

Governments and that of Texas, thinks that the treaty with Venezuela, or that between the United States and the free Cities, both of which I have turned down in the before mentioned pamphlet, for your examination would either the one or the other suit our purpose. In return I have sent him for *inspection* our treaty with Holland. Will you give me your opinion on the subject, accompanied by any suggestions you may think proper to offer, by tomorrow at 2 P. M.

Yours most truly

(Signed)

(DAINGERFIELD)

DAINGERFIELD TO RUMPF.^a

PARIS 17th March 1844

His Excellency V RUMPF

Minister etc. etc.

MY DEAR SIR

Your note of the 14th inst was handed to me yesterday evening. Your additions to the first and seventh article of the "projet" meet my entire approbation.

As for the 3rd article I am glad that the changes which I had the honour to propose on the 13th instant have had the effect, which in making them I desired to produce, that of showing you that the Govt. of Texas is desirous to treat the Hansatic Republics, with that liberality which it feels to be due them as the *Pioneers* of Commerce between Texas and the Continental States of Europe; But I must state that when you desire to "limit the stipulation to articles shipped in vessells of the contracting parties," that I cannot consent to the limitation so far as the same is applicable to the exportation of Texas. In the present state of our national Shipping this limitation would be exceedingly inconvenient. I propose therefore to *Strike out* from the third Article the words, in the 2nd line thereof, "by vessells of the Republic of Texas" in other words to make such alterations in said third article as will more clearly appear by the annexed projet of said article which I have the honour herewith to submit. In making this alteration I have the honour to call your attention to the fact that I consent to yr proposed addition of the words "whatever be its origin" which will certainly tend to obviate the possibility of error or misapprehension, and that I have no objection to the restriction of the character of the vessells when applied to all the other clauses of Article third. I have the honour to remain. etc. etc.

Signed,

WM HENRY DAINGERFIELD

^a See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, pp. 67-68.

DAINGERFIELD TO RUMPF.^a

PARIS 27th March 1844

To

His Excellency V RUMPF, *etc. etc.*

MY DEAR SIR. Your letter of yesterday has been received, and the recommendation of Mr Kulen Kampff as Texan Consul at Bremen by Mr Smidt President of the Senate, shall in proper time be duly attended to.

I am sorry that the "unlucky" "third article" of our *Projet*, gives you so much trouble; Allow me a single word on the general subject of the Commercial position of Texas, and I will then come to the very matter in question and endeavour to afford you all the satisfaction possible in reference thereto; for certainly the spirit of extreme courtesy and liberality with which you have conducted this negotiation, requires on my part every thing short of a sacrifice of the interests committed to my care.

It is as occupying a position central to both Mexico and the United States that Texas becomes in her Commercial relations a Country of importance to the manufacturing and carrying states of Europe, and had the committee of the Bremen Senate, mentioned in your note of the 26th inst looked upon Texas, as calculated from the advantages of that Position, to hold the Tariffs of Mexico and the U States in check, instead of affording the opportunity and means of their undue and injurious elevation, had they regarded that Republic from its Geographical position and its strictly agricultural character as a Shield to protect, and not as a sword to strike down their Manufactures they would have hit the mark.

This Geographical position, with reference to Mexico is so remarkable as [to] excite at once the attention of the observer. The ports of Texas are much nearer to the rich mining provinces of Mexico than, are the Ports of Mexico herself whilst the character of the Country affords much greater facilities for the transportation of goods, over the level Prairies, from the Ports of Matagorda and Corpus Christi, than through the Mountain ranges which, embarrass the Communication with Tampico and, Vera Cruz. But to return to the 3rd article I am content to restrict its provisions to the exportation through the Hanseatic Cities of the manufactures and Products of the German Confederation, in the vessells of the contracting Parties, 2nd To restrict the exportation from Texas to the Hanseatic Republics of articles not the Growth or manufacture of Texas also to vessells of the contracting Parties, 3rd To leave articles the produce or manufacture of Texas to find their way to the Ports of the Hanseatic Republics in such bottoms as may seem best to the shipper

^a See Records of Department of State (Texas), Book 55, pp. 68-70.

thereof, under the General provisions of the treaty as to the most favoured nation. I am quite content that you should put the article in the form which would best express these views, I have the honour to remain etc. etc.

Signed WM HENRY DAINGERFIELD
Chargé d'Affaires de Texas.

TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION BETWEEN TEXAS
AND THE REPUBLICS OF LÜBECK, BREMEN, AND HAMBURGH.^a

BOURGEOIS TO SECRETARY OF STATE [JONES].^b

DAINGERFIELD TO JONES.^c

(Despatch No 3)

PARIS 20th April 1844

To his Excellency
ANSON JONES,
Secretary of State

SIR

The last despatch which the Undersigned Chargé d'Affaires of the Republic of Texas at the Hague had the honour to address his Excellency the Secretary of State, was dated the Hague Novr the 12th 1843, and forwarded through Mr Joshua J Crooswick the Consul at Rotterdam. The Undersigned had the honour at the date above mentioned to inform your Excellency, that having fully established the diplomatic relations between the Government of Texas and that of his Majesty the King of the Netherlands, he should proceed to Brussels for the purpose of carrying into effect the instructions with which he was charged as to opening the negotiations for a treaty of amity and commerce with the Government of Belgium. The Undersigned had the further honour at that date to inform Yr Excellency that in his despatch of the 23rd of September 1843 dated at the Hague he had forwarded to your Excellency a copy of the propositions of the "Society for the Protection of German Emigrants" to Texas."^d In the same despatch the Undersigned called the atten[tion] of your Excellency to the course which he had pursued in regard to the Emigrants of Mr Castro and therein made known to Yr Excellency the Protest, which he had communicated to Mr Castro ag[ain]st the

^a D. S. ; April 17, 1844. See Daingerfield to Jones, April 20, 1844.

^b April 20, 1844. See Daingerfield to Jones, April 20, 1844.

^c A. L. S.

^d The copy of this letter on record is dated September 25.

character of the Emigrants he was represented to have sent. The Undersigned would now forward another copy of the propositions of the Society for the protection of "German Emigrants" as the Receipt of the former has not been acknowledged, But that, *notwithstanding* the Rumour which has reached here of a Repeal by Congress of the Law authorising the President to Grant contracts for colonization, the Society above named is still determined to send its agents and Yr Excellency may expect by the month of July to have a personal interview with his Serene Highness Monseigneur Prince Charles of Solms, and Mr Bourgeois d'Orvanne who will visit Texas as the agents of the Association.

The delays incident to the numerous presentations which are of rigour in Holland and which comprise every member of a very numerous Royall family, detained the undersigned at the Hague untill the early part of the month of December, where shortly after his arrival he was presented to the King and invited to dine at the Palace. In a long interview which the undersigned had with the King his Majesty gave him the most gracious assurances of his cordial good will towards the Republic and his Desire to entertain relations of amity and commerce with our Country. From the French Ambassador the Marquis de Rumigny and the English Ambassador Sir Hamilton Seymour the undersigned received every attention and courtesy; After remaining at Brussels several weeks the Undersigned became satisfied, that the position of the legislative Chambers of that country was such that the minister, notwithstanding the strong desire of the King, could not at *that moment* enter upon a negotiation with Texas. The Undersigned left Brussels with an understanding on the part of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, that at no distant period the negotiations should be commenced, and the undersigned is confident that during the ensuing summer the treaty which he is empowered to make with the Belgian Government will be concluded.

The Undersigned having from Brussels caused to be made known to Mr Vincent Rumpff the Minister of the free Hanseatic Cities at Paris the desire of the Government to enter into a treaty and the great facility which would be afforded in the accomplishment of so desirable an object by his knowledge of the English language and American character derived from his long residence in America, proceeded on the first of January 1844 to Paris, and soon after his arrival put himself in communication with that Gentleman. From that date up to the day of the signature of the Treaty, the 17th of the present month the undersigned has been actively and earnestly engaged in procuring its consummation.

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From the difficulty which was experienced in bringing the free cities to accord, the treaty encountered ma[n]y delays, and latterly, the doubt which existed as to the annexation of Texas to the United States occasioned great hesitation and at one period threatened to su[s]pend the negotiation altogether. The Undersigned has now the honour of forwarding to Yr Excellency by the hands of Mr Henri Castro, the accompanying copy of the treaty, which will be found to be in the usual form and to contain the usual stipulations, with the exception of the Articles of Extrajudition [sic] which was inserted at the request of the undersigned and the article which makes parties to the treaty upon filing an official declaration all the other states of the German Confederation. This last Article was inserted because the Undersigned considered it of importance to Texas for the purpose of promoting emigration, to have the authority to nominate Consuls in the different petty German States. The expence of time and money which a seperate negotiation with each individual principality would occasion to both parties would be an insurmountable obstacle whilst under the article alluded to, the facility afforded by a simple official declaration will be a powerful and efficient inducement for the establishment of commercial relations.

For the Texan Consulship at Bremen under the treaty—Mr Smidt President of the Senate of Bremen highly recommends Mr Julius Kulenkampff partner of the most respectable house of Kulenkampff and brothers. Mr Kulenkampff has on one occasion visited Texas and is also highly recommended by Mr Rumpff, to whom the Undersigned has promised that the name of Mr K as Consul for Bremen should be submitted to the President and he accordingly respectfully requests that it may be done.

The Undersigned would respectfully submit to the Secretary of State, his earnest desire to obtain a leave of absence for the purpose of returning to the United States and to Texas. The Private affairs of the undersigned by reason of the recent death of a relative in the U States imperiously demand his presence there. By means of a Congee or leave of absence the missions at the several Courts can be as effectually kept up as though the Undersigned were there present in person. The Consul Generals can be left in charge and all the difficulties and objections incident to an abrupt breaking up of the missions avoided whilst in fact the same result as though they were broken up is produced. The Undersigned would be most gratefull could this Congee or leave of absence be sent him directed to the care of Lorenzo Draper Esqr American Consul No 30 Rue Hauteville Paris by the 1st of August next. If it seem good to the Secretary of

State the congeé might be for six months and would then according to diplomatic usage date from the day on which the Undersigned would take leave of the sovereign.

The Undersigned has the further honour to inform Yr Excellency that Mr. Bourgeois d'Orvanne has as he states to the Undersigned successfully concluded his negotiations in Germany with reference to his project of Colonization. According to his statement he has formed an Association with distinguished personages in that country, which will enable him to direct the whole current of German Emigration upon Texas. He considers and with great reason that the high personal position and ample pecuniary means of all the persons of the Association is an ample guaranty not only for the success of his scheme, but will secure the greatest advantages to the Emigrants. The Undersigned has always deemed the creation of that Association as of the highest importance to Texas, ensuring as it does a numerous active and intelligent emigration, possessed of the requisite means skill and industry to call into full life and vigour the resources of the Country upon which they may locate. Mr Bourgeois d'Orvanne sets out for Texas the 19th of May and he has informed me that he will be accompanied by His Serene Highness the Prince of Solm, with the intention of preparing in advance the places for the location of their Colonists. The Undersigned will not enter into a detail of their plan, but begs to refer Your Excellency to the letter of Mr Bourgeois which he has requested me to enclose herewith.

The Undersigned took a very active part in the negotiations of this association with Mr Bourgeois, from their very commencement, and he continues to consider their operations fraught with deep interest and profit to the Government and country, and to congratulate himself on the influence which his presence at Mayence last September enabled him to bring in aid of the consummation of the subsequent arrangements which have been entered into.

The Undersigned begs that Yr Excellency would be pleased to accept the assurances of the distinguished consideration with which he remains

Yr Excellency's
Most Obedt Svt

WM HENRY DAINGERFIELD
Chargé d' Affaires of Texas
At the Hague

To His Excellency
ANSON JONES
Secretary of State

PARIS 20 Avril 1844.

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat

Sans réponse à ma lettre du 1^{er}. 8^{bre}. dernier, vous entretenant de mes démarches et de mes succès à l'occasion de l'opération financière dont S. E. le Président m'avait chargé, ni à aucune de mes autres dépêches qui y étaient relatives, je ne m'en suis pas moins occupé de cette question délicate. J'avais complètement réussi, lorsque le Message de S. E. sans détruire le résultat de mes démarches, en a arrêté la conclusion définitive. C'est chose ajournée et dont j'aurai l'honneur de causer avec vous, Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, en juin prochain.

Mais toujours vivement préoccupé des intérêts de la République et du développement de sa prospérité, j'ai persévéré dans ma pensée de diriger sur le Texas, une forte population de travailleurs actifs et dont les ressources personnelles et celles de la Compagnie qui les y porte, soient des garanties suffisantes pour les Emigrants et pour le pays; j'ai réussi. J'ai fait avec une Association, composée de la plupart des princes Allemands, un plan de colonisation que nous allons mettre de suite à exécution. Soutenue par les capitaux, mue par des sentiments d'humanité et de philanthropie, cette association par ses principes, ses moyens d'exécution et les mesures qu'elle adopte va réaliser, au profit du Texas, les espérances qu'on s'est toujours formées dans ce pays, et à juste titre, d'une entreprise de colonisation bien conduite et dirigée.

Mon association, formée des hommes les plus éminents de l'Allemagne, a pour but de régler l'émigration Allemande, qui se répand sur le monde entier sans aucun avantage pour personne, parce qu'elle y arrive privée de ressources et d'appui. En la dirigeant sur le Texas, et en la groupant sur cette fertile terre elle a un second but, c'est de créer au profit du commerce de l'Allemagne des marchés assurés, où les produits de l'industrie nationale auront un écoulement certain.

Ces deux grandes pensées, Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, ont pour l'avenir du Texas une portée, dont vous apprécierez facilement toute l'étendue. Forcément elles donnent à la République de nouveaux et de nombreux défenseurs; elles stimulent son commerce, développent ses ressources agricoles, accroissent ses revenus et préparent un traité d'alliance et de Commerce avec toute l'Allemagne. Et à cet égard, je me charge d'arriver à la conclusion prochaine de ce traité.

Mon association pour assurer l'exécution de ses projets a toute la force nécessaire, hommes et capitaux. Déjà des inscriptions nombreuses d'Emigrants ont été faites; beaucoup de nos colons ont vendu leurs petits biens pour se rendre sur nos terres; mais comme les

principes de notre entreprise sont fondés sur l'humanité, la morale et les besoins des deux pays, du Texas et de l'Allemagne nous avons résolu de ne point porter un seul homme au Texas, que tous les préparatifs nécessaires pour le recevoir ne soient faits.

Ainsi je pars le 19 mai, accompagné de S. A. S. M. le Prince de Solms, l'un de mes associés, pour préparer les maisons, arpenter les terres, établir les moyens de Communication, créer des Stores dans lesquels les Emigrants trouveront tous les objets nécessaires à la vie et aux travaux agricoles, construire des Etablissements publics et industriels tels qu'Eglise, Ecole, hôpital, moulins à blés, à coton; des scieries etc. Je crois inutile, Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, d'entrer dans plus de détails ici, dans 2 mois j'aurai l'honneur de vous dérouler nos plans et je demeure convaincu que le gouvernement acceptera nos communications avec plaisir. Au moins la République n'aura point à redouter que mon association vienne compliquer ses difficultés, en introduisant des Emigrants sans ressources et sans appui.

Beaucoup de pays neufs envient les avantages que nous allons porter au Texas et nous n'aurions qu'à choisir entre les petites républiques du centre, le Brezil, les Etats de la Plata et l'Océanie; on nous offre tous les privilèges désirables; j'ai déterminé mon association à refuser toute proposition; je connais et j'aime le Texas; je me suis voué, par instinct et par amitié pour une partie de ses habitants, au développement de sa prospérité, j'espère que mes peines et mes soins pour atteindre ce but seront bientôt couronnés de Succès.

M. Daingerfield vient de me transmettre la copie d'un bill que lui est tombée entre les mains d'une manière non officielle; il semble par ce Bill, à l'authenticité duquel je crois peu, que toutes nos concessions sont rappelées. Je ne discuterai pas ici la valeur de ce Bill, mais je prendrai la liberté de vous faire observer, Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, que son existence, serait contraire aux intérêts de la République et causerait un préjudice considérable aux contractants. Je me plais à croire que ce Bill n'a pas été rendu et qu'à mon arrivée à Washington je trouverai le gouvernement dans les meilleurs dispositions à mon égard.

Agréé, Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, l'assurance de mon respect et de mon sincère dévouement aux intérêts de la République

Votre très humble serviteur

AL BOURGEOIS D'ORVANNE

P. S. S'il m'était permis d'offrir l'expression de mes sentimens à S. E. M. le Président, je vous prierai Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, d'être près d'elle mon fidèle interprète.

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat de la République du Texas.