

Vera Cruz, or I may be the
your Vessels at my disposal,
e Honor to subscribe myself,

JAMES TREAT.

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TREAT TO LIPSCOMB.

[Copy.^a]

MEXICO, Oct 17th. 1840.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that this government, having
rejected the proposition for an armistice, I have closed my inter-
course with them, and shall leave for Vera Cruz in a few days.

I have the honor to be

Your Very humble Servant

(Signed)

JAMES TREAT.

To the Honl.

A. S. LIPSCOMB

Secretary of State,
Texas.

LEPLICHER TO AMORY.^bWRIGHT TO AMORY.^bPAKENHAM TO TREAT.^cTREAT TO LIPSCOMB.^d

[Confidential.]

CITY OF MEXICO October 25th. 1840.

SIR,

My last respects were under date of 17th. inst., very brief, and in
Cypher, four copies of which are already on their way through distinct
channels. My previous communications of 29th. Sept. and 6th. inst.,
with the various accompanying papers, will have prepared your mind
for the *final unsuccessful* result of my Mission.

Ill health and other circumstances have detained me a few days
longer than I could have wished, but I shall leave on the 28th. inst.,
and make the best of my way to N. Orleans, or Galveston, as the case
may be, where I trust I shall receive your further instructions for my
government.

^a The original, which is written in cipher, is also on file.

^b October 17, 1840. See Amory to Lipscomb, November 27, 1840.

^c October 21, 1840. See Vitalba to Lamar, December 8, 1840.

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The Sad condition of the Country, the weakness of the Gvmt., and their insufficiency, the boldness and threatening Attitude of parties who seek for power, have increased to such a degree that Every thing seems to threaten a dissolution of the present order of things.

A change through the medium of another revolutionary movement is dayly anticipated, the result of which will probably be a *Dictator*, proclaimed by the Army, or a State of Anarchy, which perhaps may be a *still greater evil*.

The Country and Gvmt. never was in So deplorable and critical a State as at the present moment, nor can I foresee what will be the issue of the present fermentation of so many discordant elements, for there has not been wanting a Man of high political Standing, who has been bold enough to advocate, under his own Signature, and in a laboured pamphlet, within the last few days, *A return to a monarchy under A' European Prince*.

Notwithstanding this distracted State of things, the Gvmt. have obtained from Congress authority to negotiate a loan of two Millions of Dollars, which will perhaps produce *Nett* 1. or 1¼. Millions.

Two thirds of this amt. is appropriated *exclusively* to the creation of a Navy, and other Expenses incidental to the Campaign against Texas. There is a Contract now being made by the Capitalists here for the Loan, and to furnish the Gvmt., by the 1st. of May next, with the following Vessels—*viz.*

- 2 Steamers
- 1 Corvette
- 2 Brigs
- 2 Schooners
- 4 Gun Boats

the estimated cost of which, and of keeping them in *Active Service* for 8. Months, is fixed at \$1,300,000.

They will have a plausible Excuse for delaying the projected invasion of Texas, *so much talked of here*, while waiting for their *Flotilla*; altho' a better reason *now* exists for not undertaking an expedition, *Viz:* the Employment which Canales and his troops are, at the present time, giving Arista, with all his forces. The former, by a Silent movement with Some 3. or 400 men, took possession of Victoria de Tamaulipas, Capital of that Depart., thus causing great alarm in compelling Arista to return from the frontier, where he was marching *for the second time*, having returned *on the first occasion* on account of the Appearance of the Texian Corvette off the *Brazos*. The troops of Canales left Victoria, and Arista was satisfied with taking possession of the Village, and, *as usual*, issuing a *flaming proclamation*. It is very probable that both Canales and Arista will concentrate their forces, and while the strength of the latter is *numerically* much

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To the Hon.

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The foregoing is as near the position of things as can here be generally known, where the Gvmt. publish what Suits their convenience, and private information, if not intercepted, is Suppressed, from *apprehension of consequences*.

This brief and imperfect Sketch of the State of things *here* must Suffice until I reach either Galveston, or N. Orleans, where I hope to receive the wishes of the President, whether he desires to See me at the Capitol, where I shall be most happy to proceed, and make in person my final Report if, as I earnestly hope, the State of my health will permit. *If not*, I shall not fail to advise the department *immediately*.

Be pleased to present my respects to Gen. Lamar, the President, Judge Burnet, Dr. Starr, and Dr. Archer.

I have the honor to be, Sir, with the highest respect, and great consideration:

Your Most obt and
Verry Hble Servant

JAMES TREAT.

To the Hon.
ABNER S. LIPSCOMB
Secretary of State
Texas.

MOORE TO TREAT.

TEXAS SLOOP OF WAR AUSTIN,
Off Vera Cruz Oct: 29. 1840.

SIR,

I received yesterday a communication from the City of Austin directed to Her Brittanic Majesty's Minister at the City of Mexico, which I send on board of an English Brig of War at anchor at Sacrificios together with this.

I have been anxiously expecting to hear from you since yours of the 21st. August, which communication I answered and also wrote you on the 17th. Sept:

On the 3d inst: while at anchor under the Island of Lobos (it blowing then a heavy gale from the North) I discovered a Mexican Brig on the Reef about four miles to the Nd of us, and after very great exertions succeeded in getting a Boat along side of her (but not until after she had been aground *thirty-eight hours*;) and rescu-

ing from a watery grave the Passengers and Crew amounting in all to *twenty-six* persons; who were made comfortable as they could be on board of this Vessel, and in eleven days were landed at Tampico (to which port they were bound) with all their Baggage.

The Brig was the "Segunda Fama" from Vera Cruz loaded with Flour, Coffee and other articles.

I refer you to the Tampico paper of the 17th. inst:

On our arrival off Tampico Bar we were very short of water and as the River was very high, I was getting some outside of the Bar at least two miles from the Fort, when the Boat was fired into, three successive shots passing very near her; this circumstance renders it necessary that I should inform you that agreeably to my instructions, I am fully authorized, in the event of a shot being fired at our Flag, to commence active hostilities, and if your negotiations are broken off in consequence, you will find a Vessel off Point Mariandrea to convey you to Texas, for from this day any Mexican Vessel, that I fall in with, will be captured.

I am Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

sigd.

E. W. MOORE

Capt; Comdg.

Texas Navy

Mr. JAMES TREAT

City of Mexico.

I send you Copies of a letter from me to the Capt: Genl. at Tampico and his reply in relation to the Brig Segunda Fama.

Yours etc.

Sgd.

E. W. M.

A true Copy,

JAMES W. MOORE

[Duplicate.]

TEXAS SLOOP OF WAR AUSTIN

Off Tampico Bar 16th Oct. '40

SIR,

This will be handed to you by Captain Pablo Alcedan of the Mexican Brig "Segunda Fama" from Vera Cruz bound to Tampico with a Cargo of Flour and Coffee, which Vessel struck on the Reef about four miles North of the Island of Lobos on the night of the 2d. inst. during a violent gale and bilged.

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A true Copy,
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This Ship was at the time, at anchor under the lee of the Island, and the next day, as soon as the Brig was discovered, every effort was made to save the lives of those on board—one of the Boats of this Ship succeeded in getting alongside of her, but not until after she had been aground about *thirty-eight* hours, and it gives me pleasure to inform you that we did succeed in rescuing from a Watery grave every soul, twenty-six in number, who was on board, and also their Baggage.

Captain Pablo Alcedan goes on shore in his own Boat (which has been repaired) manned by men from his own Vessel, for the purpose of procuring a Launch to take the Passengers, and every thing they have saved, together with his own property, on shore; and I give you this my assurance, that any Launch or other Vessel that you may be pleased to permit to come out for that purpose, will not be molested by this Vessel or any one on board of her.

Captain Pablo Alcedan will give you a list of the passengers, and I refer you to him and every other person who was on board of the Brig, as to the mode of treatment which your Countrymen whose misfortune it was to be shipwrecked, and thus to fall into our hands, have received from us, contenting myself by assuring you that they have had since they have been on board of this Vessel every comfort which it was in our power to give them.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.

sigd. E. W. MOORE
Comdg Texas Navy

Sr Commandante General
DN JOAQUIN RIVAS SAYAS
Tampico.

A true Copy,
JAMES W. MOORE

COMMANDANCIA GENERAL
DE TAMAULIPAS

El Capitan del Bergantin Megicano 2^a. Fama, D. Pablo Alcedan, ha puesto en mis manos la carta de V. fecha de ayer; y asi por ella como por el relato que me ha hecho el refrido Alcedan, quedo impuesto de la terrible desgracia que sufrieron la tripulacion y pasajeros de dicho buque a las inmediaciones de Ysla de Lobos y de la eficacia, oportunidad y empeño con que V logró salvarlos del naufragio.

Por este motivo y p^r. el generoso comportamiento que V. ha observado abordo de su Buque con las gentes salvadas del Fama asi

como p^r. el buen trato que han recibido doy á V. las mas sinceras gracias y le aseguro mi particular consideracion y reconocimiento.

Dios y Libertad

TAMPICO *Octe. 17. de 1840*

(Sig^a.)

JOAQUIN RIVAS [SAYAS]

S^r. Com^{te}. de la Corbeta de Guerra

TEJANA AUSTIN

The above is a true copy

E. W. MOORE

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JAMES W. MOORE

PACKENHAM TO TREAT.^a

AMORY TO LIPSCOMB.^b

[Private.]

WASHINGTON *27th Novr. 1840*

HON ABNER S. LIPSCOMB

Sec'y of State of Texas

SIR,

In despatch No. 59 accompanying this, I have alluded to a letter received from an old acquaintance of mine in Mexico (a copy of which I also enclose herewith) and have promised a history of this person on a separate sheet,^c to be kept apart, (as well as the copy of this letter^d) for private information.

The writer, Juan N Leplicher, is a Frenchman of talent, and education, who was employed by Geo. Antonio Nixon and Archibald Hotchkiss, the former Commis'r and the latter Empresario for the Grants of Vehlein Zavala and Burnet, at Nacogdoches in 1833 for about one year and a half. With these persons he quarreled violently, as well as with many other prominent individuals of Nacogdoches—at one time was attacked by a crowd, and but for the timely assistance of one or two brave men, might have perished. He is of a very irascible temper, and bitterly hated many Texans, for wrongs (he had as he conceived) received, openly avowing his hatred, and finally in 1835 leaving the country. I thought him a man of honor,

^a November 5, 1840. See Vitalba to Lamar, December 8, 1840.

^bA. L. S.; sent with "Despatch No. 59", of the same date. See Correspondence with the United States in Part I.

^cThis letter itself is evidently the "separate sheet" referred to. For additional information concerning Leplicher, see *Quarterly of the Texas State Historical Association*, XI, 188-192, where the name is given as "Leplicher."

^dThat is, the letter from Leplicher.

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No. 1. Copy of a letter from

NATHANIEL AMORY Esq
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and still do, (but his enemies blinded as I think by their hostility against him) *profess* to beleive him guilty of all manner of crime. Of his intimacy with Almonte the present Sec'y of War, I am satisfied, as that commenced during his stay in Texas at Nacogdoches—and his account of the influence he possesses with other leaders, I implicitly believe—of his industry, indefatigability, and talent I have had ample proof, as well as of his perfect knowledge of the Spanish language. My interest in a person who was perhaps unfriendly to Texas, at least to many Texans, proceeded from the Conviction that he was a man of honor, which I still cherish.

Reposing however a Governmental trust, of the nature of the one solicited, is a delicate matter; and I think it incumbent in giving my own opinion, to state that of others essentially differing. Of my Judgment you will form your own estimate, and of the propriety of employing this person in any way, you can decide, but in case his offices may be required, with a promise of remuneration only in case of success. I should desire to have the proposition sent through me, in order to bind him more closely to a faithful discharge [of his duty], by a solemn pledge to me personally—who have always befriended him, and I flatter myself [that I] am justified in expecting perfect confidence and frankness on his part.

I shall of course be much gratified to contribute to the attainment of so important an end as the Pacification with Mexico. Awaiting any suggestion you may do me the honor to submit—

I am most respectfully Yours etc

N. AMORY
Secy of Texan Legation

No. 1. Copy of a letter from an individual whose name* and history I give on a separate Sheet.

MEXICO *Octr 17th 1840*

NATHANIEL AMORY Esqr.
Washington,

DEAR FRIEND,

I heard some time ago that you were at the capital of the U States in an official capacity and from that moment had proposed to write by the first opportunity, but having nothing of interest to communicate I had defered doing so. The departure of Mr Treat and the failure in the object which had brought him here, have induced me to address you and propose my services for the negotiations of the same business. Your acquaintance with my principles I doubt not will ensure your fowarding my views. I was opposed to the Texians so long as I was unacquainted with this people, now I am ready

* Juan N. Leplicher.

to assist them in obtaining their independence. My acquaintance is extensive with the influential men of both parties here, and if I am instructed to act I may avail myself of a favorable opportunity to obtain a recognition, but let the instructions be clear, the proposal fair, and explicit, without any equivocation, because the thing cannot be discussed, it is too obnoxious to the mass of the people. It should be done by one capable of persuading the Government (either the present^a invested with extraordinary powers, or the next if it is the federal) to take the step, a bold one indeed, and then the opposition bribe into silence, but bribery is the last thing to be resorted to, and not the first as was done.

If S.^b should ever govern, I can rely upon the assistance of his *Premier* who seems not averse to the Idea of a Recognition but recommends utter silence on the subject, not to awaken the opposition. Should the Federals be successful the leading man is intimate with me and through him, I have always been informed of all their plans; and in the ranks of the present Government, I have one or two men who would serve your cause, although they have the name of being your enemies. Let me hear from you whether my offer be accepted or not. This business must have no influence on our former friendship. Your letters must be directed to me here and not to a Commercial House, and let your style be so ambiguous as not to awaken suspicion.

Excuse my scribbling, for I am quite out of practice, and am forgetting my English fast.

Farwell; and believe me dear friend, affectionately yours.

Copy of a communication From Col. Bee's private agent in Mexico,^c the same source from which several letters of the kind have been received, and copies forwarded which secrecy it is still requested may be maintained

Mr N AMORY
Washington

MEXICO Octr 17th 1840

DEAR SIR:

I am happy to inform you that your favor of August 19th came safe to hand last week, in which I learn that Col Bee was in the south on a visit to his family. In said letter I am informed of my despatch of 10th July having been received, from which it appears that my letter of the last of said month^d had not arrived, in which I give a faint discription of the Revolution which occurred in this city between the 15th and 27th. Said Revolution I had long pre-

^a That is, the present government.

^b This probably refers to Santa Anna; and "his Premier" was doubtless Almonte.

^c See note c, p. 461.

^d The 27th.

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unfounded surmises.

I informed the Colonel and the Government of Texas that it was
useless to dally with this Government relative to the Recognition of
the former. It is true I once thought that a favorable turn was about
to take place, and mentioned it in some one of my letters, but my hopes
were soon blasted and I gave it as my opinion that all efforts would
be fruitless. This opinion I also gave Mr Treat, but he was willing
to believe the contrary. The blow on Wednesday was given, the
Ultimatum, the final answer of Mexico and that was, "we will have
nothing to do, or say directly or indirectly relative to the Recogni-
tion of Texas." Mr. Treat will leave in a few days for Vera Cruz
and pass thence to Galveston or New Orleans. Let those interested
be acquainted with the hostile feelings of the people of this country
towards Texas.

The Government of Mexico has affected a loan of six Millions of
Dollars, out of which they get one and a half Millions cash, this
Million and a half to be appropriated forthwith for the purchase of
a fleet and carrying on a war against Texas. Be on the alert if
your intentions are to fight on the offensive. Mexico will never be
weaker than she is now, owing to her internal disputes. If you
procrastinate, you will have to encounter a much greater force on
Land than Mexico can now raise but a fleet into the bargain. I am
persuaded that Mexico will invade Texas if she is not prevented,
and if she is only prevented by a defensive arm she will always keep
Texas in a state of agitation. The State of Mechoacan now Guada-
lajara is nearly in the power of the Federals. The capital of said
State Vallidolid, is besieged perhaps taken by this time. Gusman
is the Chief of the Revolters has the mountains for his home and is
considered a Robber having to live by depredations

New Mexico I believe is nearly lost, Tobasco has been retaken by
Anaya. Some 400 men friends of Canales made an extraordinary
march upon a town called Victoria and defeating a Col. of Arista
with 300 citizens and Government troops. Arista himself has been
dodging about Matamoras with some 2000 under his command and
I am enclined to believe he feels uneasy. The Government I believe
count some 3500 men with hopes of a reinforcement. Gen Bravo is
expected here in a few days, and I learn by a letter of his to a friend
which I obtained a view of, he is to take the Presidential Chair, while
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movement [on which] 400 went off the other morning, but with all

my vigilance I cannot find out their destination. The federals of this city are still holding meetings, and have made attempts to rise, but were discovered and their plans frustrated. They have lost their day here not in spirit but in power. You are aware that the movements of the country are slow and you have always time. I shall remain here only a few days longer, and then set out for the Rio Grande Country in order to be in the centre of news, as the enemy will be cutting pranks in that quarter and by being among them I shall be enabled from time to time to give information of their proceedings. You will in the meantime please continue to direct to Vera Cruz, as I shall inform the house^a where to send your letters for me.

Please give me any information of a prevalent nature, and request Col Bee to give such Items as he may think proper and useful, as I shall be able to pass through their very camp, having made friends with several of the officers.

My best respects for the Col. and receive my best wishes for your health and prosperity.

VITALBA TO LAMAR.

GALVESTON 8th. December 1840.

SIR,

By the unexpected and lamented death of my companion Mr. Treat, your private and confidential Agent near the Government of Mexico, which happened the 30th. of last month, on board the Schooner of War San Antonio on our passage to this Port, it has become my duty not only to inform Your Excellency of the Sad occurrence, but also to acquaint you with the last correspondence he had during his stay in Vera Cruz; copies of which I now have the honor of forwarding to you, certified by Mr. J. W. Moore, purser of said Schooner, in order that you may be put in possession as quick as possible of all the documents relating to his mission.

It was my intention on my arrival here to have set out immediately for the Capital, but the State of my health which before was delicate, has been sensibly affected by the decease of my friend, which I witnessed, so that I have been compelled to abandon the idea for the present; and this delay while it tends to my recovery, will allow me time to receive here your answer, as also to await your commands, should you deem it expedient for me to present myself there, in order to explain to you verbally every thing relative to Mr. Treats official business; with all which I am intimately acquainted, as of course Your Excellency must be aware.

^a Elliot and Snyder, who transmitted mail to Bee's correspondent. Cf. Confidential correspondent in Mexico to Bryan, December 25, 1839; and Confidential Correspondent in Mexico to Bee, February 5, 1840, in Bee to Secretary of State, April 21, 1840.

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MIRABEAU B. LAMAR
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I need hardly mention the propriety of keeping Secret the Agency I have had in these affairs, because, should Your Excellency consider my feeble efforts of any utility hereafter, they will probably in that manner be more effectually employed.

Having nothing more of importance to communicate for the present, it only remains for me to condole with your Excellency for the loss of a citizen so interested in the prosperity of the growing Republic, and who with so much ardour, as well as with the Sacrifice of his existence made every possible exertion to obtain the acknowledgement of the Independence of the Republic.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.

JOHN VITALBA

To His Excellency
MIRABEAU B. LAMAR
*President of the
Republic of Texas.*

Statement of copies accompanying this communication.

- No. 1—Mr. Treat to R. Pakenham, Oct: 10, 1840.
- No. 2 Same to Same 2 Letters " 14. "
- No. 3. R. Pakenham to J. Treat and accomp. papers—Sept: 29. 1840.
- No. 4—Same to Same—2 Letters 14 and 15 Oct. 1840
- No. 5—Same to Same 21. Oct: 1840
- No. 6—Same to Same 5 Nov. 1840
- No. 7—J. Treat to E. W. Moore and accomp. copy 6 Oct: 1840.
- No. 8 E. W. Moore to J. Treat and accomp. papers. 29 Oct: 1840.
- No. 9 J. Treat to A S. Lipscomb Oct: 25. 1840.*

N. B. Having thought proper not to be known whilst in this place, by my proper name, I have assumed the name of John Sola, by which name your Excellency will please address me, should you address any communication to me whilst here.

Very respectfully etc. JOHN SOLA.

MEXICO, *October 10th. 1840.*

SIR:

Having closed my mission and about to retire from the country, where all my efforts to bring about a friendly understanding between

* All the inclosures here enumerated follow except Moore to Treat, October 29, 1840, which is given in the Correspondence with Yucatán; and Treat to Lipscomb, October 25, 1840, which is given in its place as an independent letter.

the Government of Mexico and that of Texas, have proved of no avail; as you Sir, are fully aware, I cannot permit myself to leave the Capital, without expressing to you, how much the President and People of Texas are indebted for your prompt, kind and friendly interposition, in behalf of the pacific objects involved in my mission to this Government, and to assure you that your efforts and exertions to induce this Government to listen to the friendly overtures prepared for their consideration, are duly appreciated and will long be held in grateful remembrance by a Government and people, whose intelligence and philanthropy induced them to seek a peace even at a great sacrifice; but this being once, *deliberately rejected*, and with disdain, by the Mother Country, it remains *now* for the Chivalry of Texas to respond to Mexico, *whenever* the interests and honor of the Country require a resort to arms.

For myself *individually*, I cannot find language to express my obligations for your kind attentions and the personal considerations, with which, I have been so uniformly received and treated.

In closing my Communication, I beg leave to present to you, my best wishes, for your continued health and happiness, through life.

I am, my dear Sir, with sentiments of high regard, and most cordially, and respectfully,

Your friend and servant;

Sigd J. TREAT

To

RICHARD PAKENHAM Esq.
H. B. Ms. Minister Plenipotentiary
Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, *October 14th. 1840.*

SIR:

As the Confidential Agent of the Government of the Republic of Texas, I am instructed by the President, that, in the event of withdrawing from my mission to this Government, without effecting any of the pacific objects contemplated by my instructions, to make known to H. B. Ms. Minister Plenipotentiary, in Mexico; "that should the Government of Texas be constrained to change its position, and Commence offensive operations, it will not be with a view of extending its Territory beyond the Rio Grande; and any occupation or Military movement, west of that River, will be temporary, and solely with the view of forcing the enemy to make peace."

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RICHARD PAKENHAM
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Your Most Obedient
and Very Humble Servt.

Sigd J. TREAT

To

RICHARD PAKENHAM Esq.
H. B. Ms. Minister Plenipotentiary
Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, *October 14th. 1840.*

SIR:

Inasmuch as the Secretary of State declined furnishing me, with any document, touching the objects of my Mission to this Government; but made an official Communication to you on the subject, may I take the liberty to beg of you the favour (if not inconsistent with propriety) of a copy of said communication from Mr. Carredo,* and also a copy of your written Memorandum of the Acting Secretary of State's verbal reply, in relation to the proposals for an Armistice, given on the 13th Inst:

These papers cannot fail to be of interest to the Government of Texas, under the circumstances of the case, and from the manner in which my negotiations have been conducted.

With regret for any inconvenience the fulfilment of these requests may give you, I have the honor to be, Sir, with great respect and consideration,

Your Most obt. Servant,

Sigd. J. TREAT.

To

RICHARD PAKENHAM Esq.
H. B. Ms. Minister Plenipotentiary.
Mexico.

MEXICO *29th. Sept. 1840.*

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to enclose to you a copy of a Note which I have received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in answer to a letter which I addressed to His Excellency on the 22d. Inst, enclosing the memorandum which you put into my hands on the day preceding, requesting to be furnished with a Passport to withdraw from Mexico, and also expressing your desire to receive from the Government an official communication detailing the origin, progress and termination of your Mission to this country.

* Cañedo.

The Passport issued in conformity with your request accompanied Señor Cañedo's note; but you will perceive that he declines to enter into the explanation solicited by you respecting the transactions connected with your Mission, the fruitless issue of which he attributes to your not having confined your propositions to the basis originally put forth by this Government, viz: "That Mexico would not consent to relinquish the sovereignty of the Territory of Texas."

It is true that in Señor Cañedo's letter of the 11th. Decr. 1839, a copy of which I transmitted at the time to Gen. Hamilton, and of the contents of which you are also informed, the non-alienation of sovereignty was stated to be an indispensable condition to any arrangement; but it is no less true that the introductory propositions, presented by you on the 23rd. March last, went directly to solicit the recognition of the independence of Texas, with such boundaries as might hereafter be agreed upon—that this proposition, so far from having been at once rejected by the Mexican Government as inadmissible, was referred to the Council of State, where the whole question with regard to Texas was made the subject of more than one anxious discussion—and finally that in conformity with the resolution of the Council the correspondence which had passed between Señor Cañedo and myself, relative to your Mission and the propositions presented by you, were submitted to the consideration of the Congress, where, however, the matter appears to have remained altogether unnoticed.

It is therefore certain that the propositions submitted by you, although not confined to the basis originally announced by Señor Cañedo, were to all intents and purposes entertained by the Executive branch of the Government, and not, as Señor Cañedo would wish to have it inferred, rejected *in limine* because they went beyond the basis at first propounded by the Mexican Government.

The above explanation will, I trust, serve in some degree to answer the purpose of the official communication which you wished to obtain from Señor Cañedo: but I think it necessary to observe to you that, as my intercourse with the Government relative to your Mission has been all along of a confidential character, I should not feel at liberty to furnish you with the present statement, differing, as it does, in some respects from that conveyed by Señor Cañedo's note, except for your private satisfaction, and with the understanding that it is not to be made use of in any manner likely to occasion inconvenience to the Government of Mexico.

I sincerely deplore the unsuccessful result of a mission which has been conducted with so much zeal and discretion, and with such remarkable patience and perseverance on your part.

It may be hoped that at some future, and perhaps not distant period a state of things will prevail in this Country more favourable to the

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 to contribute to the establishment of a friendly understanding between
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I have the honor to be, with great regard,
 Sir,

Your Most Obedient
 Humble Servant

Sigd. R. PAKENHAM

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A true Copy
 JAMES W. MOORE

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CONVENTO DE SAN AUGUSTIN

Mexico Setre. 26 de 1840.

El Infrascrito etc. tiene el honor de acusar el recibo de la Nota
 confidencial que el Sor. Don Ricardo Pakenham le ha dirigido en 22
 del actual acompañada de un memorandum en que el Agente Texano
 pide su Pasaporte y espresa su deseo de recibir una comunicacion que
 refiera el origen, progreso, y termino que ha tenido la mision con que
 vino á esta capital.

De ambos documentos ha dado cuenta el Infrascrito al Exmo Señor
 Presidente de la Republica, quien ha dispuesto se espide el Pasaporte
 que en efecto encontrará adjunto el Senor Ministro de S. M. B.,
 y en cuanto a la comunicacion solicitada, haga uns total referencia al
 contenido della corespondencia que ha mediado con el propio Señor
 Ministro, puesto que ella esclarece bastante que nada ha podido
 obrarse en el negocio por no haberse arraglado el Agente de los
 Texanos á la base indispensable bajo la cual el Gobierno acordó oír
 sus proposiciones, que como recordara mui bien S. E. el Señor Paken-
 ham fue la de que no habia de desistir de la Soberania Nacional de
 aquel Departamento.

El Infrascrito reitera con gusto etc.

(Firmado,)

JUAN DE D. CAÑEO.

A. S. E. el Señor
 DON RICARDO PAKENHAM
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A true Copy.
 JAMES W. MOORE