

Transcription of Thomas Rees' letter from Fort Defiance

Fort Defiance Lamberda Texas March 8th 1836

Dear Sir I avail myself of the opportunity of addressing you a few lines to let you know that I am well & hearty I am at this time stationed at Lamberda on the St. Antonio river the enemy is at hand we expect to be attacked every hour they have arrived ~~of the enemy~~ at St. Antonio six thousand troops & have been fighting the Americans troops for the last fifteen days we received an Express this evening that the Americans have not had a man killed & only three slightly wounded there is about two hundred that has possession of the Fort & will keep possession of it if their ammunition holds out till they can be reinforced the citizens of Texas is turning out to a man the Mexicans has got possession of Sanpertrisiko & are concentrating their troops & fortifying that place Colⁿ Johnson with about twenty men was attacked at that place in the night and only four or five made their escape and John Love was one of the men Doctor Hart that lived Doc^t Brodnax was seen to fall in the street & has not been heard of since Rubin Brown & Colⁿ Grant with about thirty men was attacked in an open place & both of them fell and all of their men that was not killed was taken prisoners I have not time to write you the particulars I wish you to attend to my business & not let my family want for anything till I return state to my wife that I am well & was going to write to you I send the letters with this since I have been writing this letter they have been an Express received that one thousand Mexicans has landed at [?] creek in nine miles of us and there is no doubt but what we shall be attacked before day they have four cannon with them I have no time to write more you shall hear from me by every opportunity

This letter is sent with
a Express

Thos^s. B. Rees

N.B. the Express received to night from the scare it caused ~~it could~~ by all probability is not true but we are preparing for [?] there --- Texas has declared Independence ----- Thos^s. B. Rees