

William Barret Travis's Letter From the Alamo, 1836

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Send this to San Felipe by Express

night & day

To

The People of Texas

and

All Americans

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Commandancy of the Alamo—

Bejar, Fby. 24th 1836—

To the People of Texas &

all Americans in the world—

Fellow citizens & compatriots—

I am besieged, by a thousand

or more of the Mexicans under

Santa Anna—I have sustained

a continual Bombardment &

cannonade for 24 hours & have

not lost a man—The enemy

has demanded a surrender at

discretion, otherwise, the garrison

are to be put to the sword, if

the fort is taken—I have answered  
the demand with a cannon  
shot, & our flag still waves  
proudly from the walls—I  
shall never surrender or retreat  
Then, I call on you in the  
name of Liberty, of patriotism &  
& every thing dear to the American  
character, to come to our aid,

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with all dispatch—The enemy is  
receiving reinforcements daily &  
will no doubt increase to three or  
four thousand in four or five days.  
If this call is neglected, I am deter-  
mined to sustain myself as long as  
possible & die like a soldier  
who never forgets what is due to  
his own honor & that of his  
country—Victory or Death

William Barret Travis

Lt. Col. comdt

P.S. The Lord is on our side—

When the enemy appeared in sight  
we had not three bushels of corn—  
We have since found in deserted  
houses 80 or 90 bushels & got into  
the walls 20 or 30 head of Beeves—

Travis

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Since the above was written I heard a very heavy  
Cannonade during the whole day think there must  
have been an attack made upon the alamo We were  
short of ammuniton when I left Hurry on all

the men you can in haste

When I left there was

but 150 determined to

do or die tomorrow I leave

for Bejar with what men I can

raise [copy here illegible]

at all events—

Col. Almonte is there the troops are

under the Command of Gen. Seisma

Albert Martin

[printed sideways]

Nb I hope that Every

One will Rondevu at  
gonzales as soon poseble  
as the Brave Solders are  
suffering do not neglect this  
powder is very scarce  
and should not be delad  
one moment

L. Smither