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

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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.

Commanding
Refuge, Feb. 24
To the
all American
Follow City
I am besieged
or more of
Santa Anna
a continual
cannonade
not lost a man
has demanded
discretion, other
are in the fort
the fort is taken
the demand
shot, & our
proudly from
Hall never
Then, I call
name of Liberty
& every thing of
Character to

William B. Travis Letter (February 24, 1836)

with all dispatch - 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. comdt

P.S. The Lord is on our side -
When the enemy appeared in sight
we had but three barrels of corn -
We have since found in deserted
houses 80 or 90 bushels & got into
the walls 20 or 30 head of beef -

Travis

Since the above
Caucasade 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 able to enclose it

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.