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SAME SUBJECT.

The Political Chief of Bexar, to the Commander of the Military Station of Lavaca.

Fort Velasco, at the mouth of the River Brazos, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Don Domingo de Ugartachea, has been attacked by a party of one hundred men, more or less of this Colony. The attack commenced in the night of the 26th instant and lasted until the following morning, as you will perceive from the accompanying translation of a letter received here yesterday evening, the tenor of which was confirmed by two men who arrived a short time afterwards from the town of Brazoria.

It is apprehended that Lieutenant Colonel Ugartachea and the garrison of Velasco are in a rather critical situation if, as it is reported, they are short of provisions and ammunition. I have met here with great difficulties in assembling and organizing the militia, and came with a small escort, mortified at being unable to assist Colonel Ugartachea. I have thought it proper to acquaint you with his situation, so that in case you should receive orders to move with the troops under your command to this Colony you would proceed by the shortest road to Fort Velasco. The population of the section of the country over which you would have to pass, entertain good feelings toward the Government, so far as I know from information, and the manifestations made to me in their name. If you are unable to give early assistance to the garrison of Velasco, I hope that you will forward without loss of

time this communication to your immediate commanding Officer to enable him to take such measures as are demanded by the perilous situation of that fort, and its garrison.

God and Liberty. Town of Austin, June 30th, 1832.

Ramon Musquiz.

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