Dept of State
City of Houston Dec. 10th 1838

Sir

Untill the President can make the necessary arrangements for the organization of his Cabinet — I am requested by him to say that he desires you will discharge the duties of your Department should it not however be convenient, be so kind as to inform me in order that I may take the necessary steps

I have the honor to be
With Great Respect
Your Ob.
Signed Barnard E. Bee

Charles Mason
Acting Secy of War.

I Certify the above to be a true Copy of the Original now on file in the Department

Charles Dickson
Chief Clk

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