

Texian army Camp Preston April 13th 1837

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tions grazing over the prairy the land
is level and high and fanned by the bre-
zes either from the gulf or the mountains
The air is so pure here that meat can
be preserved for weeks without putrefy

dead carcasses lay sometimes for months
without smelling offensive

The country is interspersed with a great many
beautiful rivers and smaller streams.
Should Texas succeed in maintaining her
independence which I have now doubt but
she will I expect to make it my future home.

The great distance which divides us makes me
the more anxious to see you all. If I am
fortunate I expect to see you in about twelve
months. Tell the boys that this is the
country for them. I hope wish you to write
to James whenever he is and tell him
that I am very anxious to hear from him
and that I wish him to write to me im-
mediately and I hope that you will write
to me often you will have to pay the
postage to new orleans

Nothing more at present

I remain your unworthy and
affectionate Son Subnanant S. C. Bright

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