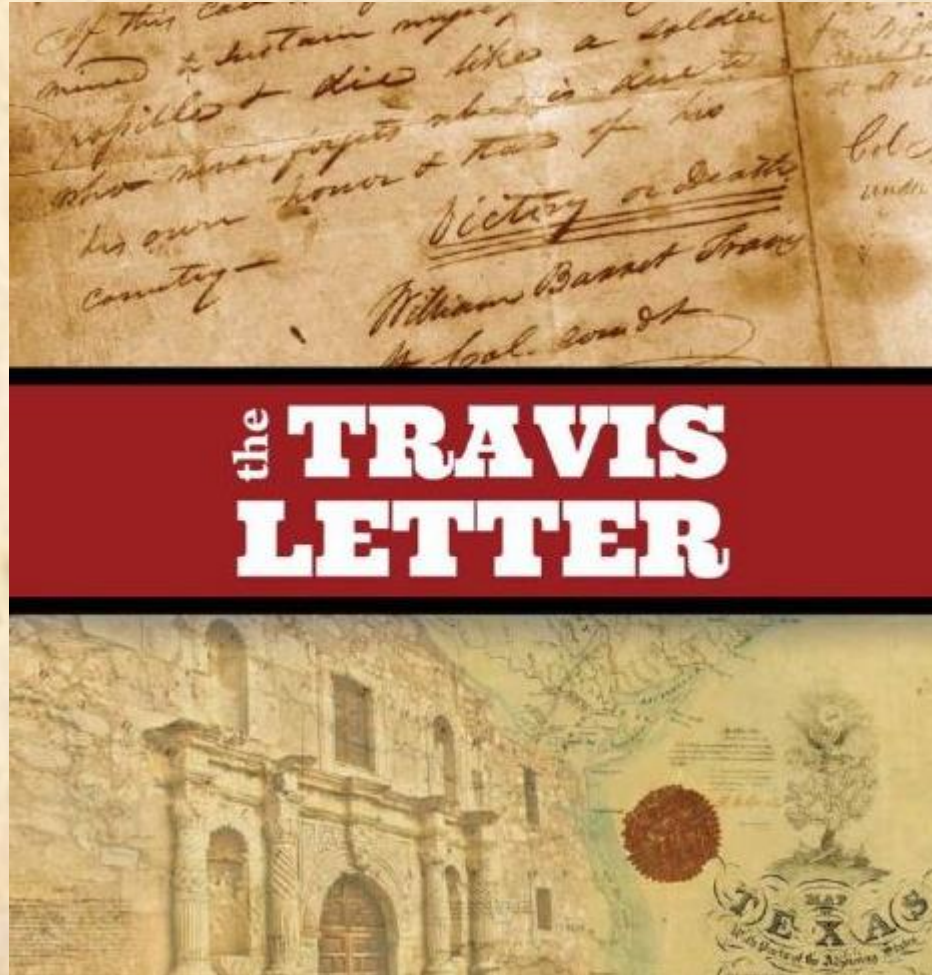


Feb

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Day 2



Night - Travis' appeal for troops is sent



Send this to San Felipe by Express
night & day

To
The People of Texas
and
All Americans

Commandancy of the Alamo
San Felipe, Tex 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. I have answered
the demand with a cannon
shot, & our flag still waves
proudly from the wall. I
shall never surrender or retreat.
Then, I call on you in the
name of Liberty, of patriotism &
every thing dear to the American
Character, to come to our aid,

Commandancy of the Alamo—
Bejar, Fby. 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 &
every thing dear to the American
character, to come to our aid,

with all dispatch—
 The enemy is receiving
 reinforcements daily & will 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 Basset Travis
 Lt. Col. comd

When the enemy appeared in sight
 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 Beeves—
 Travis

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 reinforcements daily & will no doubt
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It is hoped that the enemy
 will be driven at
 once or a good portion
 as the news is that our
 suffering does not slight the
 frontier is very thin
 and should not be delayed
 one moment
 J. Smith

Since the above was written I heard a very heavy
 Cannonade during the whole day think there must
 have been an attack made upon the alamo We were
 short of ammunition when I left Hurry on all
 the men you can in haste
 When I left there was
 but 150 determined to
 do or die tomorrow I leave
 for Bejar with what men I can
 raise [copy here illegible]
 at all events—
 Col. Almonte is there the troops are
 under the Command of Gen. Seisma
 Albert Martin