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The Political Chief of Texas to the Military Commander of Lavaca. *Musquiz to Arteaga*

My communication to you of the 30th ult. referred to my apprehensions in regard to the situation of the Commander of Fort Velasco, in consequence of the unequal contest, gallantly fought by him on the night of the 25th and morning of the 27th. I consider it to be my duty to state to you that on yesterday evening I received reliable information such as leaves no room for doubt that Lieutenant Colonel Domingo de Ugartechea, having exhausted his artillery ammunition, a very small quantity of musket cartridges only being left, and seeing also his force reduced to seventy men, was compelled to capitulate with the rebels, on condition of evacuating the fort, his troops taking with them their arms and ammunition. The capitulation was carried into effect, and as I understand, the Col. is in the vicinity of the fort, deprived of the means of transportation by sea to Matamoras, as had been stipulated in the articles of capitulation, and unable to find transportation overland to proceed to some one of the nearest military posts.

We had on our part 5 men killed in the action and 15 wounded, who were transported to Brazoria for surgical attention, the loss of the Americans as far as could be ascertained, is 7 dead and 14 wounded.

I request you to forward by express as speedily as possible the enclosed cover to the Military Commander of the Department, and to cause the bearer of this communication to

return forthwith.

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God and Liberty. Austin July 24, 1832.

Ramon Musquiz.

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