

Galveston, Sept. 30, 1836.

Dear Sir:-

Since the receipt of yours of the 8th, if I have had an opportunity of answering it, I have not been aware of it.-----

I had heard of the high times at Harrisburg. The new town of Houston cuts a considerable swell in the paper. I wish its projectors and proprietors success with all my heart. It will injure Harrisburg City greatly when it gets into successful operation. Property must begin to depreciate there already. As for New Washington and Lynchburg, Scottsburg and all the other burghs, not forgetting Powhatan, all must go down now. Houston-burg must go ahead in the newspaper at least. -----

Truly and Respectfully yrsrs

Capt. A. Briscoe.

J. Morgan.

--Southwestern Historical Quarterly, V. 18, p. 286--

New settlements and towns began to spring up and gladden the wilderness. Among the latter was the town of Houston. The Messrs. A. C. Allen and J. K. Allen, proprietors, having laid off the place into lots, presented them for sale on the last of August (1836).....Wooten, Comprehensive History of Texas, V. 1, p. 308.--

By the time the first congress of the Republic assembled at Columbia, in October, 1836, the Allens were prepared to offer sufficient inducements to the government, not only, to secure for the new town the title of capital of the Republic, but also to make it the county seat of Harrisburg, afterwards, Harris, County.

The first map of Houston seems to have been made by G. and T. H. Borden, and was used for advertising the new city. It was announced in the Telegraph and Texas Register of November 19, 1836, that it could be seen in the Senate chamber at Columbia.....

The first session of the Congress of Texas, having adjourned on December, 1836, met at the newly laid out city of Houston, on May 5, 1837. All roads now led to Houston.....

--History of Harris County in Southwestern Historical Quarterly, V. 19, pp. 38-9.--

The Telegraph and Texas Register was moved from Columbia to Houston in April, 1837, and the first edition of the register was published in Houston on May 2, 1837.

On January 14, 1839, Lamar signed an act creating a commission of five to select a site for the permanent location of the government. On April 13th the commissioners reported that they had selected the village of Waterloo on the east bank of the Colorado as the most available location. The President had already appointed