

ALLEN TO JONES.<sup>a</sup>

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RAYMOND TO JONES.<sup>b</sup>

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ELDREDGE TO RHODES.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Austin Novr. 29th 1845.*

SIR.

I have the honor herewith to enclose the letter from the State Department of the United States, authorizing you to communicate with this Government in the absence of Major Donelson, referred by you to this Department; the return of which agreeably to your request, has thus long been delayed from unavoidable circumstances<sup>c</sup>

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Your obt. Servant

JOSEPH C. ELDREDGE

*Acting Secretary of State*

E. A. RHODES ESQUIRE

*Actg U. S. Consul*

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ELDREDGE TO BUCHANAN.<sup>d</sup>

[Eldredge has sent Buchanan, at his request, certain books concerning Texas.]

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JONES TO POLK.<sup>e</sup>

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Austin, Feby 16th. 1846.*

To His Excellency, JAMES K. POLK

*President of the United States.*

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you, dated the 13th. of January last, one transmitting to me a copy of the Act of Congress of the United States for establishing a collection district in Texas etc, and the other, copies of certain communications from Genl. Taylor with the report of the Attorney General

<sup>a</sup> November 14, 1845. See Calendar of Correspondence with the United States in Part I.

<sup>b</sup> See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 43, p. 5.

<sup>c</sup> The letter referred to, Mason to Rhodes, August 7, 1845, had been sent to Allen by Rhodes, August 21.

<sup>d</sup> January 24, 1846.

<sup>e</sup> See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 47, p. 43.

of the United States upon the matters embraced in them, together with a request from your Excellency that measures might be taken by this government to relieve the Settlers from the payment of certain duties and that the said duties might be fully remitted to them.

As the change in the officers of the Government contemplated in the New Constitution of Texas, is about taking place, no opportunity is afforded me to do more than refer the subject to His Excellency the Governor of the State, who is now about to assume the duties of his office.

I have the honor to be

With the highest respect

Your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant

ANSON JONES

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WALKER TO RUNNELS.<sup>a</sup>

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

*March 25th. 1846*

SIR,

By the Joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States "For annexing Texas to the United States", approved the 1st March 1845, among the conditions on which the consent of Congress is given to the annexation, it is provided in the 2d section of said Resolutions that "said State, when admitted into the Union, after ceding to the United States, all public edifices, fortifications, barracks, ports and harbors, navy and navy yards, docks, magazines, arms, armaments, and all other property and means pertaining to the public defence, belonging to said Republic of Texas, shall retain all the public funds etc etc": And by the constitution of the State of Texas, adopted in convention, on the 27th August 1845, it is provided, in the 8th Section of Article 13, that "The Legislature shall also adopt such measures as may be required to cede to the United States, at the proper time, all public edifices, fortifications, barracks, ports, harbors navy and navy yards, docks, magazines, arms and armaments, and all other property and means pertaining to the public defence, now belonging to the Republic of Texas."

Under these provisions, you are authorised and directed, as Agent of the Government of the United States, to receive into your custody from the person authorised on the part of the State of Texas, to deliver the same, all the public property above enumerated. If no such agent on the part of the State of Texas has yet been appointed, you will immediately proceed to the Seat of Government of the State, and make application to the Legislature, on behalf of this Govern-

ment, for the immediate transfer and delivery of the property mentioned above. On receiving the property you will forthwith furnish to this Department, a duplicate list of the same.

On the application of the agents constituted by the Department of War and of the Navy of the United States, you are authorised and directed to deliver into their custody, respectively, the property pertaining to the Departments they severally represent—retaining in your charge any articles, or portions of property not demanded by such agents.

Your reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of these services, will be paid by this Department.

I am Sir

Very respectfully  
Your obed. Servt

R. J. WALKER  
*Secretary of the Treasury*

HIRAM G. RUNNELS ESQ  
*Collector of the Customs*  
*District of Texas Galveston Texas*

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