

## JONES TO HAMILTON.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*June 4th 1842*

To,  
Gen JAMES HAMILTON

SIR,

Enclosed I send you the Commission for Mr. L. J. Herckenrath as Consul of the Republic of Texas for the Port of Amsterdam in the Netherlands—which please forward to him as you may have opportunity. Copies of the “Consular Instructions” and “Laws of Texas” will be furnished him by the Hon. Ashbel Smith from Paris.

The Ratification of the treaty between Texas and the Netherlands has not as yet been recieved

Your attention in having it sent to this Department as soon as convenient is respectfully requested

I have the honor to be

with the highest regard

Your obt and Humble Svt.

ANSON JONES

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 JONES TO DAINGERFIELD.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Washington [Texas,] Jan. 20th 1843*

To WM. H. DAINGERFIELD Esq.

*Minister Charge d’Affaires of the Rep. of Texas etc.*

SIR

Herewith you will receive your commission as Minister Chargé d’Affaires of the Republic of Texas to the Governments of the Netherlands, Belgium and the Hanse Towns, with your letters of credence to the two former powers. Similar letters of credence will be furnished you for the Hanse Towns previous to your departure from the United States.

It is the desire of His Excellency the President that you should proceed with convenient speed to New Orleans and so soon as you accomplish the business with which you are already charged at that place, that you will proceed to the city of Washington, and put yourself in communication with Mr. Van Zandt our Chargé d’Affaires at that court. The ratification<sup>a</sup> of the Treaty lately concluded between Texas and the United States is also herewith handed you which you will deliver in person to Mr. Van Zandt, to whom instructions will be sent in relation to the exchange of the same.<sup>b</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> By the Texan Senate.

<sup>b</sup> See Jones to Van Zandt, January 31, 1843.

Should you deem it expedient you can delay two or three weeks in the city of Washington, from which place you will proceed to London or Paris, and place yourself in communication with Dr. Ashbel Smith our Chargé d'Affaires at those Courts, and be governed in the time of your delay at those places as circumstances may seem to you to render expedient not exceeding one month.

Your recent connection with the Government, as one of the Officers of the Cabinet, has made you well acquainted with the details of its affairs and with the views and wishes of the President in all things connected with our foreign relations. You will thus be enabled to communicate to our ministers abroad valuable information on these subjects and more satisfactorily than could be given in writing from this Department, and owing to their position at those several courts, they will be well enabled to communicate to you very valuable information, relative to the course of proceedings etc., which should be adopted by you in carrying into execution the instructions you will receive from this Department, regarding the important and interesting negotiations which the President will confide to you in Europe.

At the expiration of the period above designated you will proceed direct to the Hague and present your letter of credence to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands

You will ascertain the views and wishes of that Government in relation to the extension of its diplomatic and commercial relations, and assure it that the President of Texas, would be pleased to receive a representative of His Majesty here, for the furtherance of this object.

You will also suggest the propriety of the appointment by His Majesty the King of the Netherlands of a consular agent or agents for this country for the better protection of Dutch Commerce here. Mr. L. J. Herckenrath was last spring appointed Texian Consul at Amsterdam and his commission forwarded him. The Department has never been advised of its reception, or of the fact of Mr. Herckenrath's having entered upon the discharge of his official duties. You will ascertain the circumstances, and if you deem proper you can apply to the Govt. of his Majesty for the usual Exequatur, if not you will recommend some suitable person to this Department for that office

You will also receive herewith a Commission for Mr. Joshua J. Crooswyck as Consul of Texas for the Port of Rotterdam upon which you will apply for an Exequatur and when obtained forward it with the Commission to Mr. Crooswyck with the necessary instruction for his government.

Further detailed instructions will be sent you, previous to your leaving for Europe in relation to other matters connected with your mission

You will keep this Department regularly and minutely advised of your proceedings and of every thing of interest which may occur at the courts at which you are accredited

You will also communicate direct with the Texian Charges d' Affaires at the Courts of Great Britain, France and the United States, giving them information of every matter of importance, which may be useful to them, connected with the interests of Texas, connected with your mission.

I have the honor to be etc. etc.

Your most obdt Servant

signed ANSON JONES

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DAINGERFIELD TO SCHIMMELPENNINCK.<sup>a</sup>

[Announces his arrival at The Hague as Texan *chargé d'affaires* and asks an interview.]

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SCHIMMELPENNINCK TO DAINGERFIELD.<sup>b</sup>

[Fixes a time for the interview requested by Daingerfield in his note of the same date.]

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DAINGERFIELD TO SCHIMMELPENNINCK.<sup>c</sup>

[Asks an audience with the King.]

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SCHIMMELPENNINCK TO DAINGERFIELD.<sup>d</sup>

[Fixes time for audience with the King asked by Daingerfield in his note of September 25, 1843.]

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DAINGERFIELD TO SCHIMMELPENNINCK.<sup>e</sup>

[Asks exequatur for J. J. Crooswick as Texan consul at Rotterdam.]

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<sup>a</sup> September 23, 1843. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, pp. 22-23.

<sup>b</sup> September 23, 1843. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, p. 23.

<sup>c</sup> September 25, 1843. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, p. 24.

<sup>d</sup> September 28, 1843. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, p. 24.

<sup>e</sup> October 10, 1843. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, pp. 44-45.

DAINGERFIELD TO SCHIMMELPENNINCK.<sup>a</sup>

[Acknowledges receipt of a note from Schimmelpenninck announcing his retirement from the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs and the appointment of General de La Sanaz to that office.]

CASTRO TO JONES.<sup>b</sup>DE LA SANAZ TO DAINGERFIELD.<sup>c</sup>

[Grants exequatur asked in Daingerfield to Schimmelpenninck, October 10, 1843.]

DAINGERFIELD TO JONES.<sup>d</sup>

## LEGATION OF TEXAS AT THE HAGUE

*November 12th 1843*

The Undersigned Chargé d'Affaires at the Hague has the honour to state to his Excellency the Secretary of State that since his last despatch of date the 25th of September<sup>e</sup> he has been successively presented to the King, and Queen, of the Netherlands and to the Prince and Princess, of Orange; And that he is in daily expectation of being presented to the Royall Princes Alexander and Henry.

The delays incident to these numerous presentations, have hitherto prevented the Undersigned from visiting Brussels, and indeed he has been careful, to avoid doing so, too abruptly lest<sup>f</sup> he should wound the jealousy which naturally exists on the part of this Government towards that of Belgium

At the solicitation of the Undersigned his Majesty the King of the Netherlands has granted an Exequatur to Mr Joshua J Crooswick as Consul at the Port of Rotterdam, and an Exequatur has likewise been granted to Mr L. J Herkenrath at Amsterdam. Yr Excellency may reasonably expect that important benefits will result from the services of these two functionaries in making known to the enterprising merchants of Holland, the resources and products of our Country, and in directing towards its ports their shipping which manifests on all occasions a strong desire to enter into commerce wherever a reasonable expectation of success presents itself. Mr

<sup>a</sup> October 16, 1843. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, p. 36.

<sup>b</sup> October 25, 1843. See Daingerfield to Jones, November 12, 1843.

<sup>c</sup> November 1, 1843. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, p. 45.

<sup>d</sup> A. L. S.

<sup>e</sup> See Correspondence with Haase Towns.

<sup>f</sup> Lest.

Herkennrath has shewn great zeal and interest, in the discharge of his duties and at the request of the Undersigned translated into Dutch, and procured the insertion in the Amsterdam Courrant of the 7th Inst, of a letter written from Galveston on the 6th of September to the Editor of the London Times, giving a most flattering account of our affairs both commercial and political and stating that the cotton crop of this present year would reach 90 thousand Bales. The appearance of letters of this character in a journal of such high standing as the Times does much for our cause and the writer whoever he may be is justly entitled to our thanks. Mr Herkennrath begs me to state to yr Excelley that as long ago as last Januay he acknowledged the receipt of his commission as Consul. He supposes his letter to have miscarried.

The Undersigned has furnished both Consuls in this Country with printed copies of Consular instructions. On arriving here the Undersigned found that Mr Herkennrath had at the instance of the Hon Col Ashbell Smith recommended a Mr Barnard to this Govt as Consul for the Port of Galveston. The Dutch Government true to its commercial character regards the office of Consul with great consideration. In its own colonies it allows no Consuls but Dutch subjects, and has since my arrival here refused to grant an Exequatur to an American; The nomination of Mr Barnard has consequently been laid before the Chamber of Commerce and an objection has been made that he does not speak Dutch; the affair is still pending and the Dutch are never in a hurry.

The embarrassed condition of the finances of this country has served as an excuse to the advocates of Reform to abolish the seperate missions to Sweden Sardinia and Portugal, and to consolidate them with those of Denmark Spain, and Rome. This happening just at the time of the arrival of the Undersigned here, has rendered more difficult the attainment of a Diplomatic Agent for Texas. But the Undersigned does not despair of being able to attain that it at least be put in conjunction with the Mission to the United States.

The Undersigned considers his presence here, at a point central to all those countries which are at present taking the deepest interest in Texas as calculated to procure important advantages to the Republic. France is at present so occupied with the settlement of Algiers that she discourages emigration to any other quarter; Belgium has her scheme for the colonization of a large grant in Guatemala on hand. Yet the Undersigned is convinced from his numerous interviews with General Prisse, the Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary from that Country, a Diplomatist necessarily of high consideration, since he has been entrusted with the adjustment of the numerous irritating and delicate questions of limits partition of Debt and commercial intercourse between Belgium and

Holland, that there is a strong desire on the part of Belgium to enter into negotiations with us, and the Undersigned is strongly disposed to believe that with a reasonable exercise of tact and not too great a manifestation of eagerness on our part that the Belgian Govt may be induced to lend us credit enough to obtain the loan of a million of dollars payable in installments of two hundred thousand dollars running through the term of five years, receiving security for ultimate payment, in lands, and for the present some commercial advantages in reference to its iron its coal its linen and its cloths. But all this requires time and above all the absence of any apparent eagerness or hurry, which is sure to excite suspicion and distrust and is in the opinion of the Undersigned the Rock on which all former efforts at a loan have been wrecked.

Major Pierson<sup>a</sup> who visited our Country on the part of the Belgian Govt. as Capt Pierson,<sup>b</sup> since promoted is a member of the Chamber of Deputies this year from the City of Anvers. The kindly personal relations which were established between the Undersigned and Major Pierson during his visit to Texas entitle him to hope that he will find the Major a warm friend; The Undersigned will visit Brussels as soon as the Chamber of Deputies shall be convened which will be on the 16th of this month.

The Undersigned had the honour to communicate to his Excellency the Secretary of State in his despatch of the 23rd of September last the names and views of the society for the protection of German Emigrants having its headquarters at Mayence.<sup>c</sup> Since then the Undersigned has been informed by Mr Bourgeois, that he has disposed of his concession to the Society but Mr Bourgeois has not communicated to the Undersigned the terms or conditions of the sale

The Undersigned received from Mr Henri Castro a letter dated Anvers the 18th of October informing him that on the 25th the Jean Key would sail from that Port with Emigrants for Mr Castros Colony. Conceiving that as this embarkation was about to take place from a Port in Belgium, the matter came properly under his cognizance the Undersigned deemed it his duty to write to Mr Castro recommending in strong terms that every precaution should be taken, for properly supplying the Emigrants with necessaries for their support not only during the voyage, but for a reasonable length of time after their arrival in Texas. To this Recommendation, the Undersigned, influenced by motives not only of humanity but of policy added a *Protest* against Mr Castros sending out any Emigrants which were not so properly supplied. At this Mr Castro

<sup>a</sup> Pirson.

<sup>b</sup> Cf. Jones to Pirson, March 4, 1842, in Correspondence with Belgium.

<sup>c</sup> The date of the letter in which these names, etc., were given is September 25. See Correspondence with Hanse Towns.

became very angry and in answer intimated that the Undersigned was hostile to his scheme, an intimation so absurd that the Undersigned must apologise for mentioning it. Mr Castro designs as he has informed the Undersigned to despatch two other vessels from the same Port in the present month. Since Mr Castro's return to Paris the Undersigned has received a letter from him dated the 6th of November in which he communicates a portion of what he terms his despatch to Yr Excellency, dated the 25th October 1843 from Anvers—in which he wishes to be allowed for every 120 Emigrants provided Among them each head of a family justifies the possession<sup>a</sup> of 1500 Francs the right to enter 100 thousand Francs in value of goods—for all which I refer Yr Excellency to his letter. He requests me to lay the matter before Yr Excellency which I accordingly do in giving it as my opinion, that such ample inducements would be very efficacious in attracting emigrants and I believe that similar arrangements have been entered into with Guatemala by the Belgian Government.

The Despatches of the Undersigned of the 23rd of September last were entrusted to the care of Mr Crooswick as these will also be. The Undersigned has received nothing from Yr Excellency since his arrival in Europe but such and so completely full were the instructions confided to him by Yr Excellency at the period of his departure that the Undersigned has not been at a loss for directions in the discharge of his duties

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The Undersigned avails himself of this opportunity to renew to his Excellency the Secretary of State the assurances of his most distinguished consideration

WM HEY DAINGERFIELD  
*Charge d'Affaires etc. etc.*

To His Excellency  
ANSON JONES  
*Secretary of State.*

(Duplicate)

ANVERS le 25, 8bre. 1843

A Monsieur ANSON JONES  
*Secrétaire d'Etat de la République du Texas*  
*à Washington.*

Conformément à mes précédents avis, j'ai l'honneur de vous remettre l'Etat du nombre des Emigrants que j'expédie aujourd'hui

<sup>a</sup> *I. e.*, proves himself the possessor. See the French expression in the inclosed letter from Castro.

<sup>b</sup> Here is omitted a paragraph relating to Daingerfield's salary.

sur le navire *Jean Key*, Capne. Paun, que j'ai fretté en entier à cet effet. Ces émigrants forment un personnel de 129, tous bons cultivateurs de l'Alsace, province de France renommée pour l'agriculture. Ils sont destinés à aller occuper les terres de la Concession que le Gouvernement m'a faite et je viens les recommander à votre haute protection.

M. E. Martin mon correspondant à Galveston et Ms. Laude et Phiné, mes agents à Sa. Antonio, sont chargés de la direction de tout le monde.

Le 15. novembre, partira également d'Anvers, le navire *Henrick*, Cape. Audiens avec 140 passagers et ainsi de suite de mois en mois, j'espère, pendant quelque temps.

Dès que mes expéditions de cette saison seront terminées, du moins pour le plus grand nombre, je me propose de me rendre au Texas, afin de consolider ce que j'ai commencé avec tant de peines et de dépenses.

J'espère, Monsieur, que vous verrez dans mes actes une détermination bien arrêtée de accomplir les obligations de mon contrat et qu'en faisant la part de difficultés de toute espèce que j'ai rencontrées, vous m'accorderez une protection relative aux sacrifices que j'ai fait et dans la voie desquels je ne m'arrête pas.

J'ai l'honneur d'être, Monsieur, avec une haute considération,

Votre très humble Serviteur

HY. CASTRO

P. S. Il est un moyen simple et efficace de m'aider à placer cette année, mille familles de bons cultivateurs, sur les terres de ma concession, dans le comté de Sa. Antonio de Bexar. Si comme je n'en doute pas le Gouvernement désire cette importation de travailleurs, voici ce que je propose dans le but de m'associer des fabricants disposés à aider mon opération et à la pousser vivement, même pour un plus grand nombre. Ce puissant concours ne pourrait être obtenu qu'en concédant des avantages suffisants.

“ Toutes les fois que pendant l'année 1844, il arriverait au Texas  
“ un navire, n'importe sous quel pavillon, chargé de 120 passagers au  
“ moins, tous cultivateurs, bien munis de vêtements, d'instruments de  
“ travail et dont le chef de famille justifierait de la possession de  
“ 1500 francs en espèce, avec un contrat de Concession de ma part,  
“ il me serait alloué franchise de droits pour les marchandises chargées  
“ sur le dit navire, jusqu'à la concurrence de 100,000 fcs. de cargaison

“ Par ce privilège par le fait [sic], de peu d'importance pour le  
“ Gouvernement, on s'assurerait de la qualité des Emigrants, de leur  
“ habileté à mettre en valeur les terres qu'on leur concède et de voir  
“ des espèces entrer dans le Pays, ainsi que les commodités de la vie  
“ en plus grande quantité.



“Le Gouvernement pourrait donner ce privilège sous la forme  
 “d’un encouragement donné à chaque passager dans les conditions  
 “voulues et porteur d’un contrat de concession, en exprimant la  
 “limite de 1000 fcs. pour chacun, pourvu qu’on fit partie d’une  
 “expédition entière, composée d’au moins 120 personnes.

“Cette combinaison en excitant l’ambition des manufacturiers,  
 “créerait des ressources aux Emigrants dans ce sens que certains  
 “fabricants enverraient des cultivateurs pour leur propre compte,  
 “en entrant à peu de frais dans une exploitation agricole.

“L’Esprit d’association existe dans certaines limites en Belgique  
 “et l’idée que je viens de soumettre à votre considération m’a été  
 “suggérée par des négociants compétents de cette ville disposés à  
 “aider vigoureusement mon exploitation, si j’obtiens ce que je crois  
 “dans l’intérêt du Gouvernement de m’accorder.”

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JONES TO DAINGERFIELD.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Washington July 14th 1844*

To the Hon. WM. HENRY DAINGERFIELD

*Chargé d’Affaires of Texas  
 etc. etc. etc.*

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the several despatches addressed by you to this Department the last by Mr. Castro, under date of the 20th of April last,<sup>a</sup> and by Mr. Bourgeois of the 22d Idem,<sup>b</sup> together with the Treaty which you have negotiated with the Hanseatic Cities of Hamburg Lubeck and Bremen,<sup>c</sup> all of which are highly satisfactory to the Department.

In accordance with your request leave of absence is granted you for six months, to return to Texas and look after your private affairs. It is very desirable that the Treaty with Belgium should be concluded before you leave, and if there should be an immediate prospect of the accomplishment of this object I wish you to stay and complete it otherwise, you can leave and return home, at your own convenience.

Enclosed herewith is your Congé with a copy which you will present the Minister of Foreign Affairs of his Majesty the King of the Netherlands at the proper time. It is presumed that no Congee is necessary for the Hanse Towns or Belgium. A simple notification of your leave of absence will be sufficient to them without any further formality.

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<sup>a</sup> See Correspondence with Hanse Towns.

<sup>b</sup> See Calendar of Correspondence with Hanse Towns.

<sup>c</sup> See Daingerfield to Jones, April 20, 1844, in Correspondence with the Hanse Towns.

The Books and papers of the Legation you will leave in the hands of some proper person in Holland, perhaps our Consul at Rotterdam, or if you think best you are authorized to appoint a Consul General for the Netherlands, with whom you can leave your archives, and who will act for you in your absence,

I have the honor to be  
with the highest respect  
Your Most Obt Svt

Signed ANSON JONES

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JONES TO MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE NETHERLANDS [DE LA SANAZ.<sup>a</sup>]

[Gives notice of Daingerfield's leave of absence for six months.]

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DAINGERFIELD TO DE LA SANAZ.<sup>b</sup>

[Transmits the commission of John Artz as vice consul for certain ports and requests that the steps usual in such cases be taken.]

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DAINGERFIELD TO DE LA SANAZ.<sup>c</sup>

[Acknowledges receipt of a note from de La Sanaz announcing the retirement of Baron Schimmelpenninck from the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs and the appointment of de La Sanaz to that office.]

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ALLEN TO DAINGERFIELD.<sup>d</sup>

[Announcing the personnel of the new administration.]

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DAINGERFIELD TO RATE.<sup>e</sup>

HAMBURGH 12th. Decr 1844

L. M. RATE, *Texas Consul General and Chargé d'affaires*  
at London.

The hurried departure of yr. friend Mr Smith from Europe has no doubt caused him to forget that some information as to the name

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<sup>a</sup> July 15, 1844. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, pp. 115-116.

<sup>b</sup> August 1, 1844.

<sup>c</sup> October 16, 1844. See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, pp. 36-37.

<sup>d</sup> December 9, 1844.

<sup>e</sup> See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, pp. 107-108.

of his successor, the time he might be expected to arrive in Europe would not only be agreeable but highly usefull to me, nay almost indispensable for the discharge of my duties at a moment when as I had the honour in a former letter to inform you, Mexico is making the most strenuous efforts to drive me from the field of diplomacy, among the Northern Powers of Europe. You will therefore Sir greatly oblige me by giving me all the details in yr power as to the name of Mr Smiths successor, when he may be expected in London, how long he will remain there etc. etc. Could he come to this City from London the public service would in my opinion be greatly aided and he could then go to Paris by Berlin.

During Mr Smiths absence I am of course to consider you as Chargé d' affaires of Texas and I would be most obliged to you if in that capacity you would at yr earliest leisure give me not only the information requested above but also any other intelligence you may deem worth of communication. Any thing confided to the bag of the English Consul Genl here will reach me in safety.

I have the honour etc.

(Signed)

WM HENRY DAINGERFIELD  
*Texas Chargé d'Affaires*