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Port of Galveston
Sept 2d 1837

Capt Hinckley,
Brig Sam Houston

Dear Sir,

Having been requested by Col Thurston to take charge of the public provisions imported in your Vessel, and to pay you the balance of freight on the Same; I had them stored in conformity with his request, and intended paying the freight, had they remained under my control; but the said provisions being no longer in my charge, or control, in consequence of an order from the Commodore of the Navy, to the Storekeeper I. N. Reed. This is to inform you that I cannot pay Col Thurston's order till I receive advices from the Treasury department before whom the subject has been refered; and if there is any other way to secure the said freight, this is to give you timely notice to effect the desirable object

Your Obt Servt
G. Borden Jr
Collector of
this Port.

P.S. I shall expect an answer from the