

ROBERTS TO VAN NESS AND MORRIS.<sup>a</sup>

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Austin City June 24th 1841*

GENTLEMEN,

Herewith you will receive a letter from the President directed to General Mariano Arista, Commanding the Northern Army of Mexico, which empowers you to visit the Headquarters of said Army for the purpose of coming to some understanding with its commander, upon the subject of the irregular and brigand border warfare which has unhappily for so long a period desolated our western frontier, stripping our citizens of their hard earned property, depriving them of their liberty, and even in many instances of their lives.

The President from the very commencement of his administration, down to the present time has always kept one object steadily and permanently in view, which was to afford all the protection in the power of the Government to give to our widely extended frontier, and to keep as many channels for a safe and lucrative trade open to the enterprize of our citizens, as the slender means in his power would warrant him in undertaking. In pursuance of this policy he always regarded the trade to the Northern States of Mexico as of immense importance, not only to our entire western frontier, but to the whole country at large; and has never omitted an opportunity to promote it by all honorable means.

A circumstance has recently occurred, which induces the belief in the mind of the President, that he may now interpose with effect, and establish on a firm and he trusts a lasting footing a safe and friendly commerce with that portion of the Mexican territory bordering on and to the westward of the Rio Grande. Informal overtures have been made by the Commanding General of the Army of the North, which the President could not entertain for reasons which were assigned to the bearer of the propositions, and which to his mind, (the Presidents) seemed conclusive, to say nothing of other objections which might have been urged. But altho he could not for a moment listen to any propositions coming from an enemy, for the invasion of our soil under any pretext whatever; yet as the Mexican Genl seems, if the Verbal assurances of his agent may be trusted, to manifest a willingness on his part to put a stop to the miserable system of robbery which has been so harrassing and injurious to our citizens it does not become the Chief Executive of a brave and generous people to refuse his cooperation. He is not however willing to trust anything to chance, but would satisfy himself by reports of his own agents, how far he may safely rely upon the assurances of Genl. Arista and what are the steps he proposes to take, and the means he proposes to use, to accomplish the end in view. To perform this duty,

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C. VAN NESS  
JOHN D. MORRIS

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<sup>a</sup> See Records

you have been selected, and that you may not be at a loss as to the exact nature of the service required, or, the extent of the powers confided to you, it is particularly enjoined on you, to observe the following instructions, which you are to regard as secret.

1st. You are not to make or listen to any propositions from any quarter whatever, which would commit this country in the slightest degree in any of their domestic wars or revolutions.

2d. You will give no assurances on the part of this Government that Mexican Troops will be permitted to invade our territory, either under the pretext of chastizing the savages or any other.

3d. You will in no manner interfere in any political movement in the country, nor intermeddle in any way in their domestic Government.

In short, you will scrupulously confine yourselves to the single object of your Mission, the prevention of robbery and Murder, and the opening of a safe trade to the border river. This much, humanity requires, and the interests of the country demand. You will make a faithful report to this Department of all the steps you may think proper to take in this business, giving at the same time all such general information as you may think will be of use; taking particular care to keep your Mission and the object of it *entirely secret* until after you have accomplished the purpose for which you go.

The President relies greatly on your address and discretion in the management of this affair, and expects that nothing will be done which will in the remotest degree reflect upon the honor of the Nation, or which would be likely when known, to throw any impediments in the way of the treaty which we are now seeking to establish with Mexico.

I have the honor to be

Your Obedient, humble Servt

SAML A ROBERTS

*Acting Secty of State*

To

C. VAN NESS and

JOHN D MORRIS Esqrs

LAMAR TO ARISTA.<sup>a</sup>

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Austin June 24th 1841*

To

Genl. ARISTA

SIR, The Government of Texas has witnessed with regret the sectional and border war now existing and which has existed several

<sup>a</sup> See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 54, pp. 35-36.

years past on the adjoining frontiers of Texas and Mexico, and which of late divested of almost every feature of a National contest between two countries, has become little other than a system of predatory incursion and foray, attended with no other results than the pillage and ruin of exposed and unoffending citizens and settlements. This state of things is not only destructive to the interests of important sections of both countries, but is disreputable to the character of enlightened and honorable people, and should not be suffered to continue any longer. Degrading the profession of arms into robbery and murder, this species of warfare can only lead to crime and individual sufferings, without tending in the least degree towards the adjustment of the difficulties between the two nations. Besides this a negotiation is now going on in Mexico, with a fair prospect of a speedy and an honorable settlement of our National quarrel by a treaty of permanent peace,—a consideration sufficient of itself to induce a suspension of all hostilities for the present, and more particularly for the abolishment of a petty and provoking mode of warfare, which is calculated to engender personal feuds and revengeful feelings which may linger upon the border even after peace has been established. Should these negotiations fail, and either party shall choose to enter again the arena of war, the contest ought to be a *National* one and should be conducted in a manner consonant with the character of the contending parties. Texas on her part, will never vary from the dignity and humanity belonging to civilized warfare, unless driven from it by some intolerable conduct of her adversary. Believing that you are actuated by the high and honorable feelings which always belong to true heroes, and that it is only necessary to call your attention to the evils alluded to, to secure your co-operation in putting an end to them, I have appointed two gentlemen of honor and talents, Cornelius Van Ness and John D. Morris Esqrs to make known to you the feelings and views of this Government, and have authorized them to enter into any arrangement with you which might place the relations and intercourse between the two frontiers (even though hostile) upon a higher and more honorable footing, and which while advancing the interests and ameliorating the situation of many, will not compromit the dignity or character of either nation. I have also instructed these gentlemen to refrain most scrupulously from the least interference in the domestic or local affairs of your Country, but devote their attention exclusively to the object of their Commission.

Respectfully Yours,

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR

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HON JAMES S. MAYFIELD  
*Secretary*

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Upon my arrival at the port, I received a letter to the Commandant of the vessel, in which the objects of my visit would be permitted to land at the port of Mexico; to which I would be permitted to pay sufficient courtesy, say one or grant the other. Mr Pakenham, through the vessel, sixteen days afterwards, made arrangements which you will

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PASSPORT FOR VAN NESS AND MORRIS.<sup>a</sup>

[Lamar enjoins all citizens of Texas and requests all citizens of Mexico to permit the passage of Cornelius Van Ness and John D. Morris on their way to and from the headquarters of Arista on matters of state.]

WEBB TO MAYFIELD.<sup>b</sup>

GALVESTON, 29th June 1841.

HON JAMES S. MAYFIELD  
*Secretary of State*

SIR: I have the honor to hand you herewith, a copy of the correspondence which has recently passed between Her Britanic Majesty's Minister at Mexico, and myself, relative to the objects of my late mission to that country, and from which you will perceive, that the Government of Mexico has not only refused to receive the propositions which I was authorized to make for the adjustment of difference, but has positively rejected the mediation of the British Government, in the settlement of those differences.

Upon my arrival at Sacrificios, I addressed through my Secretary, a letter to the Commandant General of Vera Cruz, informing him of the objects of my visit, and requesting to know whether or not I would be permitted to land, and furnished with passports to the City of Mexico; to which letter I received a reply, couched in terms of sufficient courtesy, saying that he was not authorized to permit the one or grant the other. I then addressed my first communication to Mr Pakenham, through the British Vice Consul at Vera Cruz, and sixteen days afterwards received the answer and accompanying documents which you will find enclosed.

It may be proper to remark that there was nothing in the deportment of the authorities at Vera Cruz, as exhibited to me, which was in the slightest degree offensive; but having been placed upon my guard by a knowledge of the extraordinary treatment manifested towards the vessel (on board of which I was) but a short time before, while under a flag of truce, I caused enquiries to be made of the Commandant General, to ascertain whether or not she would be permitted to remain quietly in the Harbor, until such time as I should receive answers to my despatches addressed to Mr Pakenham; and was informed in reply, that he (the Commandant General) could make no pledges of any sort, farther than that he felt no hostility either towards myself or the Vessel. Under these circumstances, I deemed

<sup>a</sup> June 24, 1840. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 54, pp. 36-37.

<sup>b</sup> See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 41, p. 523.

it most proper to leave the Harbor, which I did by proceeding to the Island of Lobos, where I remained until a sufficient time had elapsed to justify the expectation of receiving replies from Mexico upon my return to Vera Cruz.

After my rejection by the authorities at Mexico, it was my intention to have proceeded at once to Tobasco and Yucatan, for the purpose of complying with your instructions in reference to those States, but while prosecuting that intention, we had the misfortune to carry away the foremast of our Vessel, which compelled an immediate return to this place, where we arrived at a late hour last night.

As I have some doubts about the propriety of my setting out again for Yucatan and Tobasco under the instructions with which I am at present furnished, I have written to His Excellency the President upon the subject, and shall remain here until I hear from you in reference to my future movements. My Secretary, Mr. George L. Hammecken, is the bearer of my despatches, and as he is fully advised of all my views in reference to this Mission, I beg leave to refer you to him for an explanation of all things, in which I have not been sufficiently explicit in my written communications.

Should it be determined by the President to furnish me with further powers and instructions in regard to the States of Yucatan and Tobasco, I beg that you will cause them to be made out with as little delay as possible, as I shall await the return of Mr. Hammecken with great anxiety. I would also suggest, that in such case, the Commissions and letters of Credence for each State should be separate—the letters of Credence to be addressed to the Governors of each.

I have the honor to be, with great respect

Your Obt Servt

JAMES WEBB.

SACRIFICIOS, *Mayo 31 de 1841*

Al Señor General

D. IGNACIO MORA

*Comandante de la Plaza de Vera Cruz.*

ESTIMADO SEÑOR: á consecuencia de unas negociaciones habidas entre el Gobierno de su Majestad Britanica y el de Texas, tengo el honor de participarle que he llegado para conferenciar con el Sr. Packenham con el fin de arreglar amistosam<sup>te</sup>. las dificultades que en el dia existen entre la Republica de Mejico y Tejas, y deseoso de saber si seré permitido, con mi secretario, seguir mi viage hasta el Capital, tomo la libertad de ponerle á V esta.

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JAMES WEBB  
*Agente del Gob. de Texas*  
p su secretario  
JORGE LUIS HAMMEKEN

SÔR DR. SANTIAGO WEBB.

VERACZ. Mayo 31 de 1841.

Muy Sôr mio de mi atencion: me he impuesto de la carta de Vm fña de hoy, en la qe. tiene á bien avisarme el objeto de su arribo á Sacrificios, y me pregunta si podrá con el Sôr Hammeken proseguir su viage á Megico; sobre cuyo asunto contesto, qe. no estoy autorizado pa. consentirlo.

Es su afmo atento servidor qe. B. S. M

YGNACIO DE MORA  
(Rúbrica)

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ON BOARD THE TEXAN SCHOONER SAN BERNARD

HARBOR OF SACRIFICIOS, NEAR VERA CRUZ.

1st June 1841.

HON RICHARD PAKENHAM

*Her Britanic Majesty's Minister Mexico.*

SIR:

In accordance with the Convention entered into on the 14th of November last,<sup>b</sup> between Her Britanic Majesty's Government and the Republic of Texas, I have been deputed by His Excellency the President of Texas to make such propositions to the Government of Mexico for the adjustment of differences, as will enable you to carry into effect the objects contemplated by that Convention, in the event that Mexico shall accept the offered mediation of Great Britain.

Upon my arrival here on yesterday, I addressed a note to the Commander of Her Majesty's ship Comus, a copy of which is herewith forwarded you. To this note I received a verbal reply from Commander Nepear,<sup>c</sup> stating that he was compelled to proceed to sea by the first wind, but while he remained in port, he would afford me the protection asked. He also immediately despatched a boat to Town, to ascertain whether or not any instructions had been received from

<sup>a</sup> See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 41, pp. 517-518.

<sup>b</sup> See Gammel, *Laws of Texas*, II, 886-888.

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Mexico, in reference to the reception of an agent from Texas under the Convention with Her Majesty's Government; but to this inquiry no satisfactory [answer] was received, as it was said, the Commandant of the port was absent, and Her Majesty's Consul had no information upon the subject.

By the advice of Commander Nepear, I this morning despatched my Secretary to Town under the protection of Her Majesty's flag, with instructions to have an interview if possible with the Commandant of the place, and to ascertain whether or not, I would be permitted to land, and proceed to Mexico—and if not, whether the flag of truce under which I came into this Harbor would be respected, and the vessel be allowed to remain until I could communicate with you at Mexico? My Secretary having failed to obtain the interview desired, addressed a note to the Commandant, to which I received the accompanying reply, and by which I am informed, that I cannot be permitted to proceed to Mexico. I am further informed, that the Commandant verbally stated to Her Majesty's Consul through whom Mr Hammekens note was conveyed, that the vessel could not be permitted to remain in this Harbor, but that she might return at a future day to receive the answers to the despatches which might be forwarded to Mexico. I have therefore no alternative, but to address you upon this subject, and proceed to sea, with the intention of returning in ten or fifteen days for your answers.

You will perceive that by the terms of the Convention (a copy of which with its ratification by the Government of Texas I have the honor herewith to forward you) that my Government has undertaken to pay One Million of pounds Sterling of Mexican foreign debt, provided a Treaty of peace is entered into between the two Countries through the mediation of your Government; and it is for the purpose of enabling you to offer that Mediation in the most effectual manner, and to negotiate such a treaty, that I now present myself to the authorities of this Country, to make such propositions for the adjustment of our differences, as it is hoped, will lead to that most desirable end. My powers are very full, as Commissioner; and also Minister Plenipotentiary should I be received as such, in each of which characters I am furnished with letters of credence to His Excellency the President of Mexico.

Herewith, I also beg leave to hand you the copy of a letter addressed by the Secretary of State of Texas to you, in reference to the object of my Mission;<sup>a</sup> and also the copy of a letter from A T. Burnley Esqr.<sup>b</sup> (lately associated with Gen. Hamilton in Europe in the negotiation of a loan) Mr Burnley's letter covers one from Lord Palmerston which being under seal cannot be copied. I would for-

<sup>a</sup> Mayfield to Pakenham, March 30, 1841.

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I cannot believe that when the olive branch of peace is a third time tendered to Mexico, it will a third time be refused, especially as it will not be offered under circumstances which are evidently so decidedly advantageous to her, and may be accepted without inflicting the slightest wound on her national pride. We now present ourselves rather in the character of purchasers of the country, than as conquerors, and as such, Mexico can Treat with us with as little mortification of feeling as though hostilities had never existed, I therefore sincerely hope that you will have no serious difficulty in obtaining from the authorities at Mexico, permission for myself and Secretary to land at Vera Cruz and to proceed to Mexico for the purpose of entering into such negotiations as may result in the establishment of a peace not only mutually advantageous to both Countries, but which will be permanent in its Character.

In compliance with what I have understood to be the desire of the Commandant of Vera Cruz, I shall proceed to sea tomorrow morning, but shall return again to this Harbor as soon after the expiration of ten days from this time, as the vicissitudes of the weather will permit, under the hope of then receiving from you an answer to this communication, and permission from the authorities at Mexico to proceed in the object of my mission.

I have written to no one at Mexico besides yourself, believing that an application for my reception made by you, would be much more likely to succeed than if addressed by me to any officer of the Government; and having been assured that you would do whatever was necessary to be done, in reference to this matter.

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

Your very Obt hble. Servt

JAMES WEBB

HER BRITANIC MAJESTY'S MISSION  
*Mexico 10th June 1841.*

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. informing me of your arrival at Vera Cruz, for the purpose of making such propositions on behalf of the Government of Texas to the Government of Mexico as might enable me to carry into effect the objects contemplated by the Convention of the 14th November last; and it is with great concern that I have now to transmit to you the answer contained in the enclosed copy of a note from the Minister



for foreign affairs, which the Mexican Government have returned to my communication announcing your arrival at Vera Cruz, and the object of your Mission to this country.

This answer, you will perceive, is altogether unfavorable, as it makes known the present determination of the Government not to depart from the line of Conduct with reference to Texas which, by a note addressed to this mission, a copy of which I also enclose, they signified their intention to observe when the good offices of Her Britanic Majesty's Government were first offered, with a view to bring about a pacific arrangement between the two Republics.

I think it necessary to observe to you that this determination has been taken by the Government of Mexico before they have had official communication of the convention of the 14th November 1840; in fact, I have not yet been instructed by Her Majesty's Government to make that communication, although by permission of Viscount Palmerston, the substance of the convention was some time since confidentially made known to them.

It accordingly occurs to me that it may, perhaps, suit the views of the Texan Government, whose policy I imagine it to be to avoid coming to extremities with this country, to allow the question to remain upon this footing for the present, and to wait for an opportunity to reattempt negotiation under more favorable circumstances.

I have, on various occasions, taken the liberty to express to the gentlemen acting for the Government of Texas, with whom I have had the honor to communicate, my conviction that it is entirely for the interest of Texas to forbear from any acts of hostility or aggression towards Mexico, as long as Mexico refrains from active hostilities against that country.

The Government of Texas, I have no doubt, possess sufficient information as to what passes in this country to enable them to judge how far it is possible that Mexico will be able, and how soon, to undertake an expedition upon a scale to endanger the safety and independence of Texas. The longer such an expedition is postponed, the less likely it becomes that it should ultimately take place, unless Texas should in the mean time by some act of aggression offend the pride of the Mexicans, and lead them to put in action the means which they undoubtedly possess, if properly directed, of causing serious annoyance to Texas. This opinion I now beg leave most conscientiously to repeat, as a sincere well wisher of both parties.

My commission as mediator, I consider, notwithstanding the present unfavorable disposition of the Mexican Government, to be still open, hoping that I may one day enjoy the satisfaction of seeing an arrangement effected between the two countries, neither of which, I am well convinced, could be otherwise than prejudiced by becoming assailant of the other.

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You will perhaps have the goodness to cause to be delivered to her Majesty's Vice Consul at Vera Cruz the letter from Viscount Palmerston which is in your possession, to be forwarded to me by the first safe opportunity.

I have the honor to be, with sentiments of the highest Consideration, Sir

Your most Obt Huble. Servant.

R. PAKENHAM.

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JAMES WEBB.

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NATIONAL PALACE OF MEXICO

*June 8th 1841*

SIR:

The undersigned etc. has had the honor of receiving a communication of the Senr D. Ricardo Pakenham of to day in which he is pleased to impart to him the arrival at Vera Cruz of the Commissioner from Texas for the purpose of making propositions to the Supreme Government on the adjustment of the difficulties existing between Mexico and that Department, expressing the earnest desire of Her Britanic [Majesty's] Government that the opportunity now presented to conclude them upon honorable and advantageous terms will not be refused

Having placed before His Excellency the President of the Republic this communication in order that he might accord that which is most suitable to a subject apparently of so much importance, His Excellency after a most mature and deliberate examination has been pleased to instruct me to answer Senr. Pakenham, as I have the honor to do, that the Government of Mexico has had no reason to change her opinion, thereby ceasing to appreciate the question of Texas in the same manner in which she appreciated it, when she contested\* on the same subject with Mr Pakenham, which information is to be found in the note to that effect which the Minister addressed to him on the 11th December 1839.

Notwithstanding this conviction His Excellency the President duly esteems the friendly solicitude of Her Britanic [Majesty's]

\* Evidently a mistranslation for corresponded.

Government to bring this question to a pacific termination, and he highly regrets not being able to serve his ardent desires of obtaining it. But His Excellency the President not being able to depart from the principles of honor and justice which prohibit him from recognizing a dismemberment of the territory, and sanctioning the most remarkable act of ingratitude, with which it could have corresponded to a magnanimous and generous nation, usurping those rich lands when she exercised her hospitality with those who came to seek it. Besides Mr Pakenham is not ignorant that since the commencement of the insurrection of the Department of Texas, innumerable slaves have been, and are continuing to be introduced, that trade from which humanity turns with horror, and for which cause alone, even if there were no others, the Mexican Republic and its Government never would bind themselves to an act equivalent to the sanction and recognition of Slavery

The undersigned etc.

SEBASTIAN CAMACHO

HER BRITANIC MAJESTY'S MISSION.  
*Mexico 10th June 1841.*

Hon J. S. MAYFIELD

SIR: I have had the honor to receive from Mr. Webb a copy of the letter which you were pleased to address to me on the 30th March last, mentioning the appointment of Mr. Webb as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to negotiate a Treaty of Recognition, Amity, and Commerce with Mexico under the friendly auspices of Her Majesty's Government.

I beg leave to refer to a letter which I have this day addressed to Mr. Webb, for the result of my endeavours to induce the Government of Mexico to entertain the pacific overtures of the Government of Texas, which, I am concerned to say, have been altogether unsuccessful; but I think it not improbable that at no distant day an opportunity may occur to reattempt negotiation with a better prospect of success, and I shall not fail to make known to you, Sir, any indication which I may observe of such a favorable change in the councils of this Government.

I beg leave also to assure you of my entire readiness to attend to any communication which you may be pleased to address to me connected with the object of affecting an amicable arrangement between the two Republic's

I have the honor to be, with sentiments of the highest consideration,  
Sir,

Your most Obt humble Servt.

R PAKENHAM.

SIR,

I have the honor of the 10th inst. in documents accompanying the Mexican Government, predicated of Texas from

I can but regret of things which every Government has been authorities of Texas towards Mexico, it have been made to ing between the two efforts under the when had they been and external difficulties of doing so.

You are no doubt by the Federalists of accompanied by the to unite with them common cause in for pendence; and your tures have been rejected was pursued by us the motives of our which Texas was dis policy in reference imputation of boasting result in any benefit

What course my reference to this something is certain, amicable negotiations it? Your suggestions adopted, shall be great weight; but much annoyance from the repeated they would decide war, to the state between the two N