Navy Department
Columbia 20th March 1837

Col A. S. Thruston
Commissary General
N. Orleans. Sir,

I had the honor under date of the 26th ultimo in reply to your several communications bearing date 11th ultimo, to thank you to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 28th ultimo received yesterday, by Mr Buchanan, giving the information that he. Mr Buchanan was specially deputed & not being before aware of this fact, he of course could receive no instructions from me — You letter of the 28th complains of not having received any answer to your communications relative to the Tom Toby and Iqrique, I think you will find 17 days (the interval between the dates of your letters) is rather a short period to transmit a letter to this Country and receive a reply, and by this time do convince, that so far, as regards this Department, your conduct has been decidedly approved — The importance of our having accurate surveys of the Coast, and harbours of our own Country is so evident, that the Goverment has dispatched Capt Alex Thompson to New Orleans for the purpose of procuring a regular Outfit, Capt Thompson is a gentleman whose diffidence may prevent his urging upon our agents the great importance of the survey, and I will therefore be much obliged to you, in conjunction with Col Houston to see that our agents furnish this requisition which Capt Thompson may make upon them, I am much pleased to find that there is at least a prospect of the Independance returning to her own Country

Very Respt your Obt Servt
(signed) S Rhodes Fisher
Sec of the Navy

Navy Dept. Jan 4th 1860. — I certify the above letter to be a true copy from the records of this Office. Aug. B. Seger
Ch. Clk
Navy Dept.