

„Cross,

Don Thoribio de Urrutía, life-time captain by order of His Majesty (may God protect him) of this royal presidio of San Antonio de Béjar in the province of Theexas and New Philippines, etc.

I inform Your Excellencies, the very illustrious Cabildo, Justicia, Consejo, and Regimiento of the villa of San Fernando, that on the second day of the present month I received by courier of the King, our Lord (may God protect him), a superior order from the Most Excellent Señor Marquis de las Amarillas, viceroy, governor, and captain general of this New Spain, and it contains a dispatch issued in Mexico on the thirtieth of December of last year by which I am ordered to send, with an adequate guard made up of the troops under my command and resident vecinos (if it is necessary), to the royal presidio of San Juan Baptista del Río Grande del Norte, Captain Don Phelipe Rábago, Martín Gutierrez, Tomás de Uruegas .sic., Juan Joseph Sánchez, alias Marín, and the Indian Andrés of the Chayopín Nation, who are involved in the tragic occurrence of the murders committed in the Mission of La Candelaria, located at San Francisco Xavier de Gigedo, on the eleventh of May of the year one thousand seven hundred, fifty-two, and to deliver them to the captain of that

presidio, Don Manuel Rodrigues. For this purpose and the fulfillment of the said superior order, and since at the present time I am without a garrison because I have delivered twenty-two soldiers, including the two subordinate officers, to Colonel Don Diego Ortiz Parilla and three to each one of the five missions of this presidio by order of a ^{lv}//superior dispatch from the said Most Excellent Señor; and of the five remaining soldiers which are left to me for the military duties of the royal service, three have been assigned previously to the custody of the horses, and the other two, to complete the said number, I have sent to the presidio of los Adaes .sic, to take a pliego which came by relay for the governor of this province. Therefore, on the part of His Majesty (may God protect him) I urge and enjoin, and on my part I beg and entreat Your Excellencies, the very illustrious Cabildo, after seeing my letter, to order the immediate preparation of a squad of twelve of the ablest vecinos of this villa, selected from those best equipped with arms and horses, for the aforesaid service at whatever time I shall need them. I give this order precedence so that they may be provided with all that is necessary; and by this action you will comply with the superior order of His Excellency, and I shall be equally obligated upon receipt of your orders and the return of the original for whatever purposes it may be needed. It is done in the royal

presidio on the fourteenth day of the month of February of the year one thousand seven hundred fifty-seven, acting with my attendant witnesses before myself as the receiver's office in the absence of a royal notary, since there is none in the terms prescribed by law; which I certify.

Signed:

Thoribio de Urrutia

„Rubric,

Joseph Migl Seguin

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Anderes de Sosa

„Rubric,

„D.S., February 14, 1757, pp. 1-lv.

In the villa of San Fernando, jurisdiction of the province of Texas, on the fourteenth of February of one thousand, seven hundred and fifty-seven, the Cabildo, Justicia, and Regimiento of the said villa, being assembled in our casas de ayuntamiento and having seen the requisition issued by Don Thoribio de Urrutia, captain of this royal presidio of Béjar, in which, because he has no soldiers for reasons stated therein, he requests the aid of twelve vecinos ^{2v} //of this villa to convey the criminals he lists, as ordered by the Most Excellent Señor Viceroy of this New Spain. Therefore, we order that twelve vecinos of this villa be enlisted so that in conformity with the petition they may be ready

on the day that the said señor captain may designate for the task of conveying the said prisoners to the presidio of Río Grande del Norte; and for this purpose a formal list of the persons who will go shall be made and delivered to the said captain. Thus we resolved, ordered, and signed, acting before ourselves in the absence of a notary because there is none; which we certify. Moreover, let the testimonio be returned.

Signed:

Joseph Curbelo

„Rubric,

Martin Flores

„Rubric,

Josep Qeron

„Rubric,

Luis Antt.^o Menchaca

„Rubric,

Marcelino Martines

„Rubric,

Jopph Le.a.l

„Rubric,

Andres Ramon

„Rubric,

„D.S. with D.S., February 14, 1757, pp. 1v-2,