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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **William B. Travis Letter Returns to the Alamo From February 23 - March 24, 2024**

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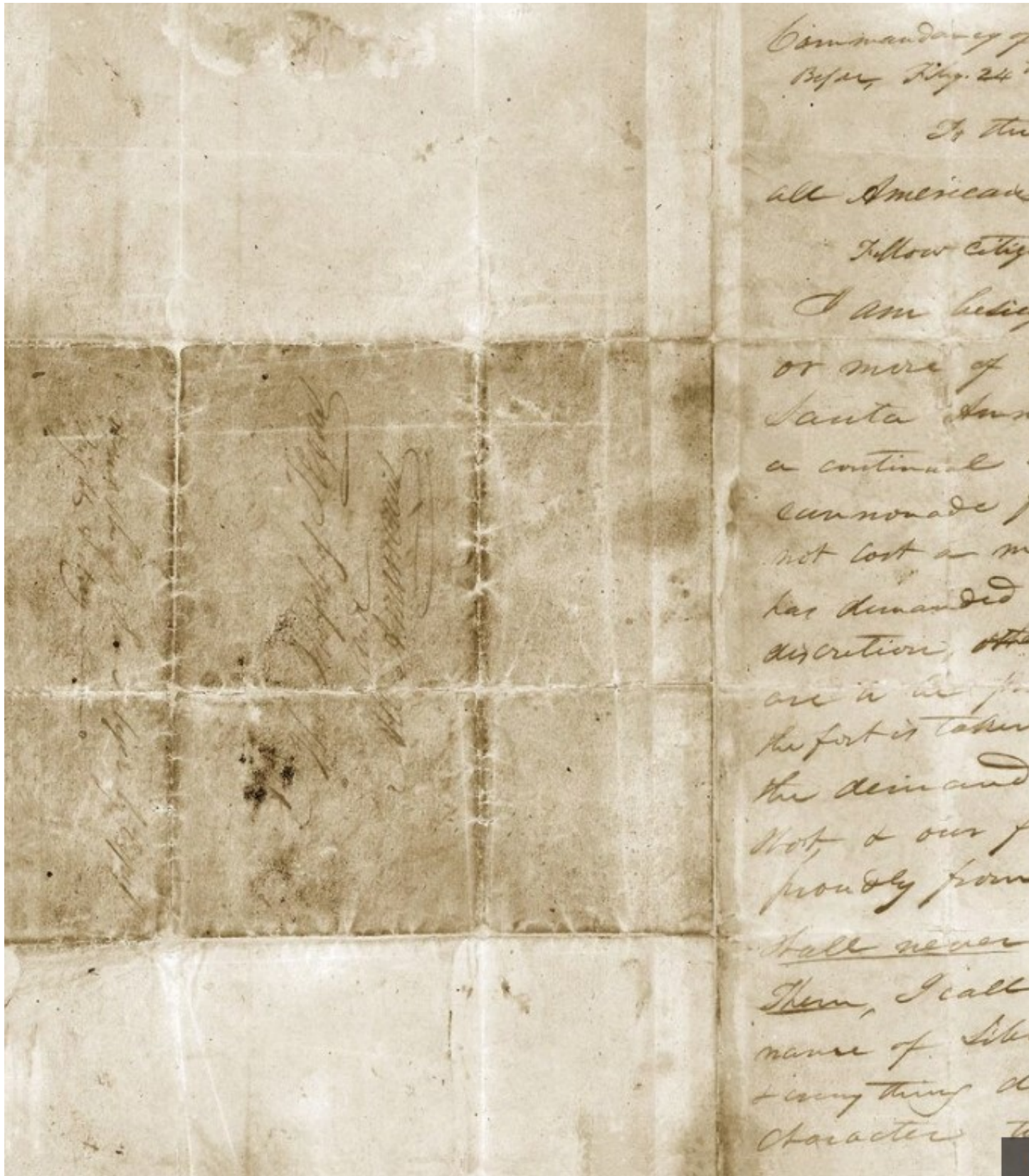
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AUSTIN — Today, Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham M.D. encouraged Texans to view the original Travis Letter written by William B. Travis at the Alamo. He addressed his letter "To the People of Texas and All Americans in the World" and passionately pleaded for aid for the Alamo garrison.

This incredible piece of Texan and American history will be displayed at the Alamo Exhibit at the Ralston Family Collections Center from February 23 through March 24, 2024. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has loaned the Travis Letter to the Alamo.

"I'm thrilled to announce the return of the historic letter by William B. Travis to the Alamo. This marks only its second display since the original battle in 1836. It's an honor to play such a significant part in sharing this iconic piece of history with the world," said Commissioner Buckingham. "This unique exhibit will allow Texans and people from across the nation to experience an iconic part of Texas and American history. For over 180 years, the Travis Letter has helped tell the story of the Alamo defenders who courageously faced insurmountable odds in the name of freedom."

Don't miss your chance to experience this historic letter that traveled with the Texas Department of Public Safety from Austin to the Alamo, where William B. Travis courageously proclaimed "Victory or Death" for himself and the other Alamo defenders.



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William B. Travis Letter (February 24, 1836)

with all despatch - The enemy is  
receiving reinforcements daily &  
with 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

St. Cal. Comdr

When the Lord is considered  
When the enemy appeared in sight  
we had but three bushels of corn -  
we have since found in deserted  
places 80 or 90 bushels & got into  
the walls 20 or 30 head of Beavers -

Travis

Since the above  
Cannonade during the  
have been an absolute  
short of Ammunition  
the men go on  
When I left here was  
but 130 & determined to  
die or die tomorrow  
for a fight with what men  
remain here with  
at all events

Col Alvarado is there  
under the command of

It is hoped that the Army  
will be in a position to

William Barret Travis letter from the Alamo, February 24, 1836, Archives and Information Services Division, Texas State Library and Archives Commission

William B. Travis Letter (February 24, 1836)

Learn more about this exhibit and how to enjoy daily free admission and expedited entry by visiting [TheAlamo.org](http://TheAlamo.org).