



Texas Navy Association

Historical Article



Galveston Bay, July 21.

Sir: I arrived here on the 17th, after a passage of four days, and was convoyed down by the Independence, com. Hawkins, off the bar of Galveston. I saw the Texian schooner Brutus and brig Durango. I could not learn that the Mexicans had a single armed vessel at sea; the schooners Invincible, captain Brown, and Terrible, (formerly the Union), captain Allen, have gone on a cruise along the coast of Mexico. The Mexican army (about 3,000) are still at San Patricio, 125 miles from Victoria, where they concentrated after the battle of San Jacinto: they have made no movement since. It is reported that 500 troops are at Matamoras; but as they apprehend an attack on that place by the Texian army, they are somewhat certain to remain there. Our army (200 infantry and 500 cavalry) are at Victoria: the cavalry made an excursion a few days ago to the immediate vicinity of the Mexican encampment, and brought off a few prisoners. The cabinet is at Velasco, but expect to remove to Matagorda. Santa Ana and Almonte are yet at Columbia, with the army; and rumor has it that Santa Ana is to be tried. Gen. Coss and the other officers are at Galveston island. It is supposed that our army will, in three weeks, amount to 3,500 men. Col. Crockett's nephew has just arrived here; he left the colonel's son, with 200 men, a short distance from the army. As soon as the reinforcements now on their way arrive, it is expected they, with the troops here, will march to and attack Matamoras.

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