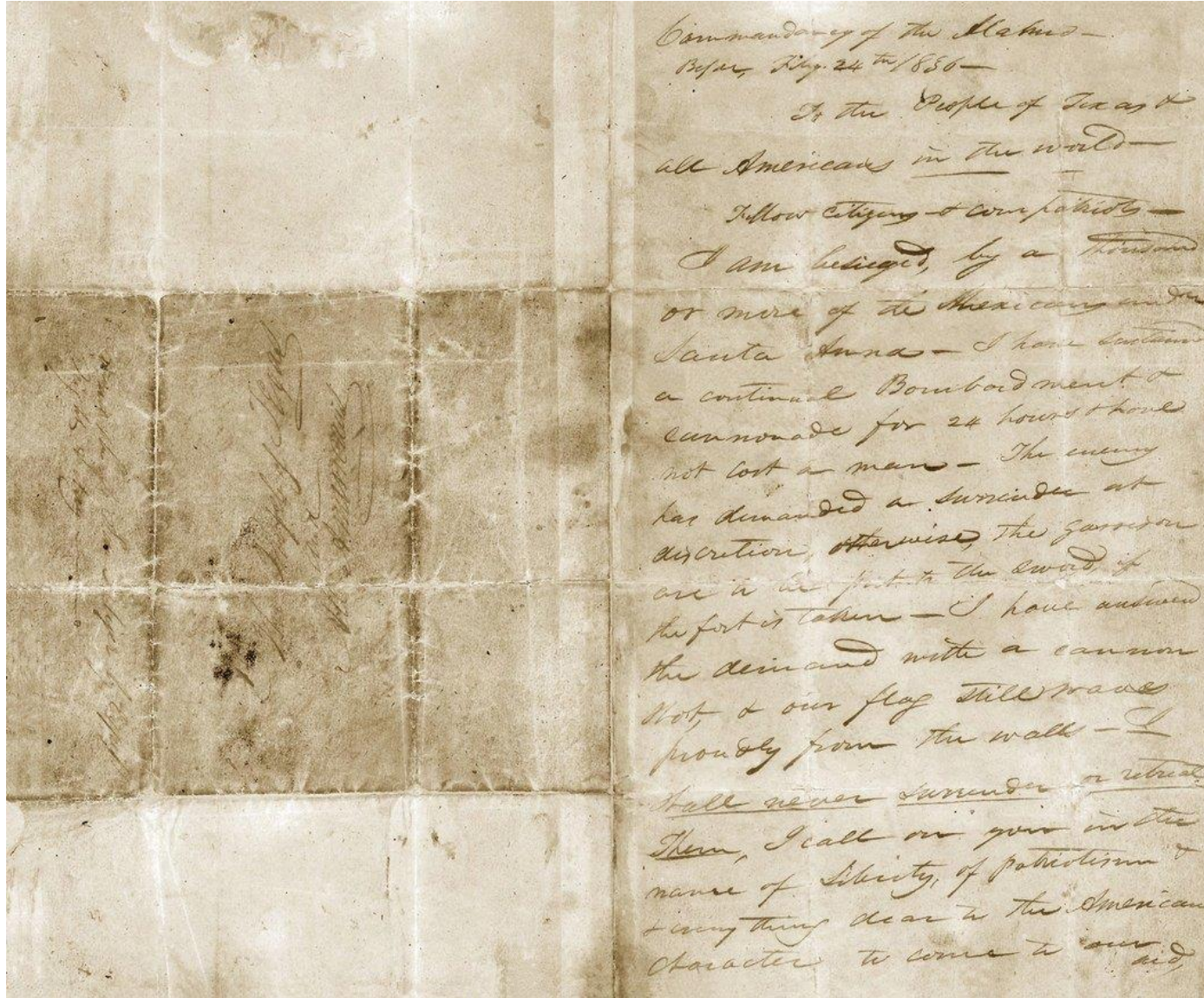


LETTRE DITE DE FORT ALAMO, TEXAS - COMMANDANT DU TEXAS, WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS, 24 FEVRIER 1836



COMMANDANCY OF THE THE ALAMO - BEJAR, FEBY.
24TH. 1836

To the People of Texas &
All Americans in the World —

Fellow Citizens & compatriots —

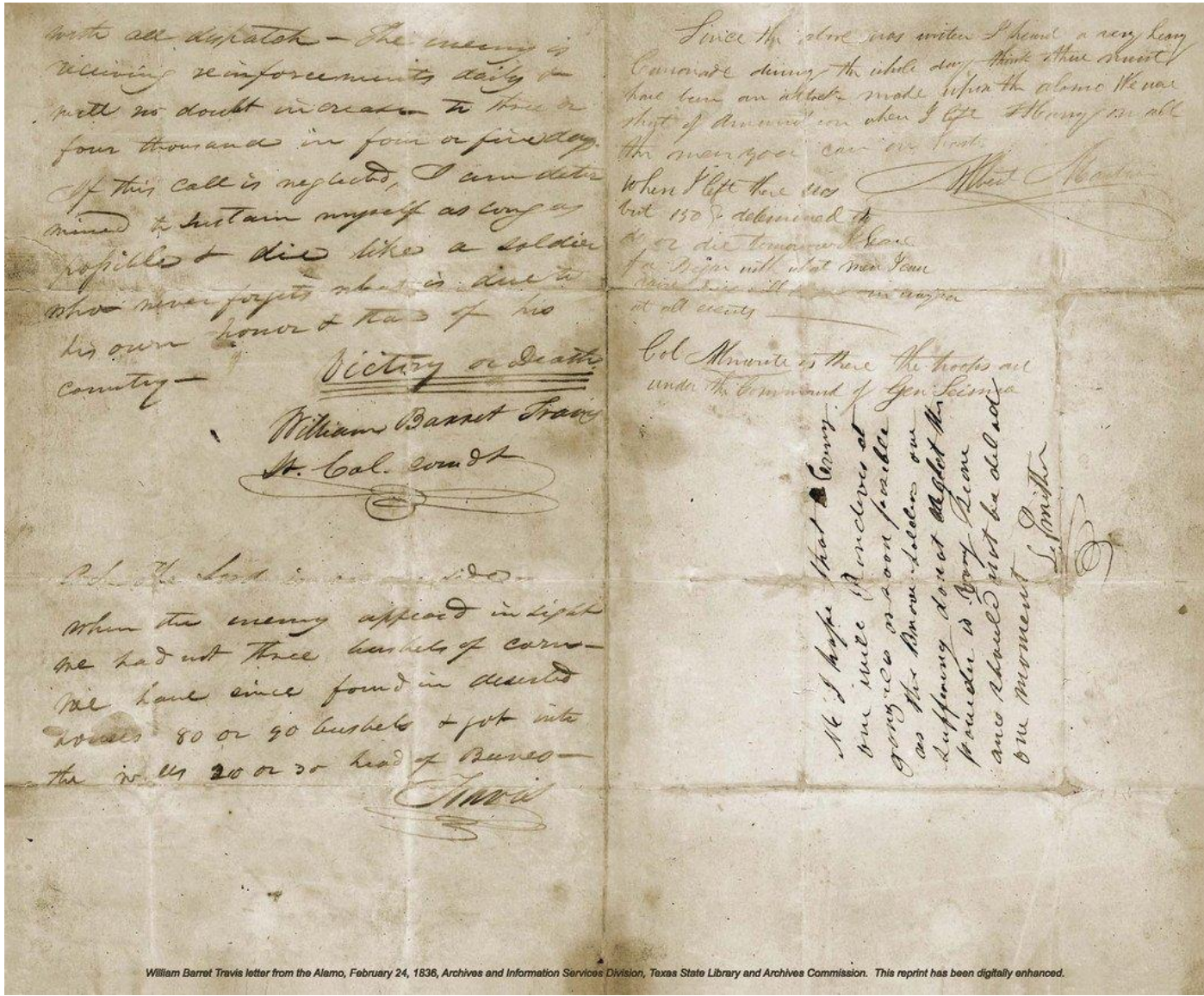
I am besieged, by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna — I have sustained a continual Bombardment & cannonade for 24 hours & have not lost a man — The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken — I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, & our flag still waves proudly from the walls — I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid,

COMMANDEMENT DE L'ALAMO - BEJAR, FEBY. 24. 1836

Au peuple du Texas et
Tous les Américains dans le monde —

Concitoyens et compatriotes —

Je suis assiégé, par un millier ou plus de Mexicains sous Santa Anna — j'ai subi un bombardement continu et une canonade pendant 24 heures et n'ai pas perdu un homme — L'ennemi a exigé une reddition à sa discrétion, sinon, la garnison doit être mise à l'épée, si le fort est pris — J'ai répondu à la demande avec un coup de canon, et notre drapeau fait encore fièrement des vagues sur les murs — je ne me rendrai jamais ni ne reculerai. Alors, je vous appelle au nom de la Liberté, du patriotisme et de tout ce qui est cher au personnage américain, à venir à notre secours,



wrote 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 Barrett Travis
Lt. Col. comdt

When the Lord is on our side
we had not three bushels of corn -
We have since found in deserted
houses 80 or 90 bushels & got into
the walls 20 or 30 head of Bees.

Travis

Since the above was written I should a very heavy
Canonade during the whole day - think there must
have been an attack made upon the Alamo the near
shot of Cannon can be seen I left the Army in all
the morning can see our fort.
When I left there was
but 150 & determined to
live or die tomorrow have
for dinner with what men I can
have been with me in my
at all events

Col. Almonte is there the troops are
under the command of Gen. Sevier

At I hope that
our little Army at
Gonzales or soon farther
as the Snow-birds are
suffering don't forget the
provision is very poor
and should not be allowed
our moment

L. Smith

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P. S. The Lord is on our side — When the enemy appeared
in sight we had not three bushels of corn — We have
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Travis

avec toute la diligence — L'ennemi reçoit des renforts
tous les jours et passera sans aucun doute à trois ou
quatre mille en quatre ou cinq jours. Si cet appel est
négligé, je suis déterminé à me soutenir le plus
longtemps possible & mourir comme un soldat qui
n'oublie jamais ce qui est dû à son propre honneur & à
celui de son pays. ---

La Victoire ou la Mort.
William Barrett Travis
Lieutenant-colonel comdt.

P. S. Le Seigneur est de notre côté — Quand l'ennemi
est apparu en vue, nous n'avions pas trois boisseaux de
maïs — Nous avons depuis trouvé dans des maisons
désertes 80 ou 90 boisseaux et nous sommes entrés
dans les murs 20 ou 30 têtes de Bees.

Travis