



Texas Navy Association

Historical Article



THE TEXIAN SQUADRON. It is not generally known that two of the vessels belonging to the navy of Texas have been here for months owing to financial difficulties. This is a fact tailing to receive the supplies Yucatan stipulated to furnish the squadron (or the protection of her coast and commerce, Com. Moore repaired to the seat of government of Texas and used every effort to raise means to start a second cruise in the gulf. Congress then in session made a large appropriation for the navy, but it has been found impossible to obtain money on undoubted security. State and individual credit has of late years, received a shock from which it will not easily recover, and while the bonds of the United States are hawked about without finding purchasers it is no wonder those of Texas are unsalable in the market. Men of wealth cannot command capital for enterprise of any description, and money are satisfied with shaving good paper at three, and ten present, per month.

Commodore Moore has struggled manfully to over come the difficulties which surround him, but, from the causes above stated, he has been unsuccessful. - He has not been able to obtain a few thousand on unquestionable security, and at the present time, when his services would be of a lasting moment to his country, he is prevented from spreading his canvass by the want of funds to pay contingent expenses, and enable him to leave honorably a city in which he has for some months past. N. O. Crescent.

We are informed that an addition to the Texian navy may soon be expected. A splendid yacht, of 250 tons burthen, it is said, is now building by a gentleman of rank and fortune in Europe. She is to have a Paixhan battery, and will be commanded by a retired naval gentleman, anxious to ride the mountain billows again. [Ib.]

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