Austin Texas
10th Oct 1853

Capt J. H. Callahan

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 4th inst on the 9th inst and now avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the return of Lieut Kyle to your Camp to reply to it —

When you got on the trail in pursuit of the Indians who had ~~com~~ been committing depredations upon our settlements, and found that they had crossed the Rio Grande, you were justified in following them there, for the purpose of recapturing the property stolen by them and punishing them, but you had not the right to take possession of or to occupy Piedras Negras or any other village or property of Mexican Citizens; After the termination of your engagement with the Indians, you should have returned immediately to this side of the Rio Grande, and I trust that you have already done so.

If you have not recrossed to the limits of this State before you receive

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this, you will do so forthwith.

Your encounter with and defeat of such a large body of Indians reflects great credit upon yourself and the brave men under your command, and I trust that no acts have been committed, by your command, against the citizens of Mexico which will give them any just cause of complaint against you

Yours with respect

Ed Pease

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Capt Callahan
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