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### EXPLANATORY REMARKS

On the Social Document, under the title of SECURITY FOR TEXAS, with a fair view of her present political situation, by HENRY SMITH, Political Chief of the Department of Brazos FELLOW-CITIZENS:—

As a citizen of this State, and as a member of the Department, but to my fellow-citizens generally of all Texas, exhibited an outline of what I conceived to be our political situation; and furnished at the same time, the data from which I drew my conclusions. Before this official had been thrown into circulation to any extent, which was principally intended to spread the information due from me to the people, & to endeavor to bring about the co-operation of all Texas, for the purpose of adopting proper ways and means to prevent the further encroachments of the much to be dreaded evils of anarchy; I received from our two Representatives of the state congress, a statement of facts certified by the superior judge of Texas, in further confirmation of the destruction of all our civil institutions, and that our constitution was violated and scattered to the four winds of Heaven. That the constitutional time for re-novating all the important offices of the state had passed by and no election was had, as such the constitution became *ipso facto*, a dead letter, and now exists only in name; and that independent of the mob Government which had been established in the city of Saltillo for some time, and exercising its functions in direct opposition to the constituted authorities; that on the 30th day of August an officer of the permanent army assumed the Executive chair in Monclova, issued his proclamation as Governor—and completely dissolved all the legitimate authorities of the state. In consideration of these difficulties the citizens of the department of Brazos, transmitted to me, through his Excellency their Political Chief, a manifesto, in which they took a fair view of their critical situation; and called on me as the Political Chief of this department, to co-operate with them in forming a provisional congress, to meet in the city of Brazos, on the 15th inst. for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of forming in Texas, a provisional government; on the principles of justice—of necessity—and of the constitution which had been violated and totally disregarded. Or if that should be deemed inexpedient, then to do whatever to them should seem necessary under existing circumstances, to preserve Texas from the further encroachments of that evil, and promote her general tranquility. Seeing myself the same necessity for provisional action, that the Department of Brazos did, I without hesitation informed that Department that I would co-operate with them on the plan proposed, and immediately called on the different Ayuntamientos of my Department to elect and send their members to the provisional congress for the purpose, if found consistent, of forming for Texas a provisional government; on the scattered fragments of our violated constitution. This call was made on the people rather precipitately; before they had time to become acquainted with their true political situation, and as such met with much opposition. The reasons why the call was made in such haste were, that the Department of Brazos formed the plan, and set the time for the congress to meet. They seemed to have taken a fair view of their critical situation, and to have thought that immediate action on their part was indispensably necessary to their well being and preservation. Well knowing (as most of my fellow-citizens do) the situation of that Department; surrounded by savages on the one hand who can lay them under contribution at will, and on the other by anarchy and military misrule; and being time out of mind a depot for public troops, these lawless military despots, can, under any pretext, whatever, throw their

troops in upon them, and will do into any measure they may think proper; If they cannot co-operation of the other departments of Texas, they must submit themselves to circumstances whatever they may chance to be. Thus considering the best manner in which to proceed, and believing it to be the duty and the interest of the other Department to co-operate with her as speedily as possible, in order to relieve the people of that Department from that anxiety of mind necessarily produced by their exposed and dependent situation, I considered it a courtesy which was properly due to our fellow-citizens, to give them the lead in this important matter. My views and wishes, however, have met with a violence of opposition, on account of misapprehension, and want of proper information on the subject in my Department; and the congress will not be filled out as was intended. Texas must therefore remain in her present state of anarchy. The Central committee of San Felipe appointed, as they tell you, for the purpose of guarding the people of Texas from any impending danger, have published a report to the people intending to give it a wide range for the purpose of entirely defeating the measure, recommending to the people to quietly yield and submit themselves to a state of anarchy and military misrule.— Their report evidently amounts to this and nothing less. The intemperate spirit in which it seems to have been written—the illiberal views and misconstruction which pervade the whole production; are only calculated to elicit from me that degree of charity and forbearance which I deem even due to my fellow-citizens, who have allowed themselves to be dictated to and unwarily led on, and to be enveloped in the dark mists of unwarlike and violent party spirit. Could I view their report in the spirit in which I consider it to have been written I should have no hesitancy in pronouncing it as the crude and loathsome abortion of bad heads and bad hearts, in a bad cause, combined. I should have no hesitancy in pronouncing them as parricides sacrificing the constitution of their country at the shrine of an imaginary phantom; and as such, of holding them up to the view of my fellow-citizens as fit objects to be pointed at by the fixed and unerring finger of scorn.

Well knowing, however, some of the members of that committee to be honorable men, I forbid the idea of their having acted in bad faith; and as such, however circumscribed or illiberal their views may have been, they were, no doubt, intended to promote the general good. I trust, however, they will find, in the end, that they have eagerly and unwarily snatched the most shabby plume that has ever adorned their political caps; and that the people will say to them as in olden time: "thou hast plaited us up with untempered mortar, crying peace, peace, when there is no peace." Possessing on my part no such feelings as seem to be evinced on the part of that committee, never having imbibed or cultivated such a spirit; however open they may have left themselves for retort on my part, feeling as I do, no ambitious views, other than those of honestly, and faithfully discharging my duty: it can only be to me a source of regret, that so enlightened and influential a body should so widely differ with me in opinion, on a subject so grave, and of such vital importance to the whole community. When we take into consideration the crisis which is at hand, and the rapid changes which are taking place in the government which we live; every honest man who gravely reflects upon these things, should endeavor to inculcate in all men a spirit of humanity. Whatever differences of opinion there may be among us, whether as public or private men; we should reflect, that we are united together in the bonds of christian charity. There are evils enough, to make us unhappy, without depriving ourselves of the best consolations which belong to our situations, by manifesting an insensibility to one another. If we cannot agree, let us at least endeavor to correct each others errors with modesty and decency. We all have an interest at stake, and as such we all have a right to be heard on this important occasion; and I do confidently hope, that I may be allowed the privilege of expressing my opinion on this grave and important subject, without being denounced as a violent and reckless, or a disorderly and ambitious political adventurer. Having been commissioned as the Political Chief of this Department, and as such forming that link in the political chain, which connects the different political bodies, or Ayuntamientos with the Executive, and placed, as it were, on the political watchtower; it becomes my bounden duty to warn my fellow-citizens of the approach of any evil, in the least calculated to infringe their interests, in a political point of view; and to point out such proper and constitutional remedies, as to me may seem expedient and proper to counteract, or remedy those evils. In doing this I would modestly premise to my fellow-citizens, that these duties devolve upon me as an officer, that my own conscience is my monitor, and whatever I may conscientiously consider to be my constitutional duty, however arduous the task, shall be performed to the best of my abilities, no matter how violent, detracting, or clamorous may be the opposition. I endeavor to hold myself divested of all manner of

party prejudices, or any other partiality, and to give advice, or information from me, as I really regard it, as a duty, and not as a favor—will be given, and I shall be ever willing to hear, and assign reasons, for every political move;—but in no case will I be induced to be an official despot, over an unconquering people.

I well know that I have pronounced opinions, that are in themselves as much as they are unwise and violent—that my acts are viewed through a false medium—and that Baynes-like, I am doomed to roll the ever revolving stone. I know that my eyes are closed and up hill, thick set with snarls, and with an everlasting thicket of the nature of the attendants on human life, I have endeavored to see the path of duty, and to tread a path more pleasant than those who have preceded me. Such things, however, are not calculated to create in me a similar uncharitable spirit; well knowing that we all have to account to the scrutaries of conscience, our country and our God. If the official which I have issued has any thing in it treasonable, (as some are pleased to call it treason and nothing less) or in any way calculated to bring about revolution, or disorder, contrary to the constitution or the interests of the country; let my fellow-citizens recollect, that this is, in itself the highest crime known to the law, and rendered still aggravated by the situation which I occupy, (it being the highest office that an adopted citizen can hold under the constitution) that I am directly accountable to the Executive for all of my official acts. In the name of God then! if I have been guilty of so high a crime, why not take the proper course to have such a flagrant offence punished? I have endeavored to do so, but I have not been able to report them, to the Executive to whom alone I am directly accountable; and let no my opponents be guilty of insurrection by pretending to put it down. The Central Committee tells you, that the constitution and law still exist; although they admit that the Executive and Legislative departments are destroyed, and the judiciary department of course entirely deranged; and all they tell you, that government exists and flows in its legitimate channels. Can Government exist when the head is decapitated and the limbs lopped off? If this political doctrine be true as to a government, it would be equally true as to individuals; and when thus applied becomes at once absurd.

Inasmuch as the official which I put in circulation, (in which I informed my fellow-citizens, that I had merely given them the outline of my views) seems to have been misunderstood, and from various causes much misrepresented; I feel it a duty which I owe, not only to myself, but to my fellow-citizens who have been thus mistaken or misled; to give them a fair expose of what I thus intimated, and of what I conceive to be their present true political situation. I gave the data, to which I as an officer was bound to give faith; and to which my fellow-citizens have no right to take exceptions; for if they did, they would not believe though one should arise from the dead. I informed you that a crisis had arrived in the political affairs of Texas, which rendered her situation eminently dangerous; that her situation was peculiar to herself alone; that vigilant action on the part of her citizens was absolutely necessary; that she should be consulted by her representatives; that a separation from Coahuila was indispensable; that Texas must have a separate Government, without which her interests could not be sustained. In making all these representations, however, let it be remembered, that I recommended a strict adherence to the constitution which we had sworn to support, I desired nothing new; no innovation upon that instrument; but to come within our own limits, on tenable ground, and there sustain ourselves; from anarchy, and military misrule; under the auspices of that sacred instrument, which had been guaranteed to us by the General Government, as the fundamental law by which we should, by our own consent, be governed.

These are the general features of my official which has met with so much opposition and misconstruction. I now undertake to demonstrate to my fellow-citizens, that the grounds assumed by me are not only tenable, but also the only safe passport for Texas from anarchy and confusion; the only safe course left for her to evade collision, and final ruin; if I do not succeed in explaining and proving these things to the satisfaction of the most ordinary capacity, if I do not succeed in producing conviction in the most vindictive and prejudiced minds, who are all credulity or incredulity, as chance or circumstances may direct; I will then submit, however contrary to my better judgment, to remain quiet, and await events; submit myself to circumstances whatever may befall. I shall however, be under the full conviction that some lawless comet in her eccentric movements, has emitted into this unfortunate Republic a poisonous effluvia calculated to paralyze honesty, and produce confusion; that anarchy has become the order of the day, and rages throughout this Republic as an epidemic disease; that the premonitory symptoms have even reached the remote point called Texas; that the spasmodic affections have, in

### Administrators Notice.

I, will expose to sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the residence of Thomas Westall deceased, the following personal property belonging to the succession of Thomas and Sarah Westall deceased:—

- 3 Likely young Negro Men
- 1 Boy about 17 years of age
- 200 Head of Cattle, among which are 12 work steers, with a large proportion of Milch Cows,
- 3 American Horses
- 1 Likely gentle Mule
- 100 Head of Hogs
- 1 Ox Cart, 2 Whip Saws, 1 Patent Balance with Erame, several first quality Axes with Gears, Hoes, Axes, and other Farming utensils.
- Window Sashes containing about 100 Lights
- 1 Set of Black Smith's Tools
- 1 Rifle and 1 Shot Gun
- 1 Silver Watch, 1 Box of Silver Smith's Tools. Corn, Fodder and Potatoes.
- Household Furniture, consisting of Bedding, Tables, Chairs, Looking Glasses &c. &c.
- A Lot of Books among which are Nicholson's Encyclopedia.

Sale to commence on Thursday the 11th of December and continue until the whole is disposed of. Terms 6 Months credit for all sums over Twenty Dollars the purchaser giving a judicial bond with approved security.

JAMES. F. PERRY. Adm'r.

Likewise will be sold at the same time and place the following valuable negroes belonging to the succession of Thomas and Sarah Westall deceased.

- 4 Likely Boys from twelve to sixteen years of age.
- 1 Negro woman.
- 2 Girls, one nine years of age, the other fifteen.

Bids for one half the amount of Sales, of the above joint concern, will be required by the Administrators of the Estate of James Westall the other by that of Thomas and Sarah Westall dec'd.

JAMES. F. PERRY. Adm'r.

of Thos. Westall

J. G. M'NEEL, Adm'r of

Jas. M. Westall

Also a good American horse a gold watch a secretary desk and some Books &c.

J. G. M'NEEL adm'r of

Jas. M. Westall.

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### Notice.

WHEREAS Wm. P. Harris and Robert Wilson trading under the firm of Harris and Wilson and David Harris and Robert Wilson as administrators of the estate of John R. Harris deceased, made a surrender of all their property and that of said estate for the benefit of the creditors in one and the other case under conditions expressed in the act of surrender. The undersigned appointed Syndics, for the purpose of carrying into effect the stipulation contained in the surrender, in case the parties failed to make payment to their creditors within the time allowed them; and acting under the authority vested in them by the said parties in said act of surrender; as also acting under the authority granted to them the said Syndics by the decree of the honorable Judge of the first instance, citizen Robert Pebles, dated in the town of San Felipe de Austin, on the 1st day of the present month, hereby give public notice that they will proceed on the 1st day of January next, to sell at public sale at the town of Harrisburg to the highest bidder all the property real and personal belonging to the before mentioned parties, and surrendered by them in conformity with the schedule filed in the Alcalde's office in the town of Austin, on a credit of one and two years, the purchaser giving a judicial bond with approved security, and the real estate remaining mortgaged until final payment. The property will be divided into parcels or lots wherein its nature or locality will admit of proper division, so as to suit purchasers, and lists of the property will be ready on the day of sale. Speculators and others who may be desirous of becoming possessed of valuable lands and other real property, will find it their interest to attend the sale as it will be remembered that there is a very valuable steam Saw and Grist Mill to be sold, and several valuable and well timbered tracts of Land, lying contiguous on a navigable stream. The sale will commence on the day before mentioned at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. and continue until all the property shall be sold or enough thereof to cover the debts due by the parties. Titles will be made by the Syndics and approved by the parties to the surrender, at the expense of the purchaser.

Town of Austin, October 2nd, 1834

W. C. WHITE.

J. W. MOORE.

S. M. WILLIAMS.

} Syndics.

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JOB PRINTING,  
NEATLY DONE AT THIS OFFICE.

### Notice.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of John Austin, dec'd. will present them to the undersigned for settlement; and all those indebted to said estate, will make payment to him and no other  
j19-3 T. F. L. PARROTT.

### Notice.

THE undersigned wishes to close the late concern of Brigham & Richeson, all persons indebted to them, either by note or account, are requested to settle the same before the 20th of November next, by so doing will prevent cost.

A. BRIGHAM, surviving partner and Adm'r. Est. of E. Richeson dec'd.

October 15th, 1834.  
P. S.—Benjamin R Brigham is duly authorised to receive and receipt in my absence. A. B.

### Notice.

THE undersigned gives this public notice that he has been appointed Agent for the different Insurance Companies in the city of New-Orleans; and whereas, in order the insurers may be the more fully satisfied of the fairness of all losses that may hereafter happen here or on the adjacent coast, certificates of the Agent will be required before any loss will be paid. 5-1 EDMUND ANDREWS.

### Notice.

THE undersigned will give to settlers with or without a family, 640 Acres of Land out of each League for making a permanent settlement on 22 Leagues of Land in the Trinity colony, said land is situated on the waters of the River's Trinity and Natchez, the titles are two 11 League grants from the federal Government of Mexico, & located in the names of Isaac Stone & Lorenzo de Zavala. Plots & titles may be seen by reference to the proper office at Liberty said grants are also covered with the Title of Script of one of the New York and Galveston Bay Land company.

G. B. JAMESON,  
Agent for the Grantees.

### TOWN OF

## AUGUSTA.

THE most valuable portion of the league of land granted to H. H. League, and situate on the Colorado river about twenty five miles above Matagorda, is appropriated by the undersigned and present owner, as the site of this town. The locality and other advantages of this point on the river, for the establishment of a town, have induced the proprietor to appropriate several hundred acres for the accommodation of the public. The situation is contiguous to timber suitable for building, and has an unobstructed navigation to the lumber region above; it has an inexhaustible supply of excellent water, and the soil is equal to any in the country for gardening. The place has been settled for many years, and has been found as healthy as any on the river. It is on the great trading thoroughfare to the Interior of the country, and will be found a more eligible position than any other in American Texas, for concentrating the trade, and supplying the markets of the interior. As such, therefore, its peculiar position recommends it to the notice of the steady and enterprising portion of the community, and invites the attention of speculators & adventurers.

TERMS—A sale of lots will be opened at the dwelling house of the proprietor, on Wednesday the 24th of December next, and closed on the 29th of the same month. A credit of one, two and three years will be given to purchasers; requiring notes bearing eight per cent interest for the amount, retaining a lien on the property sold, till final payment.

THOMAS CAYCE.

Augusta, Nov. 10, 1834.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE Flour, salt, apples, potatoes champagne brandy, sugar, cheese, whiskey, soap, variegated do, butter, butter crackers, pilot bread, porter, ale, cavendish tobacco, gun powder tea, guns, holster pistols, one pr. spring balances, frying pans, saddles, and one superior prudence chess, two first rate spy glasses.

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EDMUND ANDREWS.

### PECANES FOR

202 ACRES of Peach and Cane Land on Caney Creek, five miles below R. H. Williams' gin, and two miles above Mr. Royall's gin, fifty acres under good new fence, twenty-five acres has been planted this year in cotton and corn. Two negro men acclimated to the country, also, 200 bushels of corn in the crib, 50 bushels sweet potatoes; a new framed dwelling-house 18-1-2 feet square—with several other out buildings suited to farming.— Possession would be given the first of January next— Apply to SAMUEL HOIT, on the premises.

P. S.—100 cows and calves delivered at one place on the west side of the Brazos river, not more than 100 miles from Matagorda, would be received in part payment, at the market price. 46-e

### DISSOLUTION.

THE partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the firm of Mims & Sharp, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and John Sharp remains charged with the concern and will continue business at the Exchange as usual.

JOHN SHARP,  
DAVIS R. MIMS.

Brazoria, Oct. 25-14.

THE subscriber informs the public that he has lately purchased from E. Andrews and R. Stevenson, and is now opening in the house adjoining the Brazoria hotel, the following articles:

Common and best sugars, pepper, alspice, indigo, rice, best chewing tobacco, playing cards, a lot of quicnsware, tin ware, glass, &c. bar and shaving soap, gunpowder tea, young hyson tea, rifle powder, cordials, syrups, cider, old whiskey, peach brandy, wines, Jamaica rum, French brandy, best Holland gin.

He hopes by strict attention to business to give satisfaction to such as may patronize this establishment.

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J. A. H. CLEVELAN

### Public Notice.

A public sale of lots in the town of Orozimbo, at the head of tide navigation on the Brazos River, Texas, will take place on the 25th of October next. Terms made known on the day of sale.

Persons wishing to purchase previous to that time, for the purpose of immediate improvement, can be accommodated.

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JAMES E. PHELPS.

### Public notice

PROPOSALS will be received from those desirous of undertaking the excavation of the CANAL to be opened from the head of Matagorda bay to Caney Bayou, at the dwelling house of Caleb R. Hostwick, Bay prairie; commencing on Saturday the 6th of December next, and the reception thereof continued from day to day, till a contract is closed.

The ground selected for the route of the canal is a timberless prairie, almost level, and is believed to be of a formation highly favourable for such an opening. The length of the canal to be 2812 feet, from the bank of the bay to that of the bayou, and to vary in depth from 5 feet 7 inches, to that of 7 feet, and 30 feet wide at the bottom, and to have a regular and uniform graduation thence to the top, or surface of the ground; making it navigable at all times for steam boats, and other water-crafts, drawing three and a half feet water.

The contract will be given to him, or them, who will perform the work on the most favorable terms, having due regard to the individual responsibility of the contractor, and to the time to be allowed for completing the excavation; requiring the undertaker to give good and approved security for the faithful, workman-like and acceptable performance of the undertaking, accompanied with a provision of forfeiture in damages, in the event of failure so to perform the same, to double the sum to be paid for the proposed work.

As all the inhabitants residing near Caney for several miles up, have already subscribed to the plan proposed for raising and applying the means necessary to defray the expense of this enterprise; no difficulty, it is presumed, will be experienced in procuring supplies of subsistence, whilst engaged in performing the excavation.

Any explanation necessary, or further particulars required, for a more perfect comprehension of the nature and extent of the proposed undertaking, will be freely given, and fully made known at the time of receiving proposals, and closing the contract.

Gentlemen desirous of viewing the ground of the canal route, previous to the time for receiving proposals, are requested to apply to Mr. G. W. White-side, living near the premises, who will pilot them to the spot.

R. R. ROYALL,  
TH. J. TONE,  
IRA INGRAM.

} Canal Comrs

N. B.—All persons owning land fronting upon or near Caney, and residing at a distance from it, are thus seasonably and respectfully solicited to aid in the prosecution of the proposed enterprise, forwarding written authority to Ira Ingram, secretary of the Board of commissioners, Matagorda, to subscribe for them.

The subscriber will give a reward of Five Dollars, to any one who will produce proof to convict the person or persons, who stole the rails of his fence in the precinct of Brazoria.

JOHN W. CLOUD,