**Samuel May Williams Collection, Manuscript 23-0482**

**Transcription (English)**

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**Letter from John Austin to Thomas Barnett, 24-Nov-1830**

**(copy by Thomas Barnett, sent to Samuel May Williams, 29-Nov-1830)**

Town of (*San Felipe de*) Austin Nov. 29th 1830

Samuel M. Williams Comisario of the Port of Galveston

I have just recd (received) a letter from John Austin, Comisario de Policio of the Precint of Victoria, which reads as follows

“There is a rumor in circulation here that a few days ago since in my absence from this place that the Store house that contains the Tobacco seized from the Schooner Cannon was broke open there appears from the outside of the building no breach and as I have no means of ascertaining what has been done or the truth of the Report as Mr. George Fisher took the Keys from this place when he left, I take this opportunity to give you this information that you can give such directions as you may think proper on the subject.

Respectfully Yours,

John Austin

Comisario”

All of which I send you for your information & in order that you may take such steps in the case as you may deem proper.

Thomas Barnett

Alcalde

N. B. The letter from the comisario of Victoria is dated at Brazoria Nov. 24th 1830.

Thomas Barnett

Alcalde

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