Camp on the Left Bank of the Rio Grande,
Opposite Matamoras, March 29, 1846.

Sir: I have the honor to report that I arrived at this camp yesterday with the forces under my command, no resistance having been offered to my advance to the banks of the river, nor any act of hostility committed by the Mexicans, except the capture of two of our dragoons, sent forward from the advanced guard. I deem it possible that these two men may have deserted to the enemy, as one of them, at least, bears a bad character. Our approach seems to have created much excitement in Matamoras, and a great deal of activity has been displayed since our arrival in the preparation of batteries. The left bank is now under reconnaissance of our engineer officers, and I shall lose no time in strengthening our position by such defensive works as may be necessary, employing for that purpose a portion of the heavy guns brought round by sea.

The attitude of the Mexicans is so far decidedly hostile. An interview has been held, by my direction, with the military authorities in Matamoras, but with no satisfactory result.

Under this state of things, I must again and urgently call your attention to the necessity of speedily sending recruits to this army.

The militia of Texas are so remote from the border that we cannot depend upon their aid.
The strength gained by filling up the regiments here, even to the present feeble establishment, would be of very great importance.
I respectfully enclose a field report of the force now in this camp.
I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Z. TAYLOR,


The Adjutant General of the Army,

Washington, D. C.