caravan of Traders to [illegible] Santa Fe [illegible] is [illegible] with the safety of the [illegible] be done. That you may see also the wishes of the Republic expressed thro' their Representatives in this subject, I refer you to the Act of 26th Jany 1839 of the [illegible] passed at the 1st Session of the 3rd Congress pages 105 & 106 [illegible] the Seventh [illegible] enclosed herewith a number of that paper of the 19th in which you will find some information from Mr Bonnile who has been to Santa Fe and has at our request consented to publish a series of numbers on that subject commencing in [illegible]