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James B. Bailey et al. to Commandant of Lavaca, June 27, 1832

Military Commandancy of the

Establishment of Lavaca.

June 27, 1832.

Dear Sir: I have just returned from the mouth of the river, and last night the Spanish fort was attacked by the Americans, a little before midnight, continuing an incessant fire until half an hour after sunrise this morning. There were nine killed of both sides and a number wounded on our part, and among them was Pevhocise in his shoulder and leg, and Boat-right in the leg, and Robertson the Consees, and M. J. Hinde, the brickmaker, and Buckmen, of whom we know and suppose to the number of ten; although we would have taken possession of the fort, if a tremendous rain had not fallen this morning, such as I had never experienced, which caused our retirement, but our artillery is about one hundred fifty yards from the fort on the steamer Brazoria. It is armed with cannon and men, and the enemy is supposed to be almost without munitions, and almost yet of provisions, and there is there now a number of men ready for commencing another attack; and indeed would have about fifteen men for fresh recruits; the thing would be able complete the taking of the fort without the loss of a drop of blood; and I would estimate that it would be effectuated in about an hour, now that it has proceeded thus far; and I would have great pleasure if you will join us in the cause, and recruit all those that would be possible today. Sir Huart and Andrew Robert and others with whom you have considerable influence whom I desire, would have no objections to going out in the defense of the cause of their country, and of avenging

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the blood of its inhabitants, because already the stain has been received, and all are in the same contingency, because if one falls the other necessarily has to fall; and if you think you will be able to come, make it known to me by the bearer, because I am under promise of being there on the 28th inst, and I certainly expect that all the men from here to Brazoria will go out, because now is the time, or never, for cutting off all communications with them and with others. I shall expect you, and will order my wagon, in order that the wounded men may be brought from there in the morning. I am with you, as always your neighbor full of respect.

James B. Bailey.

Sar David Shslvi.

It is a faithful and true transpation from its original, made by me this the 29th day of June, 1832. Jose M. J. Carvajal, Secretary Interpreter.

It is a copy. Guadalupe, July 2, 1832. Aniseto Arteaga.

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