Bullock House Austin
27th January 1842

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge through you to his excellency General Sam Houston, President of the Republic of Texas, the favor of the present which you were pleased to salute me in person this day. The terms in which his excellency has been pleased to allude to me as a citizen in the first paragraph of my speech, are of a character so flattering I cannot allow this opportunity to pass, desiring you to express to this esteemed gentleman through you my grateful obligations for being thus noticed.

In the event of an invasion of our country during my absence allow me the liberty to respectfully request of you the earliest possible notification thereof, as no pecuniary or other sacrifice can be too great to prevent my immediate presence and best efforts; this humble I know them to be, for a maintenance of our common and glorious rights which have been so justly, gallantly, and successfully established.
I regret exceedingly that the arrangement of my private affairs, occasioned by my relations to the public interests of the Nation, compels me for a time to leave the Republic. Should no unforeseen circumstances transpire to prevent I shall be located after the first of September next at New Orleans as a Mexican merchant and it is scarcely necessary for me to assure his Excellency and yourself with how much regards and pleasure I shall be disposed at all times to render to my adopted country, or yourselves personally, any services within my power during my residence as such at that place.

With my very best wishes for the greatest possible success to his Excellency, the President in the discharge of the unusually arduous duties which have devolved upon him in the administration of this government, almost destroyed as it has been by the most administiration of his predecessor, and my sincere request and solicitation for the most eminent success and happiness in every relation of life. I beg to subscribe myself your obliged friend and servant,

Aaron Jones
Secretary of State, \[\ldots\]
Gen. M. Hunt
Jan. 29th 1842

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