

## **Orders from Santa Anna to General Vicente Filisola**

No. 1, Army of Operations, Coast Division, Under my Command

Having yesterday evening had an unfortunate encounter, I have resolved to remain as prisoner of war in the hands of the enemy, after having taken every precaution, I therefore order that your excellency will cause the division under the command of General Gaona, to counter march to Bexar, where he will wait for orders. Your excellency will also return to the same place, and order General Urrea, with his division, to Guadalupe Victoria. I have agreed on an armistice with General Houston, interim, until we can agree upon the terms of a lasting peace; your excellency will take such measures as may be necessary for the subsistence of the army which will remain under your command, the money that has arrived at Matamoras, and the provision at that place, and those at Victoria, will be subject to your orders; also the twenty thousand dollars that may be in the treasury, are to be taken from Bexar. I trust that your excellency will, without fail, comply with these dispositions; advising me of the same by return of the courier, as also if any should oppose its accomplishment.

God and Liberty, camp of San Jacinto, April 22, 1836  
Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna

No. 2, Army of Operations

Excellent Sir,

In as much as I have ordered your excellency by official note of today that you cause the troops to retire to Bexar and Guadalupe Victoria, I charge you to instruct the Commandants of the several divisions, not to permit any damage done to the property of the Inhabitants of the country, hoping that these dispositions will be punctually complied with.

God and Liberty, camp of San Jacinto, April 22, 1836  
Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna

No. 3, Army of Operations

Excellent Sir,

You will immediately order the Military commandant at Goliad, to put all the prisoners made at Goliad, at liberty and send them forthwith to San Felipe de Austin, and for which purpose your Excellency will dictate such Orders as may be conducive to the object.

God and Liberty, camp of San Jacinto, April 22, 1836  
Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna

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