

San Felipe de Austin April 20 1835

J. F. Learning Esq.

Dear Sir,

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Should it be refused, I think it will be the greatest error that the Mexican govt. have ever committed - Texas is now able to sustain a State Govt. and cannot do any longer without one, & a refusal will inevitably produce a violent agitation here of some kind and an unprofitable & troublesome one for Mexico - Foreign policy clearly says that Texas ought to be separated from

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Congress thereof for its resolution - so that
we are acting under the shield of the law
and with its express sanction, in
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once - we shall have a regular and
good Govt. & this country as a state of
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one of the most valuable members
of the confederacy - we have no
Govt. now that deserves the name of
one, & a refusal to give us one will
be bad policy - very bad indeed -

I will write to you from the city of Mexico,
my respects to your mother & also my sisters -
my sister & family are all well, as were
a few days ago - they live near the coast
below this -

I thank you sincerely for your kind attention
to our interests in presenting the law suit
and hope it may happily terminate
Shove's sister lives at Matamoros at
the mouth of Colorado. I saw him yesterday
his family are all well & I think he

will do very well in this country and
after we get regulated in our gov. a little what
he will prosper I think just - as I have
no doubt all will who are industrious &
attentive to business

Respectfully your friend and
relative

J. F. Austin

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safety of the union, tho. I hope it is
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believe it will adhere together longer
than that -

J. F. A.

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Mr. Thos. F. Leaming

Philadelphia



G. S. Austin
of N. H. 1833

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San Felipe de Austin
April 20, 1833

T. J. Leming, Esqr.

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Stephen F. Austin letter
San Felipe de Austin
April 20, 1833

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*(See: Street # 35. Broadside of SFA
Street # 41)*