A Map of Mexico and the Republic of Texas

Republic of Texas Land Grant, 1845
Certificate of Election
By: Republic of Texas
President Anson Jones

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME—GREETING.

Forasmuch as it has appeared, from authentic and lawful proofs, that Citizen
Benjamin D. Pick, was on the 3d day of February, 1845, duly elected to the office of
Clerk of the County Court, in and for the County of Gonzales, in said Republic;
and is entitled to be invested with the rights to said office appertaining. Therefore,
KNOW YE, that we, being of the confidence manifested by our citizen electors, in
the integrity and fitness of the said Benjamin D. Pick,
and in obedience to the laws in this behalf provided: DO YE THESE PRESENTS, grant to
him the said Benjamin D. Pick, power to exercise and discharge all and singular the duties and trusts, under the Constitution and
Laws, to the office aforesaid incident or appurtenant. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD
the same, with the immunities and emoluments thereunto, during the term for which he was
elected or may lawfully continue in said office by virtue of the election aforesaid.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused the great seal of the Republic
to be hereunto affixed.

Benjamin D. Pick

By the President.

Attorney General.
Portrait of Anson Jones, last president of the Republic of Texas.

A typical example of anti-annexation propaganda

A Tract for the Day.

HOW TO CONQUER TEXAS,
BEFORE TEXAS CONQUERS US.

Boston:
REDDING & CO. S STATE ST.
March 17, 1845.
Read some of the objections to Texas annexation, note points III and IV.

Edward Everett Hale. *How to Conquer Texas Before Texas Conquers Us.*
(Boston: Redding & Co. 8 State St. 17 March 1846)
Read about the fear that annexation would extend the power of the slave states

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We ask to the questions the attention of all considerate men, who view the admission to the Union, of Texas, as Texas now is, as an evil. We may not, we ought not to leave Texas as it is. We ought, by acting in Texas, by our emigrants in Texas, by our moral influence in Texas, by our votes in Texas, to continue there the contest of freedom, in the first skirmish of which we have been defeated. We ought thus to prevent the four last evils which have been named. We ought to hasten the end of slavery in South Eastern Texas, and make Northern and Western Texas free. We ought to restore the balance of power between the free and slave States.

Edward Everett Hale. *How to Conquer Texas Before Texas Conquers Us.* (Boston: Redding & Co. 8 State St. 17 March 1846)
Anson Jones’ explanation for pursuing annexation

Had I have said at any time that I was decidedly in favor of annexation, whatever the terms and conditions offered might be, I should at once have lost the good offices of England and France in favor of the other mode. Or had I expressed to the American Charge a strong preference for annexation as finally offered, over the alternative of independence, I should have lost some of the advantages for my country which were gained, and more which I hoped to gain from the United States Government, by keeping their agents and emissaries in doubt on the subject. The “contingencies” of annexation would have been materially softened if I could have been let alone by emissaries, factionists and disorganizers; and if these, and the demagogues in Texas who were anxious to slide into office on the hobby, or break down the government, had been frowned down by the people.

Read about the relationship between Britain, France, and the Republic of Texas.

Anson Jones’s devotion to annexation

An example of anti-Texas propaganda published as a news article and pamphlet.

Read about resistance to annexation based on slavery

Read about objection to annexation based on Mexico's claims

(NY: D. Fanshaw, 1844)
A typical example of anti-Annexation propaganda

Once again, read about objection to annexation based on slavery

It is susceptible of the clearest demonstration, that the immediate cause, and the leading object of this contest, originated in a settled design, among the slaveholders of this country, (with land speculators and slave-traders,) to wrest the large and valuable territory of Texas from the Mexican Republic, in order to re-establish the SYSTEM OF SLAVERY; to open a vast and profitable SLAVE MARKET therein; and ultimately to annex it to the United States. And further, it is evident—nay, it is very generally acknowledged—that the insurrectionists are principally citizens of the United States, who have proceeded thither for the purpose of revolutionizing the country; and that they are dependant upon this nation, for both the physical and pecuniary means, to carry the design into effect. Whether the national legislature will lend its aid to this most unwarrantable, aggressive attempt, will depend on the VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, expressed in their primary assemblies, by their petitions and through the ballot boxes.

Read about calls to action against Texas annexation

Read what Boston abolitionists suggested should be done if Texas was annexed

(Boston: W. Crosby and H.P. Nichols, 1845)
A drawing of Anson Jones

Homer S. Thrall. *A Pictorial History of Texas*. (St. Louis: N.D. Thompson, 1879), 343