Commandancy of the Alamo—
Bejar, Feby. 24th 1836—

To the People of Texas &
all Americans in the world—

Fellow Citizens & compatriots—

I am besieged, by a thousand
or more of the Mexicans under
Santa Anna— I have sustained
a continual Bombardment &
cannonade for 24 hours & have
not lost a man— The enemy
has demanded a surrender at
discretion, otherwise, the garrison
are to be put to the sword, if
the fort is taken— I have answered
the demand with a cannon
shot, & our flag still waves
proudly from the walls— I
shall never surrender or retreat.
Then, I call on you in the
name of Liberty, of patriotism &
everything dear to the American
character to come to our aid,

with all dispatch — The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily & will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country —

Victory or Death

William Barret Travis
Lt. Col. comdt

P.S. The Lord is on our side —

When the enemy appeared in sight we had not three bushels of corn — we have since found in deserted houses 80 or 90 bushels & got into the walls 20 or 30 head of Beeves —

Travis

Since the above was written I heard a very heavy Cannonade during the whole day think there must have been an attack made upon the alamo We were short of Ammunition when I left & Harry on all the men you can on hasten

Albert Martin

When I left there was but 150 & determined to do or die tomorrow I leave for Bejar with what men I can raise [illegible] at all events

Col Almonte is there the troops are under the Command of Gen Seismo

Me I hope that Crimy one mile Rinderes at gonzales as soon possible as the Brave Soldiers one suffering do not neglect the powder is very Scare and should not be delayed one moment

L. Smither

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