Letter from the Alamo

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...for 24 hours & have not lost a man. The enemy has demanded a surrender...otherwise, our soldiers are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken...our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat.

...I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid...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.
Commandancy of the Alamo
February. 24th, 1836

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