

Proceedings of a meeting of the Citizens of Galveston held at the Merchants Exchange on Tuesday evening the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1842

The meeting was called to order by Col James Love and on motion John S. Lydner Esq was called to the chair and George B. Jones appointed Secretary. The meeting being organized, the following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by Col Love and unanimously adopted

Whereas Mexico, by her recent invasion of our territory has exhibited a determination to revive the war suspended, and by this act has inflicted disaster and ruin upon our Western frontier the frequent <sup>and continuous</sup> repetition of which with all its ruinous consequences, we cannot but anticipate, and whereas many of our bravest citizens, seduced by characteristic perfidy into her power are now the subjects of a most degrading tyranny, and whereas all immigration, commerce, and business of every kind have been suspended and must remain so until quietude and security is given to the country; and inasmuch as the present condition of Mexico, renders her at this time peculiarly vulnerable and defenceless, and our brethren of the United States, feeling the kindest interest in our struggle are waiting only to see the proper spirit and determination exhibited by ourselves, to furnish us prompt and efficient aid. Therefore

Resolved, that we the citizens of Galveston tender to the Executive our prompt and united support in every measure based upon the prosecution of immediate war upon Mexico, regarding that as the only means by which to effect the liberation of our countrymen, and the acknowledgment of our Independence,

Resolved that we have heard with the highest gratification that it is the intention of the President, to take measures for

the immediate invasion of Mexico, that we believe such a course will secure the united support of the patriotism and intelligence of the country.

Resolved that harmony and concert between the people and the government we deem vitally important, and that we claim the right to express our feelings and opinions as to the policy of the Government, we pledge ourselves to discountenance all factions, opposition calculated to embarrass its operations, at a time like the present in union alone is safety.

Resolved, that we know and lament the impoverished condition of our national treasury, but believe that Government may rely with confidence upon the individual liberality of our citizens, and when their patriotic spirit at all times alive, but now aroused and excited by the conviction that our very existence, <sup>as a nation</sup> depends upon prompt and efficient action.

Resolved that we tender to the brave volunteers who have arrived in Texas our heartfelt thanks, for the disinterested generosity they have shown in coming to our aid in the hour of peril, that their noble generosity deserves and will have the lasting gratitude of a free, warlike, for independence, and principles dear to every freeman throughout the world.

Resolved that we deeply sympathize with the people of the west in the deplorable condition to which they have been reduced by the incursion of the enemy, and we tender to them our hearty cooperation at any time to chastise the foe and avenge their wrongs.



On Motion the Honble Judge Lefevre, Judge Sack, Messrs  
Morris, Brewster and Paul Davis were appointed a committee  
to wait on and communicate to the President the proceedings  
of this meeting

On Motion adjourned

J. G. Giddens  
Chairman

George B. Ames

Secretary

Received of the Treasurer  
the sum of \$100.00  
April 5th, 1845

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