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Mr. Reuben M. Blair
Texas

Sir

In contemplation of the information given me by you in your letter of 15th July with relation to the passages of Texian prisoners which I have expending $25 each will be paid by a draft at sight on the Collector of the Port of Galveston, I have furnished four with passages hence to N. Orleans & shall dispose of the rest and have drawn at sight on the Collector of the Port of Galveston, enclosing him the necessary vouchers in my letter of above. The names of the prisoners are Wm Ryan William R. Wilson William A. Wallace Fairy Armstrong and Thomas S. Tatum.

Relative to the distribution of the $2000. mentioned by you through Messrs Schmidt & Co in N. Orleans I have done nothing yet having ascertained yesterday only the number of prisoners. There are 118, of whom 104 in Perote 3 in Mexico 1 in Puebla and ten in the Castle here. I have placed funds in the different places and shall commence the distribution in 2 or 3 days or as soon as I have things so arranged as neither to compromise myself nor the prisoners. Since Mr Ryan leaves by this opp.y I shall have to look out for another to supply his place to be jointly entrusted with the distribution and shall endeavour to select one of the most respectable. We talked when you were here of $150 or $200 a month for those in Perote but this amount monthly among so many would be a mere nothing. A number of the prisoners have money consequently it appears to me that the distributions in the different places should be restricted to supply only the most necessitous. In short I shall see Mr Ryan again before he leaves & consult with him on this & other points. The object of the donors must certainly be to give to those in want, not