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## **TSLAC SHOWCASES TRAVIS LETTER & CELEBRATES TEXAS INDEPENDENCE FEB 15 THROUGH MARCH 30**

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**AUSTIN** – The William B. Travis letter from the Alamo, an original icon of Texas history, is now on display for public viewing at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission as part of the celebration of Texas Independence. The Travis letter will be showcased in the lobby through March 30.

This important historical document and other artifacts on display, including historic Texas drought records, maps and photos may be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building. The building is located at 1201 Brazos St., across from the East entrance to the State Capitol.

“We are thrilled to showcase these precious Texas artifacts. Texans share a proud history, and as custodians of Texas history, the commission has a responsibility to safely make it available so citizens can appreciate and learn from it,” says TSLAC Director and Librarian Peggy D. Rudd. “We are also excited to display the history of Texas Droughts through August 31.”

On Wednesday, March 7, TSLAC hosts historian and author Charles R. Porter, Jr. for a talk entitled “The Next Texas Water War?” He will speak at 6 p.m. at the de Zavala building. St. Edward University history professor and author of *Spanish Water Anglo Water* and upcoming *Water Rights in Texas*, Porter will examine Texas water use, its limited supply and implications for conflicting claims today. The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP at [rsvp@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:rsvp@tsl.state.tx.us) or (512) 463-5460.

For information, tour appointments, interviews or alternate photos, contact Stacey Million at (512) 463-5514 or [smillion@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:smillion@tsl.state.tx.us).

**Photo caption: Detail of William B. Travis’ 1836 letter from the Alamo  
Credit: Texas State Library and Archives Commission**

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