Steam Saw Mill San Jacinto
November 6th 1836.

To His Excellency

Sam Houston
President of the Republic of Texas.

Sir

You Excellency is aware that the Provisional Government, some time about the first of December last, passed a resolution requiring the Commander in Chief of the Forces of Texas to select two Officers, one of the Staff and one of the line of the army, to proceed forthwith to the U States to purchase, under the direction of the Commissioners, arms provisions and munitions of war, for the use of the army and the garrison and fortifications about to be established on the coast of Texas. Your, Sir, did me the honor of selecting me as the Officer of the Line of the Regular army to proceed to the North for the purchase of the artillery and munitions of war contained in the Bill. agreeably to my orders, I proceeded forthwith to the United States and passed through a Mutilous and Blockadeering enumeration with my family a few days in Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York about the middle of January

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