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New Div. Western Division
Baton Rouge, July 18, 1848

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Your communication of June 26, inclosing papers relative to Indian troubles on the frontier of Texas has been duly considered. There is not at this moment within my reach a disposable officer whom I would deem every way suited to such an inquiry as that directed by the Department, and as the last accounts from Texas represent the frontier to be quiet, I would respectfully suggest that the investigation be made under the direction of the officer assigned to the command in that quarter who can at the same time take such further steps as the good of the service may require [as long as the Indian frontier of Texas is not garrisoned permanently by regular troops under direct command we may expect disturbances and complaints, and they will continue until an officer of rank shall be assigned to the command fully empowered by the Government to meet such difficulties as they arise.]

I have to acknowledge "Orders" nos 34, 35 & 36
& "Sporders" nos. 60, 61, 62 & 64"

I am very respectfully
Yours obedient

The Adjutant General
of the Army,
Washington D.C.

J. Taylor Major Genl
U.S.A. (Comd)

Written after nomination as President.

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Texas frontier

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