

N. 36 Year of 1757

Cross,

Don Thoribio de Vrutia, captain with tenure for life by order of His Majesty of the presidio of San Antonio de Béjar, etc.

I hereby inform you Señor Don Manuel Ramírez de la Piscina, captain with tenure for life of the royal presidio of la Bahía del Espíritu Santo in this province of Texas, that yesterday at seven in the evening a courier of His Majesty delivered to me a superior dispatch from the Most Excellent Señor Marquis de las Amarillas, Viceroy of this New Spain, issued in Mexico the thirtieth of December of the past year of one thousand, seven hundred fifty-six to the effect that I should send him the defendants namely, the Indian Andrés of the Chayopin Nation, Martín Gutiérrez, and Juan Joseph Sánchez, alias Marín, Thomas de Yruegas, and Captain Don Felipe de Rabago y Therán, involved in the cause instituted by reason of the murder of the missionary father, Friar Joseph Ganzabal, and other individuals. And because the said superior dispatch included other matters having no bearing on the principal purpose of sending ^{ly} //said prisoners, having received enclosed therewith a mandatory letter likewise from the said Most Excellent Señor, I am enclosing

it herewith but leaving out the letter, transmitting, the aforesaid dispatch, the literal contents of which are as follows:

"From the enclosed dispatch you will understand the decision that I have reached to the effect that the Indian Andrés of the Yachopin rsig Nation, Martín Gutiérrez, Juan Joseph Sánchez, alias Marín, Thomás de Yruegas, and Captain Don Felipe de Rabago y Therán, who are in that presidio and the defendants in the cause instituted by reason of the murder of the missionary, Father Gensábal, and other individuals, shall be brought to the prison of this capital. For the execution of the foregoing, from the soldiers constituting that company you shall detach a squad, adequate in number, under the command of an officer in whom you have complete confidence. If necessary you shall increase its number by means of civilian settlers of that presidio. You shall send them, the prisoners, to the presidio of San Juan Bautista del Río Grande to be turned over to the captain of the same, Don Manuel Rodríguez. I shall consider you responsible for the security and custody of these prisoners until they are turned over, to Captain Rodríguez, as sta-² //ted above. You shall inform me of this in due

time and the officer in charge of conveying them
the prisoners, shall obtain the competent receipt from
Captain Rodríguez.

God save you many years.

Mexico, December twenty-nine, one thousand seven
hundred fifty-six.

The Marquis de las Amarillas

To the captain of the presidio of San Antonio de Béjar."

In view of the foregoing and for the due execution of
the same, on behalf of His Majesty, may God save him, I
exhort and require you, the said Señor Captain Don Manuel
Ramírez, and on my own behalf I pray and entreat you that
as soon as you have seen this my letter you will send me,
with an adequate escort from the troops in your charge,
the above-said defendants and also Captain Don Felipe de
Rábago. The latter must be brought under the same security
but with the distinction comporting with his position in
conformity with an order petitioned by the Señor Fiscal of
His Majesty in the aforesaid superior dispatch in a section
that reads: "And since the aforesaid Don Felipe de Rábago
must be conveyed (although under the same safeguard as
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//all the rest,) with the distinction comporting with the

honorab!e position that he holds as captain of the presidio of Santa Rosa, Captains Don Thoribio de Vrrutia, Don Manuel Rodr!guez, and Don Miguel de Sesma shall arrange for his conveyance in such manner that, without depriving him of the aforesaid distinction, the principal purpose of this measure may be achieved." By doing this, you will comply with the orders of the said Most Excellent Se!or and I shall be satisfied and obligated to do as much for you; whenever I shall receive your letters rogatory. You will return to me the original with the measure enacted by you; appended thereto in order that I may annex it to the records that I am drawing up on the subject. I wish to advise you that following the said superior dispatch and the decree that I have enacted today there is a copy of; this letter rogatory for whatever purposes it may be needed. This was done in this said royal presidio on the third of February of one thousand seven hundred fifty-seven, I acting before myself with attendant witnesses in the absence of a public notary or royal notary because there is none in this province and on the present common paper because there is no stamped paper within the limits prescribed by law. I certify.

Signed:

Thoribio de Vrrutia

¡Rubric;

Attendant (witness):

Jph. Salinas

(Rubric)

Attendant (witness):

Joseph Miguel Seguin

(Rubric)

(D.S., December 29, 1756, pp. 1-2v.)

In the royal presidio of Nuestra Señora //de Loratto³
 and Bahía del Espíritu Santo on the ninth day of the month
 of February of the year one thousand seven hundred fifty-
 seven, having seen the foregoing letters rogatory from
 Captain Don Thoribio de Vrrutis, for the due execution of
 the superior order from the Most Excellent Señor Viceroy
 and Captain General of this New Spain, I, Don Manuel
 Ramírez de la Pizina, captain with tenure for life by order
 of His Majesty (may God save him) of this said royal presidio,
 should order and do hereby order the lieutenant of this
 company, Don Bernavé Caravajal, with the squad of thirteen
 soldiers and the civilians Don Pedro de los Santos, Joseph
 Martínez, Juan Santos Zevallos, Leonardo Gómez, ^{Juan Gámez,} /and Andrés
 Flores, at his own expense and maintenance, to proceed to
 take as a prisoner in the carriage that I use the defendant,
 Captain Don Phelipe de Rávego y Terán, and in order to wait
 on him in view of the nature of the position he holds the
 captured negro ,shall; also ,be taken;. The captain of
 San Antonio shall be asked for a receipt for the said de-
 fendant, who shall be conveyed in this capacity and under
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 arrest //because it is necessary and unavoidable to do so
 in order to convey him securely. The defendants Andrés,
 the Sayopin Indian, and Thomás de Yruegas ,shall also be
 conveyed; at the same time. And inasmuch as the defendants
 Martín Guttierrez and Juan Joseph Sánchez, alias Marín,

escaped from the royal presidio of San Javier de Gígedo through the carelessness of Alférez Don Diego Ramón, Corporal Pedro Martínez, Pedro Flores, Pedro Miñón, and Eusevio Carrasco, all the above-named shall be turned over in their stead to the said captain of San Antonio, who shall acknowledge having received them and the pliego enclosed for the Most Excellent Señor Viceroy of this New Spain in order that when he shall have seen the sumaria contained therein he may decide whatever he deems best. A complete certified copy of these letters rogatory and of the present decree, shall also be forwarded, and the originals shall remain in my possession for whatever purposes they may be needed in the future. Thus did I decree, order, and sign this with attendant witnesses and on this common paper because there is no stamped paper in this district, neither is there, a notary //within the limits prescribed by law. I certify.

Signed:

Manuel Ramírez de la Piszina

{Rubric}

Attendant {witness}:

Santiago de Arosamena

{Rubric}

Attendant {witness}:

Manuel Delgado

{Rubric}

{D.S. with D.S., December 29, 1756, pp. 2v-4}

[Endorsed in English; Exert sic from Mexico for
the apprehension & remission of certain Persons concerned
(or accused) of the murder of the Padre (monk) and others
of the Mission of San Xavier.

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