

U. S. Hotel
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My dear Sir,

Last night I heard extracts from a letter read at Madame Iturbides, dated city of Mexico 7th May from her son a captain in the Mexican army who has been serving for the last six months with [José de Urrea]. He speaks in strong language of the distracted and disturbed state of the whole country, and tells his mother and family to rest assured that altho' divided upon all subjects the Mexicans never will treat with the U.S. or at least they never will submit to a secession of territory, while they may treat "to gain time." There is an opinion prevailing that we will soon have a whig Govt in the U. States and so soon as Mr. Polk is out of the Presidency that Mexico will be able to settle the difficulty in her own way.

Does not the course of the Intelligences at W. give them grounds for entertaining such opinions? This letter dwells at length upon the rejection of the intervention of the British minister and says, upon a second ballot the votes would have been unanimous against it. The letter is also severe against St Anna [Santa Anna] and charges him with cowardice, yet he says St Anna is the leading man in the country, and that he will be elected President, and, that they will all go into a long war, notwithstanding all rumors to the contrary!

Captain Iturbides['] position in the city of Mexico must be such as to enable him to know the opinions of the most influential persons, and as the letter is recent I give you the information to let it pass for what it is worth.

I hope your health is completely restored but do not remain all summer in Washington. Take a few weeks at Bedford or what would be better Sharon in New York and from thence a week[']s seabathing at New Port would give you vigor & strength for the winter[']s campaigns and the long session.

With respect your
obedient servt [servant]
J. M. Foltz

Hon James Buchanan
Secretary of State
Washington

