

St Augustine Texas June 11 1836

My Dear Son & Daughter This is the first time  
I have had an opportunity to write to you since  
commence I am now blessed with excellent health  
and am in high spirits although I have had  
difficulties to encounter I have got thro' all safe  
and have been received with every body with  
the open arm of friendship I am hailed with  
a hearty welcome to this country a dinner of  
party of Ladies have honored me with an invitation  
to participate with them both at ~~St Augustine~~  
and this place the cannon was fired honoring my  
arrival and I must say as to what I have seen of  
Texas it is the garden spot of the world the best land  
and the best prospect for health I ever saw is here  
and I do believe it is a fortune to any man to come here  
there is a world of country to settle it is not required  
here to pay down for your land League of Land  
every man is entitled to his head right of 4000-4288  
acres they may make the money to pay for it off the  
Land I expect in all probability to settle on the  
Bodark or Choctaw Bayou of Red River that  
I have no doubt is the richest country in the world  
good Land and plenty of timber and the best  
springs and good mill streams good range clean  
water and ever appearance of good health and  
game plenty It is <sup>in</sup> the pass where the Buffalo  
passes from north to south and Cattle twice a  
year and bees and honey plenty I have a great  
hope of getting the agency to settle that country  
and I would be glad to see every friend I have  
settled there It would be a fortune to them all  
I have taken the oath of the Government



I have enrolled my name as a volunteer for  
the and will set out for the Rio Grand  
in a few days with the volunteers from the Uni  
of the United States all volunteers is entitled to a vote  
for a member of the Convention or to be voted for  
and I have but little doubt of being elected a mem  
ber to form a constitution for this Province I am  
not afraid at my fate I would rather be in my prese<sup>nt</sup>  
situation than to be elected to a seat in Congres  
for life I am in hopes of making a fortune for  
myself and family bad as has been my prosper  
ity I have not writ to William but have reques  
ted John to direct him what to do I hope you  
show him this letter and also your brother  
John as it is not convenient at this time for  
me to write to them I hope you will all do the  
best you can and I will do the same do not be  
soreness about me I am with my friends  
I must close with great respects your  
affectionate Father Farewell

David Crockett