

DECREE OF MEXICAN CONGRESS CONFIRMING CONTRACT BETWEEN BRITISH HOLDERS OF MEXICAN BONDS AND AGENTS OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.^a

BEE TO [LAMAR(?)]^b

[Private]

[JULY (?), 1839.]

MY DEAR SIR,

I am very much in hopes the first news from Mexico will render Mr. Treats visit to that Country wholly unnecessary. Should it prove otherwise however—and they are disposed to play off, until they have assurance that we have money to carry us through—there can be no one more adequate than Mr Treat. The *Secret Agent* here seems a man much to be relied on, and I ascertained at Vera Cruz (of course without my object being known) that he had been liv'g many years in Mexico, with an unblemished character. I learn with great regret that the Zavala has been sold.^c We will repent it if Mexico does not listen to us. The Zavala would have been able to have put their whole Coast in the utmost excitement and have been almost ubiquitous—carrying hundreds of men on board and making incursions any where—but it is done, and we hope for Peace. I am very much gratified that the President has drawn Mr Burnet around him. it silences the Telegraph effectually, and evinces harmony in the Dept's so essential to a Gov't.^d I was delighted with your letter relative to the Live Oak Custom House. They will soon cease their nonsense. I told them before I came away if Gen'l Lamar *did wrong* they might abuse him as much as they pleased, but they had better reserve themselves for the *fact*. The Cherokee talk was excellent. Was that yours or Mr. Burnetts—or both?^e It will make Gen'l Sam outrageous. I learn you have a highly respectable man as Secy of the Treasury.^f it is a most important office requir'g to be strictly *looked into* and most judiciously managed for the future. without the Presidents *interfer'g* with the Departm'ts he ought to know ev'y important transaction, and I am satisfied by pursuing this course he will save tens of Thousands—particularly, in the War and Navy Departments. You will perceive that Santa Anna has retired to Manga de Clavo.^g

Bravo is entirely under his Control. This move is wholly in relation to Texas. Peace or War will be the result. Santa Anna was

^a July 29, 1839. See Treat to Lamar, February 1, 1840.

^b A. L. S.

^c See further reference to the Zavala. See Bee to Burnet, August 13, 1839, and *Telegraph and Texas Register*, September 18, 1832. Bee was mistaken.

^d See *Telegraph and Texas Register*, June 19, 1839, and July 3, 1839.

^e This probably refers to Lamar's letter to Bowls and other Headmen of the Cherokees, May 26, 1839, in Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 39, pp. 67-73.

^f James Starr. See *Telegraph and Texas Register*, May 29, 1839.

^g His private estate.

too much *suspected* to treat for Peace. An arch fiend as he may be, he had too much self respect to wage a War against a People who had given him life and liberty. He retires, therefore, but leaves his influence. I am still sanguine that we shall succeed. I perceive by the M'g Papers that the Constitution has left Vera Cruz. It is by her, you know, I expect letters.

with great regard Sincerely yours.

BARNARD E BEE

HAMILTON TO LAMAR.^a

NEW YORK August 1st. 1839.

MY DEAR SIR

I have but a moment to spare before embarking this morning in the Great Western to drop you a line, to say I have left instructions for my son's dispatches to be forwarded by the next Steamer. I hope sincerely that you have assented to the sinking fund project, and the other matters submitted for your consideration, as I deem them vital to my success. I have lost nothing by staying, as I will be over as soon as Saligny, who went about ten days since in a French (Corvette) and such is the state of the money market in England, that before October I will not be able to do anything. After that I hope to obtain another handsome advance on my bonds, or to place them in final investment. I feel confident of success. But for the official dispatch of the Secretary of War, asking the means for invading Texas, I would have obtained through my friends at Washington such demonstrations of a pacific character from Martinez, as would have greatly aided my negotiation.^b Just as I had it on the anvil this unfortunate document came out. I think from what Mr. Poinsett tells me, you must be prepared for an incursion on the part of the Mexicans and Indians. The former will make one more struggle before they give up the country. Let me intreat you, neither to invade or blockade until you hear from me, that I have succeeded in my loan—either measure would be fatal to my efforts. I have authorized Mr. Todd,^c your Navy Agent, to draw on me in London for 10,000\$ to ship by every Vessel from London (which I hope will meet your approbation) After consulting with an English Naval officer of distinguished reputation, and of great experience on the Coast of Mexico, I will give you the details of a maritime expedition against Mexico, which will strike terror in that Government bring them to their senses, and astonish the world, by its boldness and success. I have been concocting this Scheme for

^a See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 41, p. 409.

^b See note ^b, p. 461.

^c John G. Tod.

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His Excellency
MIRABEAU B. LAMAR

A FRIEND OF TREAT

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MR JAMES TREAT, Esq.

^a August 2, 1839. See

^b August 5, 1839 (extra)

the tremendous annoyance of Mexico, with one of the wisest and best heads in this country and will write you from London the moment I have felt the State of the Governments of France and England. I will go over to the former, the moment I have seen my Banker's. Mr. Stevenson my Naval friend, and Lord Palmerston. I say to you if no unfortunate event occurs, the negotiation of France will be immediate, from the arrangements I have made. Mr. Pontois the late Minister of the U. S. is actively at work for us. Let me beg of you to stand entirely on the defensive, until the loan is negotiated, at least get out all your vessels as soon as possible, and keep all quiet if possible at home.

God bless you my dear Sir, and believe in the sincere esteem, with which I have the honor to be, your Obedient Servant,

J. HAMILTON

To

His Excellency

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR.

A FRIEND OF TREAT IN MEXICO TO A FRIEND OF TREAT IN NEW ORLEANS.^a

HENDERSON TO TREAT.^b

LAMAR TO TREAT.

[Private.]

GALVESTON August 9th 1839.

SIR

Pursuant to a letter in your Possession, written by Gen. James Hamilton, and addressd to the Cashier of the U. S. Bank of Pennsylvania, you are hereby authorized to draw on the Loan Commissioners of this Republic, Messrs Jas. Hamilton and A. T. Burnley, now in England on their way, for any sum, or sums, of money, not Exceeding *in all, Seven Hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling.* (Say, £750) and you may negotiate the same as indicated, in the letter above referd to, placing same, to proper account.

I am Sir, Your obt. Servt.

M B LAMAR

To

Mr JAMES TREAT. Esq.,

Present.

^a August 2, 1839. See Treat to Lamar, September 18, 1839.

^b August 5, 1839 (extract). See Treat to Burnet, September 18, 1839.

LAMAR TO HAMILTON AND BURNLEY.^a

[Fixes amount that James Treat is authorized to draw on them as Loan Commissioners.]

BURNET TO TREAT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Houston 9th August 1839.

SIR,

I am instructed by the President, to inform you that in conformity with our late verbal understanding you are hereby constituted and appointed a Private and Confidential Agent for the Government of Texas for the purpose of ascertaining the disposition of the Government of Mexico in regard to a negotiation of a peace between the two Nations and if practicable to prepare the initiatory arrangements for such a negotiation.

To effect this object, it will be necessary for you to repair with all convenient expedition to the city of Mexico. But as great privacy and circumspection are necessary and indispensable in all your preparatory movements, it will perhaps be advisable for you to return as far as Pensacola or even to New York and embark for Vera Cruz from one of those Ports.

It is inevitable to the nature of your mission that great latitude should be given to the exercise of your own discretion in the *modus operandi*, and in some minor matters of the negotiation. The President is happy in the confidence that, that discretion will in all cases, be exercised with great soundness and intelligence, and with an undeviating regard to the interests and the honor of Texas: that you will not sacrifice the one, nor compromit the other. There are other points of cardinal importance, on which you will rigidly adhere to your instructions. Texas is sincerely desirous of peace, but that desire does not result from any apprehension of her want of ability to prosecute a vigorous and successful war. The moment she ascertains that this second overture is rejected, she will feel it due to herself, to try the efficacy of the utmost energies of the sword, in accomplishing that desirable object; and she cannot doubt that it will be eventually effected at a less cost of treasure, than she is now willing to bestow in peaceable negotiation, and that the incidental expenditure of blood, will be richly compensated in her acquisitions of glory.

The principal points in your negotiations will be; The boundary to be assigned to Texas; and the consideration to be paid for that boundary.

^a August 9, 1839. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 34, p. 5.

A full, unequivocal, unconditional independence of Texas, of which, you will not discountenance.

The Rio Grande alias the boundary of Texas; it presents a demarcation and is admirable to avoid collision between the two Governments. It is a sine qua non in your negotiations to commence at the mouth of the Gulf and shall pursue the mid channel to the fountain head of its principal stream at that point a due north course as established in the treaty of 1804 between Mexico on the one day of the Pacific Ocean. This boundary is to be acceded to.

Before submitting this ultimatum to the President, you will feel the authority of the division of Territory. You will not at the mouth of the Rio Grande to the Paso del Norte Gulf of California and along the Pacific Ocean. This boundary is to be acceded to but may be intimated as a condition on the part of Mexico of the ultimate destination of the Territory.

Texas is willing to pay to the United States millions of dollars as a compensation for the claims public and private to the limits first above recited. This means to reduce that Mexican debt to consider Three Millions of dollars in those circumstances, and we propose our appreciation of the restoration of peace, and the amount of Mexican Bonds. You will carefully abstain from ascertained that those bonds you may put upon them in consideration, as we are not to be the stock markets of Great Britain.

Should you therefore find it necessary of the consideration, by the United States can Bonds, it will not be necessary.

A full, unequivocal, unconditional acknowledgment of the absolute independence of Texas, is a *sine qua non*, beyond and exclusive of which, you will not discuss a single proposition.

The Rio Grande alias the Rio Bravo del Norte is the natural boundary of Texas; it presents an obvious and well defined line of demarcation and is admirably adapted to the prevention of future collision between the two Governments. You will therefore consider it a *sine qua non* in your negotiation, that the boundary line shall commence at the mouth of the Rio Grande midway of the channel, and shall pursue the mid channel of that stream to its source, that is to the fountain head of its principal western branch and to run from that point a due north course to the line of the United States as established in the treaty of limits between the United States and Mexico on the day of ^a and to pursue that line to the Pacific Ocean. This boundary and nothing short of it Texas is willing to accede to.

Before submitting this ultimatum on the subject of a boundary line, you will feel the authorities of Mexico in relation to a different division of Territory. You may suggest to them a line commencing at the mouth of the Rio Grande mid way of its channel, up that stream to the Paso del Norte and from thence a due west line to the Gulf of California and along the Southern shore of that Gulf to the Pacific Ocean. This boundary will not be strenuously insisted upon but may be intimated as a counterpoise to any extravagant expectations on the part of Mexico and as a premonition to that Government of the ultimate destination of that remote Territory.

Texas is willing to pay to Mexico a sum not exceeding Five Millions of dollars as a compensation for her relinquishment of all her claims public and private to the Territory comprehended within the limits first above recited, but you are desired to employ all your means to reduce that Maximum sum as much as possible. We consider Three Millions of dollars an adequate remuneration under the circumstances, and we proffer the extra two millions as an evidence of our appreciation of the mutual benefits that must result from the restoration of peace, and an intercourse between the two Nations. You will carefully abstain from agreeing to furnish any given amount of Mexican Bonds in the English market until it is clearly ascertained that those bonds can be purchased at or under the value you may put upon them in making up the aggregate of the consideration, as we are not disposed to incur any hazard incident to the stock markets of Great Britain.

Should you therefore find it expedient to swell the *nominal* amount of the consideration, by agreeing to pay a proportion of it in Mexican Bonds, it will not be difficult, as the value of those bonds in the

^a The 12th day of January, 1828.

market is well known in Mexico, to stipulate for such a sum founded on the known depreciation of those Bonds, as will assure to Texas no increased expenditure from this branch of the negotiation. In order to your more perfect advisement in this matter it will be proper for you to have early and frequent communications with Genl. Hamilton and Mr. Burnley our Loan Commissioners in London.

If it shall in your estimation become necessary to employ any considerable amount of funds as secret service money to forward your operations, you may exercise your own good discretion, but always bearing in mind that Five Millions of dollars is the utmost extent to which Texas is willing to become liable and that any monies so appropriated, must be abated from that sum, and in no wise constitute a separate charge. Should it however become necessary for you to employ the secret service of particular agents in this affair, you will do so to an extent not exceeding one thousand dollars, for which this Government will be responsible to you. You will recollect in all cases that we rely with great confidence upon your discretion and good judgment.

I submit to you for your further government a copy of the instructions given to the Honl B. E. Bee^a on his late mission to Mexico in prosecution of a similar object to that you have in view.

Col Bee will be informed of your Mission and you are at liberty to communicate to him your progress from time to time, but in all events you will keep this Department regularly and fully informed of your proceedings.

With great consideration,

I am Your obdt Servant
signed

DAVID G. BURNET
Actg Secty of State.

BARKER TO BEE.^b

BEE TO BURNET.^c

ORLEANS August 13th 1839

MY DEAR SIR,

The only objection I find in your instructions to Mr Treat is in *treating* it as a second attempt at negotiation. This is not the light to view it in, it must be considered as part and parcel of the same. I would not make them a *second* offer. You will recollect the *Secret*

^a See Webb to Bee, February 20, 1839.

^b A. L. S.: August 12, 1839. See Bee to Burnet, August 13, 1839.

^c A. L. S.

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Agent was on his way to New Orleans when I met him at Vera Cruz. His object was to have prevented my applying *directly* to the Gov't, least it should be rejected. I declined all communication then, as I had already addressed the Secy of State. Moreover I look upon the negotiation as now going on. Mr Packenham writes we have only to have a little patience. I have very little doubt letters are now at Washington on the subject. I shall proceed there the moment I hear from Mr Poinsett. It will never do to let it wear the appearance of a *second* appeal. The Senate might give us trouble. I shall take the liberty of alter'g your instructions—*in so much*.

I shall proceed immediately to Pendleton. Pray let me hear from you. Remember me to the President, and say to him if he and his Secy of the Treasury do not create a *demand* for their money it will be down to 15 cents. I propose that Fifty Thous'd Dollars of the Post Notes should be put in the hands of Mr Jacob Barker—upon his deposit'g *treble the amt in Texas money* in the Merchants Bank, as one means of keeping up the currency. another mode is to make an arrangement with the Steam Boat Columbia to take Your Money at 50 or 70 cents for passage and freight and your redeem'g it ev'y fortnight in good money. By either or both of these modes there would be a *vitality*—so to say—given to your Money which would soon make it sustain itself. Without some effort on the part of the Gov't, it cannot be upheld. Another mode is to put the Zavala in the Trade as a Mail Packet, taking passengers and freight *at par*. You would of course lose Money at first, but it will be more than compensated to you in the enhanced value of the currency thus benefiting the whole Country.

I am no financier, but it is important *something* should be done. I have consulted the owners of the Steam Boat. They are willing to make the arrangement. They would submit their Books ev'y trip to the inspection of the Consul. I have also conversed with Mr Barker, who is will'g to pledge three for one and thus give your money a *chance* in the market. Pray converse with Dr. Starr on the subject. If we could disperse the Mexicans as easily as you have the Cherokees I would be for fighting instead of *negotiating*. I congratulate you on the result.

I am My dear Sir,

With great regard
and esteem
Yours

BARNARD E BEE

I enclose you the suggestions of Mr Barker. I repeat I am no *financier*. you must all judge for yourselves. An effort is however *indispensable*. It would be *weakness* not to make one.

NEW ORLEANS 12th Augt. 1839

Col. BEE

DEAR SIR

You ask me to point out the best way to prevent a depreciation of Texas paper. I answer let your Government make it as current at home as possible and place here in the Merchants Bank an adequate sum of money to protect it here. I think \$100,000 would be sufficient perhaps \$50,000 would answer and my House Messrs. Horace Bean & Co would undertake its management. Let your Government direct the Bank to receive in exchange for this fund from my House their money at such rate as they might judge best. Three dollars for one to begin with would probably be best, and to exchange back again one for three as often as my house applied not less than \$10,000 at a time thus keeping possession of the whole fund. The Bank would gladly do this for the sake of the deposite and my house would always take the money from travellers and traders when it offered at 33 cts on the dollar and supply those who might want at 34 cts on a dollar making no charge for these services, from this the standard to be gradually advanced as the demand increased always purchasing within one cent on the dollar on their selling price; to prevent the fund being exhausted without effecting the object, the system must be commenced at the lowest market price, perhaps below three for one, when the standard could be advanced as the market price improved; if the management was entrusted to my house they would pledge themselves never to speculate on the funds and to make it effectual the management must be kept a profound secret from all others and the Bank should not know any thing beyond the fact that they were to pay and receive according to the rule layed down by your Government and that rule not to be varied except by an order from your Government.

One other provision would greatly improve the value of the money which would be to pass a law authorizing the issuing of funded stock for the money when brought home to be funded irredeamable for 50 years bearing an interest of 6 per cent per Annum payable half yearly in specie and pledging some particular branch of revenue for the payment of the interest, for instance the auction duty which could be made sufficient.

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Your Obt Servant

JACOB BARKER

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TREAT TO BURNET.^a

[Private and Confidential.]

NEW ORLEANS *Augt 13th 1839.*

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official letter of instructions, bearing date, Houston 9th Inst. informing me of the wishes of the President of the Republic, and apprising me of the confidence reposed by His Excellency in my prudence and judgement, for the Execution of a delicate and important object, to the fulfilment of which, my most earnest efforts, shall be, exclusively devoted.

My hurried departure from Galveston prevented me from addressing you this communication (as would have been very proper) at *that time.*

I have further to own receipt of two letters of credit, signed by His Excellency the President, bearing the same date, amounting, together, to the sum of *Twelve Hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling*, (Say 1250) which I am authorized to negotiate, as directed by Gen Hamilton, in a communication, which I have shewn to his Excellency the President and yourself.

In looking over my instructions, I find omitted a clause which (if I remember right) was, in the original Dft, and as I then thought, very properly inserted.

It related to the Mediation of the U. S., and authorized me, to confer, or advise, (as might seem expedient) with Judge Ellis, the American Minister, near Mexo.

If this, was *inadvertently* omitted, (as I apprehend it was, from the Press of business on hand) I most respectfully suggest that it may may be embraced in your first, official Letter to me, so that I may consider it as a *part* (part) of my instructions.

I shall also be indebted to the department, for any new suggestions, that may result from deliberation, or fresh information, from any quarter.

Feeling duly the responsibility of the Trust I have assumed, I shall use every honourable effort to carry out the views of the President; but, whether successful or not, I shall hope to merit the approbation of his Excellency the President and his constitutional advisers.

Please place this communication, (Hurried as it is, for I write on board the Boat altho dated *at N Orleans*) with my Respects before the President, to whom I do not write on the present occasion, having nothing, beyond the contents of this note, to communicate.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of the particular respect and consideration with which I am
Your obedient St.

Hon.
D. G. BURNETT
*Actg Secy. State
Texas.*

JAMES TREAT

BURNET TO TREAT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Houston 19th August 1839.

SIR

The instructions hastily communicated to you on the 9th instant were deficient, and I hasten to impart to you the additional wishes of the President in relation to your interesting mission.*

Should you receive a favorable notice in Mexico and be able to progress so far as to establish a boundary line and the amount of compensation, you may stipulate that a treaty of peace, amity and commerce between the two nations shall be entered upon, as soon as practicable either at the city of Mexico, or the City of Washington or at the Capitol of this Republic, leaving it to the Mexican Authorities to select the location.

But as the mediatorial interposition of the Government of the United States has been conditionally proffered and will be cordially accepted by this Government it would probably be conducive to the permanency of the peace to be established, to conduct the negotiation at the Capitol of that Republic.

It is understood that Mr Ellis the Minister from the Government of the United States to that of Mexico, has been instructed to signify to that of Mexico the desire of the United States to see the difficulties between Texas and Mexico amicably adjusted.

You will therefore feel yourself at liberty with all appropriate delicacy, to confer with Mr Ellis and to make known to him privately, the nature and progress of your negotiation.

* There is filed in the Correspondence with Mexico an undated memorandum of instructions to Treat in which are found the following points, not covered by letters to Bee and to Treat:

" Mr. T. will proceed to N. Orleans, and thence to Mexico either direct, or Via Pensacola or N. Y. as, circumstances, in his opinion may render most expedient, and advisable.

He may employ, such person, or, persons as he may, think necessary to accomplish or aid in his objects, and for this purpose he is authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$10,000. but, if any larger sum should be necessary it must be contingent, and subject to approval as will of course be the main negotiation"

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^a August 29, 1839. See Bee

^b September 2, 1839 (extract)

^c A. L. S.

^d One dispatch dated August
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Should you meet a decided repulse from the Government of Mexico, it is very important that you communicate that fact as early as possible to this department. Indeed we expect you will be an active correspondent under all circumstances.

With renewed assurances of great consideration

I am Your obedient Servant

DAVID G. BURNET
Actg Secy of State

WRIGHT TO BEE.^a

A FRIEND OF TREAT IN NEW ORLEANS TO TREAT.^b

TREAT TO LAMAR.^c

[Private.]

NEW YORK *Sept* 3d. 1839.

MY DEAR GENERAL.

Pursuant to your own request, that I should communicate to you *privately*, and *frequently*, I have now the pleasure, as well as gratification, to address you, for the first time, since I took my leave.

From N. Orleans, I addressd two *official letters* to the *acting Secy of State*, and also a private or friendly communication, containing such news as I found contained in my letters from Europe and from Mexico.^d

I requested Judge Burnet to shew you these communications, which I have no doubt was done without any delay whatever.

I have *now* addressd, a lengthy official Letter to the *Hon. Secretary of State*, which contains all the information, or remarks, which I thought could be useful, or gratifying to yourself, as well as your constitutional advisers. May I venture, General, to refer you to that communication for the information (should it prove to be so) that it may contain. I would give it in copy, had I time before Post, but fear I may miss the Columbia If I delay a day longer.

I have reported myself up to the present time, and informed the Department of my intended movements, that I had been disappointed in my *certain* expectations of obtaining money from the Bank of the U States on my bill against your Loan Commissioners; and in con-

^a August 29, 1839. See Bee to Secretary of State, April 30, 1840.

^b September 2, 1839 (extract). See Treat to Lamar, September 18, 1839.

^c A. L. S.

^d One dispatch dated August 13; one private letter of the same date; and a communication, the date of which has not been ascertained, returning a paper inadvertently taken from the Secretary of State's office. Cf. Treat to Burnet, September 3, 1839. Only the first of these has been found.

sequence of said disappointment, I have solicited the Secy of State to ask of you to place the sum of *four Thousand Dollars*, out of the Post Note fund at my disposal for the necessary expenses. These matters and some other topics are all treated at length, in said communication, to which I again Respectfully crave your attention. I have address'd Judge Burnet a separate and Private Letter in case the *State Department* should be in new hands, who might be without any knowledge of the *antecedents* of this negotiation.

I trust my dear General, you will not find my request unreasonable, as of course means are necessary to carry out your views. I congratulate you, Sir, on the flattering prospects of an immediate recognition by France; on the favourable influence *that* measure will have on the British Cabinet; and as regards the negotiations of your Commissioners in Europe; and *last tho' not least* on the effect it will, nay, *must* have on the minds of the Statesmen of Mexico, who must of course see the utter *uselessness* of delaying a friendly arrangement of Difficulties, before it is *too late*.

I anticipate, Gen Success in *my mission*, and for you Sir, before you leave the chair, that Your country will be recognized by France, England, and *also* by the Mother Country.^a Your country will then stand, on a pre-eminence, *at once* proud, and enviable. Pardon the haste with which I am compell'd to address you, General, and believe me Very Respectfully

and most cordially your obt St

JAMES TREAT

To.
Gen. M. B. LAMAR,
Houston Texas.

TREAT TO BURNET.^b

[Private and Confidential.]

NEW YORK *September 3d. 1839.*

SIR

I beg leave to refer you to the official letter I had the honor to address you from New Orleans under date 13th Ulto; and also to another communication returning a paper inadvertently inclosed among my own in the hurry of my dispatch.

In a private communication of same date I informed you of the *then* recent news from England and Mexico.

I have now the honor further to inform you for the information of the President, that I left New Orleans on the 15th Ulto., and proceeded to Pensacola where I found the American Squadron all laid

^aApparently referring to Mexico.

^bL. S.

up until the 1st Octr. arrived at Philadelphia 27th. Ulto., where I was the United States Bank Bill on the Commission of the President and

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Meanwhile Sir, I am Presidents instructions until I hear from my you, and through you be placed in New Orleans *Dollars*, out of the Post expenses if my other funds through your L Hamilton and confirmed admitted by all that

up until the 1st Octr. next. I left without an hour's delay and arrived at Philadelphia after some detention on the road on the 27th. Ultó., where I was detained two days to see the President of the United States Bank of Pennsylvania in order to negotiate my Bill on the Commissioners for £750, in conformity with the authorization of the President and your own directions.

From the extreme pressure for money here and in England, I feared the President of the Bank might not meet Genl. Hamilton's views, and I therefore assured him in making the application that the objects to be accomplished and for which those means were appropriated, were highly important to the Government of Texas, as well as of great interest to the prospects of the Commissioners in England; but these assurances, as it seems, did not avail, as you see by his reply to me in the following words:

"Your communication has received the most respectful consideration, but I regret to say that with every disposition to do what might be agreeable or useful to you and those you represent, the present state of the money market here and abroad compels this institution very reluctantly to decline the purchase of your Bill."

On receiving a negative I was of opinion that had I explained fully and *in extenso* to the President the objects of my mission, and he again to the Exchange Committee, I would nevertheless have succeeded. But a moment's reflection convinced me that I could not with propriety enter into full explanations which would develop the views and policy of your Government, without the exercise of *too much discretion on my part*; and furthermore I did not think it *good policy* thus to disclose the position of your affairs, even had I the authority to do so. I rather preferred adopting some other expedient to raise funds, and keep the objects entrusted to me to myself.

I found it impracticable to negotiate my Bills on your Loan Commissioners any where, and concluded to forward them for collection by the packets of 1st. inst. for acceptance and payment, and then I can of course command the amount without exposing the secret plans of the Government as regards Mexico.

Meanwhile Sir, I am and shall be without *any means* to execute the Presidents instructions and carry out the views of your Government until I hear from my said Bill. I therefore respectfully submit to you, and through you to the President, whether he will not direct to be placed in New Orleans, and subject to my order, say *Four thousand Dollars*, out of the Post note fund, to be used by me for my necessary expenses if my other resources fail me, and until I can be placed in funds through your Loan Commissioners, as contemplated by Genl. Hamilton and confirmed by the President and yourself. It will be admitted by all that means are indispensable, and that, since my

movements should not be suspended or retarded for want of money to defray the expenses of the Mission entrusted to me by your Government, it would seem but just and proper that the President should, if he deems the request a reasonable one, assent to it and direct that this be done by the first Steamer. I would respectfully *further* suggest in case this request is granted, that the money be placed in the hands of Doct. James Ritchie of New Orleans to deliver to me or my order when called for, which will only be in the event of necessity, and then only to such an extent as may be necessary and in conformity with my instructions. Col. James Love may be referred to for information of Doct. Ritchie, and I name him because it is the channel through which all my correspondence passes to and from the Government of Texas.

I arrived here on the 29th inst., and have availed of the London and Liverpool packets to communicate with the Loan Commissioners very fully and at length in regard to all matters which may interest them. I have also communicated with your Representative at Washington, Genl. Dunlap, and shall receive his hearty cooperation in every thing I may desire in this quarter.

Genl. Henderson (now supposed to be in London) has been kept advised of every matter of importance which has transpired in Mexico and the United States, and to him I have also written fully on yesterday.

On the 8th inst we shall look for the Great Western, and before that I hope to receive dispatches from your Department. A vessel is also expected here shortly from Vera Cruz, and I will then obtain from Washington the latest information from Mr. Ellis, secure the *further* good offices of the Govt. of the United States if necessary in behalf of Texas, and embark for Vera Cruz either from this port, or proceed to Pensacola, where about the 1st proxo. or before the fleet will be in motion, I can obtain conveyance which is already arranged with Come. Shubrick thro' letters from Col. Bee, to whom I write this day addressed at Pendleton Sth Carolina.

You will be apprized of the recent changes in Mexico before this reaches you. I need only observe that Bustamente's return to power will not, as I believe operate against my objects; and the change of Ministry I think advantageous to the country as they are taken from among the liberal party and are men of talent. Gorostiza is succeeded by Juan De Dios Cañedo as Secy of State, who is an old and intimate acquaintance of mine. Cuevas the Secy of the Interior is also a man of liberal and enlarged views; and Bustamente, with such advisers around him, and other influences which I shall, I trust, be able to bring to bear on the question, will I have little doubt be disposed to listen to the dictates of reason, rather than hazard the alternative. At all events, as I informed the President as well as yourself

verbally, it will be something to *ascertain* what they may be *disposed to do* in the way of *conciliation*, or what they *will not do*. And this information I trust I shall be able to acquire as soon as practicable, and I have little doubt of a successful result. My best efforts shall not be wanting to this end.

The favorable information from Genl. Henderson in relation to his progress towards the obtainment of a recognition by France you will also have received ere this reaches you. There can be no doubt judging from my advices, but the measure had been *decided* upon by the King and Council, and I should not be surprised if the *official* act reached here by the Steamer G. Western expected in about a week. This *fact* of recognition by France will no doubt produce a favorable effect on Genl. Hamilton's object as regards the Loan, and will further and more especially, *as I shall use it*, operate as a strong inducement for Mexico not to forego the present (and no doubt the only) opportunity it may ever have of a friendly arrangement with Texas.

I therefore think my chances of success are much strengthened by this event, as well as other circumstances.

In reference to Genl. Hamilton's *probable* success, I will take the liberty to remark that I have some hopes that he may make some partial progress in the sale of the Bonds, notwithstanding the unprecedented sad state of the monetary concerns of England. All however depends on the next advices from England. If the Corn crop should prove a fair medium one, or something better than usual, *all will be comparatively well*. If it is *short*, it is difficult to foresee what the consequences may be. The suspension of payments in Specie by the Bank of England; or if not, an utter inability to render any aid to the community at large, as it will require all her means (altho' immense) to sustain herself and the Governmt. The bankruptcy of one half of Great Britain might be the consequence of a failure of the crops. The next arrival therefore involves matters of greater interest to G. Britain and the United States, (indeed to the whole world) than were ever narrowed into the compass of *one steamer*. I shall not fail to apprise you of the news brought by the G. Western by first post after her arrival here and trust and hope they may be favorable.

I have extended my communication far beyond what I intended, and must claim your indulgence for having done so, and also for having travelled out of my *appropriate sphere* in treating of matters not properly committed to my management. You will I trust consider that this arises only from a desire to make myself useful, so far as my position will enable me to do so.

Should you not deem my communication too lengthy will you do me the favor to place it before the President.

Permit me Sir before closing, respectfully to call your attention and that of the President to that part of this communication which refers to furnishing me with money for purposes already explained and understood. I would further suggest with due respect that duplicate answers be sent to Dr. Ritchie, with directions for one to be sent to *me here* (to be used by my agent in my absence), and the other to be disposed of according to any directions to him.

I am Sir with great respect
and consideration

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

JAMES TREAT

To
His Excellency
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Texas.

P. S. I had nearly forgotten to say that I arranged with my *friend* in New Orleans (who you know was to precede me to Mexico) to go forward the first conveyance, and from whom I expect daily to hear, not only of *his* movements, but the late news from Mexico, which shall be communicated in my next dispatch.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

JAMES TREAT

TREAT TO BURNET.^a

NEW YORK *September 10th. 1839.*

Pr mail
Via N. Orleans. }

SIR,

I last, had this pleasure under date of 3d inst, which, I doubt not, will be in ample time for the Columbia, to sail on the 15th. inst from N. Orleans, and I hope it will reach you, on the 19th or 20th of the present Mo.

In that communication, I gave you, for the information of the President, all the information, *general* and *particular*, that I thought would be acceptable, under existing circumstances.

I only hope, that neither the President nor Yourself will censure me for the *latitude*, I have ventured to take in my *advice*s.

The *principal* object of this communication is to announce to you the arrival of the *Western*,^b Steamer Packet of the 24th ulto, (referred to in my last despatch) and which is now coming up the Bay. I trust her letters will be delivered from the Post office, by 1 or 2 P M.

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and that I shall be enabled to give you the general features of the news, *at least by to days post.*

I therefore prepare this letter, *so far*, and will add what I can learn to the closing of the mail. *12 o'Clock* Since writing the foregoing and while waiting for my letters I have received advices pr Packet Ship Louisa, direct from V. Cruz, from the city to 10. and from the Coast to the 15th Ultó. So far as my letters go, there is nothing of any moment, Except that Bustamente's new Cabinet had been completed, by the appointment of Col. (*now* General) Almonte as Minister of War, which I am inclined to look upon as a favourable circumstance to an amicable arrangement with your Govmt. Almonte, is shrewd, observing, and intelligent, and well *knows* what the *true* interests of his *own Country* requires, and having been much abroad, speaking all the languages, etc and more especially having *been* in the *former Campaign*, will be entitled to consideration, *when* the time for the discussion arrives. I shall Examine the papers, (having received ample files) and if I find any thing of moment will apprise you. Meantime I abstain from filling up any more of my space, until I get my Letters pr the Western.

Sept. 11th. I was compell'd to suspend my communication, as I did not receive any letters Either from Messrs Hamilton or Burnley, or from Gen Henderson, which I thought singular, until I found that a letter from Gen H. to a commercial House here refer'd. to letters sent *by* or *in*, the Bag of the Legation of the U S. in London. I have sought in vain for them, and altho' I am persuaded that *such letters* as are refer'd. to by *Gen H.* (and among them one *probably* for me) were either placed in the Bag, or intended to be. If the *former* they have probably gone to Wash[ingto]n. If they have not *come over*, they will reach here in the Queen, to sail 3d inst. Expected 19th or 20th.

Whether the despatches from Gen. Hamilton or Gen. Henderson for your Govmt. are in the same predicament, I have no means of knowing. The Gen News, pr G. Western, may be *summed up thus*—The corn crops in the south of England and Midland counties would be good, and the prospects of the North and Scotland fair. The Queen would bring them.^a It was thought there would be an average crop. The Money Market was about in the same position. The Illinois Agents had negotiated *four* millions, but it was connected with a contract for *Iron*, and the terms or conditions had not transpired. The question of Recognition by France, had not progress'd. since the preceding dates. It would *soon* take place no doubt. Gen. Hamilton, I hear wrote in good spirits—would leave for Paris 24th Ultó. Thought England would recognize and that he should, *par-*

^a Meaning apparently a statement of the prospects.

cially succeed in his Loan. This However, is *hearsay*; and so I give it. Pardon, Sir, the haste of my uninteresting Communication. I shall have this pleasure again in a few days, which will indoubtly reach this on its way.^a

I am, Sir with Great Respect
and consideration, Your Very
Obl and Hble Servant

JAMES TREAT.

Hon.
The SECY OF STATE
Houston
Texas.

P. S. There is a packet, for Vera Cruz to sail the 25th. Inst, being the first vessel since my arrival here. In this vessel I *expect* to embark.

TREAT TO BURNET.^b

Via N. Orleans.

NEW YORK *September 18th, 1839.*

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official communication of 19th Augt., duly at hand, which is intended (and will so be considered by me) as an *addition* to the *instructions*, which I received personally from your hands, under date of 9th. of same month.

These additional instructions are, in my opinion, important, (as you will see by my respects of 13th Augt. not *then* received by you) and I shall endeavour so to make use of them as to secure, to the greatest possible extent, the advantages contemplated by the President.

I last had this pleasure on the 10th and 11th inst,^c giving you the *general features* of the news by the Great Western, having to regret the unexpected absence of *my own* advices from the Loan Commissioners and from Gen. Henderson. I am persuaded, however, from various circumstances, that I *should* have received letters from *both* the above sources, *but* as I have every reason to believe they *missed* the *Steamer* on the *other side* from some accident, which will be explained by the British Queen, expected in one or two days. This vessel, I hope, will not only bring me the *back letters*, but later information of which I will promptly advise you. I have communicated with Col Bee and Gen Dunlap and *very fully* and *freely* to

^a That is, overtake it.

^b A. L. S.

^c The letter dated the 10th was written partly on the 11th. See the list given in Treat to Lamar, September 18.

the commissioners every day left *them* to inform Gen. Henderson of the progress of *my private mission*; as the

The rumors, here, are the progress, since the former (probably owing to the *rumors* with the affairs of the East) further stated *that* Gen. Henderson's reception—*that*, altho' the *turn* near at hand when affairs should assume that the Recognition of Florida was obtained. This would all be true, yet I only mention this to leave London for Paris on the 25th.

We shall so soon have the further comment, which, *at my part*. I only await the opportunity also, to have an interview with the Govmt. (necessarily deferred) *then* be prepared to leave your Department.

I enclose a *private letter* to him, together with this copy.

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The Hon.

The SECRETARY OF

Houston

Texas.

P. S. Sept 19th. Since Gen Henderson, dated *per* Steamer) had received from him; the Department *might* have been owing to the President and *regular dates*.

"Since I last wrote you I have advanced slowly, but now in progress with the difficulty in agreeing,

the commissioners every opp[ortunity], and in *duplicate*, and have left *them* to inform Gen Henderson of the objects contemplated by my *private mission*; as this would seem proper, if not necessary.

The rumors, here, are that Gen. Henderson had made no further progress, since the former advices, towards recognition by France (probably owing to the King and Cabinet being constantly occupied with the affairs of the East) *This*, I believe is founded in *fact*. It is further stated *that* Gen. Hamilton found a warm and flattering reception—*that*, altho' the pressure was very great, yet he thought a favourable *turn* near at hand,—*That* he hoped for partial success, when affairs should assume a better aspect and *that* he felt Confident that the Recognition of France, and *also* of *England*, would be soon obtained. This would all seem quite *probable*, and *therefore* may be true, yet I only mention them as *rumours here*. Gen Hamilton would leave London for Paris on the 24th. August.

We shall so soon have the advices pr Queen, that I abstain from any further comment, which, at best, would be nothing but *conjecture*, on *my part*. I only await the arrival of the Steamer, and, meantime, also, to have an interview with a friend of mine in the Cabinet of this Govmt. (necessarily deferrd, by unavoidable circumstances) and shall *then* be prepared to leave, of *which*, and *Route*, I will duly advise your Department.

I enclose a *private* letter to Gen Lamar, which I beg you will hand him, together with this communication.

I have the honor, to be, Very Respectfully,
And with the highest consideration
Your Most obt Servant

JAMES TREAT.

To.

The Hon.

The SECRETARY OF STATE.

Houston.

Texas.

P.S. Sept 19th. Since the foregoing I have received a letter, from Gen Henderson, dated *Paris August 5th 1839*. It is old (compared with dates pr Steamer) but, being 10 days later than any thing I had received from him; and supposing it *possible* the advices to your Department *might* have failed, I will *Extract*, what will be gratifying to the President and yourself. If you should be without your *regular dates*.

“Since I last wrote you, by the Liverpool Steamer, my business has advanced slowly, but smoothly. I hope soon to complete the Treaty now in progress with this Govmt. So far, we have had but little difficulty in agreeing, and from what has verbally passed between

"them and myself I feel confident of success, without unnecessary delay," etc. etc. etc.

The above is *all*, of any moment contd. in the letter, and I beg you to bear in mind that all communications from Gen H. to me, referring to *Public matters*, is strictly confidential between us.

Very Respty Your Obt Servt

JAMES TREAT

TREAT TO LAMAR.^o

[Private and Confidential.]

NEW YORK, *September 18th 1839.*

MY DEAR SIR.

I have the honor and the satisfaction, to lay before you *my own translations* of two papers, which I have recently received, and which I think you will consider as favourable to the accomplishment of some of the objects embraced in my mission.

No 1. is an exact, and full translation of a brief note from our *private friend* in Mexico to *my friend and co-operator* then at New Orleans, and will speak *for itself*.

No 2. is a translation of the remarks of my friend in N. Orleans, who encloses it, and who, like myself, thinks the change decidedly favourable.

My friend would embark from N. Orleans about 15th inst for Tampico, not a single vessel having sailed from N. O. for Vera Cruz, or Tampico since my departure from that city on the 15th. ulto.; hence his delay. He will be in the City of Mexico about the 1st or 5th October. If I leave here, as I intend to do, by the 25th, instant, I shall not be more than 10 days behind him. I feel confident that it will not require much time, before I shall be able to ascertain *whether* this disposition to enter upon *Some* reasonable and amicable arrangement is *real or apparent*. I beg leave to refer you to my previous private Respects, and hereafter, I trust, I shall have more frequent occasion to address you, *when* I hope my advices will possess more interest.

I also take leave to refer you to my several communications to the *Hon* the Secretary of State since my departure from Galveston,—*to wit.*

from N. Orleans, under date of 13th. Augt 1839.

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These will appris you of my movements and doings to the present time, and that I soon expect to reach the important field which you

^oA. L. S.

Sir, have been pleased to assign confidence, altho' not without

Hoping Your health is perfect happiness individually and

I Remain Sir, with great respect and very cordial regards
Obedient

To

Gen. M. B. LAMAR
Houston
Texas.

Private.

No. 1.

MY DEAR SIR.

I have been duly advised of the result of your mission, and that you will very soon be returning to Heaven it were *this very day* (meaning the return of Bustamante) Mr Cañedo, has assumed the command. I have prepared things in consequence, concluded in *four days*. Let me beg leave to excite any private interest that may be made public, only at your command.

I await to see you with great pleasure.

To

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Private.

Extract:

No. 2.

MY DEAR SIR.

I hand you herewith, the result of my mission in Mexico.

Its tenor is such that, if it were what variable, we should (I think) I wish what our friend has done in *weeks*, with which I should be

Sir, have been pleased to assign me, and which I shall approach with confidence, altho' not without great precaution and circumspection.

Hoping Your health is perfectly restored, and wishing you much happiness individually and publicly,

I Remain Sir, with great respect,
and very cordially Your most
Obedient Servant

JAMES TREAT

To
Gen. M. B. LAMAR
Houston
Texas.

[Translation.]

Private.
No. 1.

MEXICO August 2d, 1839.

MY DEAR SIR.

I have been duly advised of the Plan that has been finally adopted, and that you will very soon be here with further particulars. *Would to Heaven* it were *this very day*, as, since the Govmt. is changed, (meaning the return of Bustamente, and change of his Cabinet) and Mr Cañedo, has assumed the duties of Secretary of foreign Relations, I have prepared things in such a manner, that the matter might be concluded in *four days*. Let all continue to be kept secret, so as not to excite any private interests, or produce any sensation; but let the thing be made public, only at the moment of its realization.

I await to see you with great anxiety: and Remain very truly etc
(signed) _____

To _____
at _____

[Translation.]

Private.
Extract:
No. 2.

_____ Sept 2d, 1839.

MY DEAR SIR.

I hand you herewith, the original of the last note from my friend _____ in Mexico.

Its tenor is such that, did we not know the Mexicans to be somewhat variable, we should (consider) as absolutely certain our success. I wish what our friend *says* might be accomplished, *even in four weeks*, with which *I* should be quite satisfied.

You have seen the names of Bustamantes new cabinet, but in case you have not, I will give them.

Juan de Dios Cañedo, Secy of State for For. affairs.

Luis Gonzales Cuévas, do do for the Interior.

Xavier de Echeverria, do do do Treasury.

The war Dept. *not yet filled.*^a

I know them all very well. They are moderate as party men, very talented, and *further*, are men of great probity of character; quite rare occurrence in that Country.

I consider this change favourable to our object, because these men are all highly intelligent, and of great integrity, hence, it will be easier to convince them of the *true position* of the Texas Question, and *also*, because it will not be necessary to use so large an amount in *Gratifications, and Doceurs*. Therefore the Treasury, will be benefited, to a greater Extent.

We shall soon be on the field and can *then* better judge of this whole matter. etc. etc. etc etc.

Signed _____

To _____
of _____

TREAT TO BURNET.^b

NEW YORK Sept 21st 1839.

Pr mail. via
N. Orleans
SIR—

I last had this pleasure on the 18th and 19th inst. to which I crave reference, and have now the pleasure to announce the arrival of the British Queen Steamer, with dates from London to the 2d instant.

This packet arrived yesterday noon, but too late for me to obtain her news for yesterday's post. I am sorry to say I have nothing *direct* from either of the Commissioners myself, unless a gentleman who came over, and brought some letters from Genl. Hamilton to others, should have some for me also. I have not yet been able to find him, tho' I fear, when I do, I shall not be gratified by any communications. I cannot however omit stating *generally* what I have heard, and presume to be correct, and especially as I know not if you will receive dispatches either from Genl. Henderson or Genl. Hamilton by this packet.

It appears that Genl. Hamilton went to Paris 24th Augt. and writes from thence as late as the 31st same month. He had seen

^a [Note by Treat] Since filled by Gen. J. N. Almonte.

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Marshal Soult, and had a most gratifying interview with him. Genl. Henderson had nearly completed his treaty, which of course had for basis the Recognition of Texas. It was thought he might *bring it himself in the Liverpool Steamer to sail this day.* Genl. Hamilton would *also* return here pr. the same Vessel whether Genl. Henderson came or not. A formal offer of your Bonds would not probably be made to the public while the market was so extremely depressd. as it continued to be. But between October and January next, it was believed the Loan might be effected. Meanwhile some money might be had in advance of the negotiation. When the Treaty should be finished with France, there would be some time to *feel* of the British Governmt. as regards their views in relation to recognition, and it was thought that they would not long hesitate in their decision, which it was believed would be favorable. O'Connell's effort to hamper the Ministers would come too late—at least that was the impression.

This Sir, is the substance of the information which I have obtained from letters from London and Paris, and I think it entitled to *general credence.* I however give it to you as I recd. it, and trust the President will receive it as all *I can now* impart to him on these interesting topics.

If you receive as I hope you will your regular advices from the right quarters, you will learn the *facts* from a *better* source. If not, then even this may be gratifying to the President and his advisers.

The news generally is unfavorable, and the shipment of One Millions more of specie pr G. Western which sails to day makes things look very *squally here.* The Crops however in England were coming in *thus far* very favorably. Affairs in the East had not yet been satisfactorily settled, but they were or will be under the direction of the five Great Powers, who will doubtless preserve the peace of Europe. You will see by the papers I send you the Queen's speech at the closing of Parliament. Also an article from the Albion of to day, which I have not yet seen, *but* am told is a very judicious one.

I beg you to lay this communication before the President with my respectful considerations.

I remain Sir

with great regard

Your very obedt. servt.

JAMES TREAT

To the

Honble

The SECRETARY OF STATE

Houston Texas.