occupied myself in making preliminary arrange-
ments for the purchase and fabrication of the articles,
and awaited anxiously the arrival of the Commissioners
to furnish me with the necessary funds for the above
purpose. They did not arrive until about the 20th
of April in New York, and did not succeed in
obtaining a loan of money. Finding it impossible
to obtain the arms necessary for me without money,
I requested the Commissioners to order me back to Texas
in order that I might at least contribute my
mite in striking for the Independence of the Country.
In accordance to my request, I received an order to
return to Texas and report myself to the President
as Commander in Chief of the Forces of Texas. I ac-
=cordingly proceeded with all despatch and re-
mained at Tallahassee only time enough to put my
family and movables on board a vessel bound
for Galveston Bay, where I had the gratification of
congratulating your Excellency, in person, on the
glorious victory of San Jacinto which gave a new
to Texas as a nation and secured her Independence.
I proceeded in the first vessel that sailed from New
Orleans for Texas, and arrived at Galveston Bay
on the 21st of May last with my family; my wife
having caught a violent cold which settled on