

and have been hoping that some fortunate
circumstances would bring us once at least
together before my return to the Army. I
fear that disappointment awaits me in this
wish. I leave definitively in a few days.
I requested Mr Simms to write to you
that there is no one whom I should so
like to accompany me as yourself, in the
capacity of Surgeon of my command. — If
it is not your wish, as I imagine it is not,
to enter the service permanently, you could
return from Mississippi after my command
reaches the Army.

I need not tell you, my dear
Doctor, that I am getting old; grey hair

to come to Texas after Doniphan. I was then
Inspector General in the Army of the West - the death
of Col Rogers placed me in command of the
2d Reg. Texas I. - It is a glorious Regiment, the
best, I really believe, west of the Mountains -
inferior to no one in the whole army.

The subject which naturally occupies the thoughts
of every one is the danger of invasion of Texas by
the enemy. Our condition is certainly at the moment
defenseless. Col DeBraz is using to the best advantage
the men and means at his disposition. There are
resources in men and means which might be
evoked for our defence which would insure our
security. We now lie at the mercy of the enemy.
All the blame surely is not on Roberts. The