

Commanding of the Alamo -

Bexar, 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.
Therefore, I call on you in the
name of Liberty, of patriotism &
& every thing dear to the American
Character to come to our

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with all dispatch - The enemy is
receiving reinforcements daily &
with no doubt increase to three or
four thousand in four or five days.
If this call is neglected, I am deter-
mined 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

St. Col. comd

P.S. The last in consideration
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 beefs -
Travis

Since the above was written I heard a very heavy
cannonade during the whole day. I think there must
have been an attack made upon the Alamo. We were
short of ammunition when I left. I have in all
the men you can see here.
When I left there was
but 150 I determined to
do or die tomorrow. I have
for a week with what men I can
raise. I will do my duty
at all events.

Col. Almonte is there the troops are
under the command of Gen. Leisma

At I hope that Army
you will I enclose a
copy also as soon possible
as the snow melts on
suffering don't forget the
sunder is very poor
and should not be old and
one moment
L. Smith