Department of State
City of Houston Augt. 15th 1837.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your communication of the 12th Ultimo, marked despatch No. 23 has been received, submitted to the President and duly considered. The able manner in which the various topics connected with our diplomatic relations with the U States have been discussed, and your zealous support of the interests of this Republic, as evinced in that despatch I take great pleasure to state, is highly satisfactory to the Government and gratifying to the Executive.

The policy of this Government with regard to annexation, continues the same. To what extent the instructions heretofore given on this subject may be modified, consistently with the interests of Texas, must in a great degree be left to the judgment and discretion of yourself, and those friendly to our cause, who are aiding, or may assist to consummate this paramount measure. In the spirit of those instructions you will make the conditions as favorable for Texas as possible.

With respect to the South Western boundary this Republic claims to the Rio Grande;

Should the U States however, object to this extension of our Territory insist only on the former limits of Texas which were fixed by the Government of Mexico at the River Nueces.

Should insuperable objections arise to receiving this Republic as a State, negotiate for admission as a Territory. In either case stipulate that the U States shall assume the payment of a definite amount, sufficient to cover our National Debt; and for a general guarantee for the protection of all legal and vested rights acquired under this, and former Governments.

In reply to the remonstrance of the U States by Mr Forsyth, protesting against the act of the Congress of this Republic, establishing a land district including territory claimed and in the occupancy of the State of Arkansas, I addressed you on the 14th of July ultimo, during the absence of the President, to whom, since his return, both have been submitted.

He approves my communication on that occasion; and in order to prevent any further misunderstanding with that Government on this subject, and as the only means within his power of remedying the evil, he has issued a proclamation convening Congress on the 25th of September next, in order that they may suspend the operation of the law which requires that

said land Office shall be opened on the first Monday of October until that boundary shall be defined.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

R. A. Irion
Secy of State

Hon'ble: Memucan Hunt.
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Hon. R. A. Irion to
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