Department of War & Marine.
8th June 1842.

Sir

Accompanying you will receive an appointment for special duty as Acting Assistant Inspector General of the Militia of Texas, also copies of orders by which you will be governed.

You will strictly enjoin upon the troops, the absolute and indispensable necessity of discipline and subordination, and enforce upon them the first duty of the soldier, obedience; you well know its necessity, particularly for an invading army, and you can assure them, that after this first and last appeal – the foremost who is delinquent in obedience or duty, shall receive summary military punishment.

Every confidence is felt by the Department in the patriotism and valor of the yeomanry of our country, but they must now cast off the civil and assume the military character – obedience to orders embraces all the components of that position – they are therefore required to submit to them.

The most scrupulous respect to private property, while on the march, will be enjoined upon them by their respective Commanders.

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