Not having heard from the Navy Department since Sept. and having been ordered to purchase the Schooner Tom Toby. I have [redacted] the last three days, And since there appears a probability of an invasion made a conditional purchase; as it is necessary absolutely that some thing should be afloat, The condition is this, twelve thousand Dollars in scrip if approved by the Sec^y of the Navy — If not — then the Toby to be commissioned as a government Vessel all prizes for the benefit of the owners, You may recollect Sir, that the later proposition, was suggested by the Executive, but assented to by yourselfe, at this time I conceive that there is an absolute and unconditional necessity, that we should have some efficient Vessels in service, And this is the most judicious arrangement that could be made at this time, She will be under way by the 22^d or 23^d Now in full repair, She needs only some provisions and seamen, I think of putting thirty Marines aboard in addition to her crew, The Independence is not yet ready, but tis said will be in a few days — Nothing further from Mexico —

I have the honour to be
Sir — Your Obt Servt
(signed) A. S Thruston
Commissary General
Texas —

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