

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Today in Texas history

William Barret Travis Pens His Famous Letter from the Alamo

By Bandera Spirits of Texas

*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, 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  
determined 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 Barret Travis.*

*Lt. Col. comdt.*

*P. S. The Lord is on our side — When the enemy appeared in sight we had not three bushels of corn — We have since found in deserted houses 80 or 90 bushels and got into the walls 20 or 30 head of Beeves.*

*Travis*