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HEADQUARTERS SUB MIL. DIST. OF RIO GRANDE. }
SAN ANTONIO, APRIL 8TH, 1862. }

FELLOW-SOLDIERS OF THE 1ST REGIMENT TEXAS MOUNTED RIFLEMEN:
Your country needs your services longer. Shall she have them: is the question for you to decide. Will you respond to her second call upon you as promptly and nobly as you did to the first; or will you leave her ranks in the midst of her darkest hour of trial? My own heart answers for you, that you will not abandon her flag at this hour, and that you will re-enlist immediately. Should you do so, your term of service will be for two years from the expiration of your present term of twelve months'. You will be continued as mounted Riflemen, and be permitted to retain the arms you now have, and each non-commissioned officer and soldier will be entitled to \$50 bounty, and a furlough not to exceed 60 days, to be regulated by circumstances. Should enough men re-enlist in each company to authorize it to re-organize, and enough companies re-organiz: to form a regiment, or battalion, you will have the right to elect all your commissioned officers. Having served with them twelve months' you ought to make good selections. The War Department declines to give the guarantee that I asked for the regiment, (which was, that it should not be kept on the frontier, but be permitted to go into the field where fighting will be done,) but says, that its services may be required in another section of the country. The State regiment will be kept on the frontier, which will be sufficient for its protection, while they act on the defensive, which is necessary, at least while the war continues. Hence, it is my opinion, that the regiment to which you belong will not be needed there, and of course, will not be kept where their services are not necessary. It is reported, and believed, that I have been appointed Brigadier-General. If so, I hope to go where there is a foe to meet upon the battle field, and if so permitted, and you are in the service, I shall ask the Government to let you go with me as a portion of my permanent brigade. We commenced together, among the very first soldiers in

this war. My heart, soul, body, home, wife, children *all are in it*. The blood of my brother, who was to me the dearest being on earth, has been shed in it, and I intend to remain in it until peace is made, or, like that brother, fall in the defense of my country. I call upon you, as my companions in arms, to remain in the service with me, until we see our enemies vanquished and our country free. Our cause is just; and if we will do our duty God will give us success. Not being able to be with you, Lieutenant-Colonel Frost is entrusted with the re-enlistment and re-organization of the troops. He understands his duty, and will do it firmly and kindly, under the Orders from the War Department.

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Col. 1st Regt. T. M. Rifles, C. S. P. Army.

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