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THE PATRIARCH HAS LEFT US.

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*WE perform a most painful duty in announcing the death of GENERAL STEPHEN F. AUSTIN, who departed this life, yesterday, at half-past 12 o'clock, P. M. at the house of judge McKinstry. His friends and relations have sustained an irreparable loss; his country, just merging into existence, the best and tenderest of fathers; the sons and daughters of Texas have now full cause for mourning, with one solitary consolation, that they will meet the just man above.*

*His remains will leave for Peach Point, for interment, at twelve o'clock to-day.*

Columbia, December 28, 1836.

P. S. The steamboat having arrived, the remains of General Austin will be removed from judge McKinstry's at eight o'clock to-morrow morning, to the steamboat, at Columbia Landing, and not to-day, as above stated.

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