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Juan Andre Alvarez Tranesio (regidor)
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1001. Report with accusations and criticism of Haden Edwards' conduct and actions as empresario. 4/4/1826

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732. Acknowledging receipt of Austin's map and report of Galveston Island. 5/5/1826

1003. Acknowledging the report on the return of Samuel Norris to the position of alcalde of Nacogdoches, recovery of the archives, and measures to investigate the alienation of land by Haden Edwards. 5/5/1826

790. Cover letter transmitting a copy of Austin's contract for 500 families. 5/6/1826

733. Austin requests the appointment of a commissioner for his colony and recommends surveyors. 5/8/1826

734. Austin gives reasons for not answering letters. 5/8/1826

735. Austin communicates his willingness to accept land in compensation for expenses incurred in mapping the island, bay and port of Galveston. 5/8/1826

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66. Stephen J. Wilson’s empresario contract. 5/27/1826

1072. Terms and conditions of Stephen Wilson’s empresario contract for 200 families. 5/27/1826

291. Víctor Blanco to act as governor during Arizpe’s leave of absence. 5/30/1826

292. Notifying that Víctor Blanco had taken charge of the government in the absence of the governor. 5/30/1826

1006. Acknowledging receipt of an order to report on the operations of Haden Edwards in the vicinity of the Trinity River. 5/30/1826

1007. Reporting that Edwards had been notified that the empresario was not authorized to establish towns and, also, that those who had made payments to Edwards had been informed they could collect from him. 5/30/1826

1008. Acknowledging receipt of an order regarding Haden Edwards and informing that Edwards was reported to be in Natchitoches selling land but would be apprehended on his return. 5/30/1826
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1016. Transmitting copies of sworn statements, public notice, list of land sold, and receipt obtained by Samuel Norris at Atascosito relative to Haden Edwards' activities there. 6/27/1826

967. Gov. Blanco requires the political chief to have the alcalde of Nacogdoches and Stephen F. Austin investigate Peter Ellis Bean's character and reputation. 7/10/1826

456. Notice that Saucedo's communication on the immigration of various tribes of Indians to Texas had been forwarded to the corresponding authorities. 7/27/1826

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552. Copy of a resolution of the state government relative to the mode of ascertaining the coast leagues reserve. 10/20/1826

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1020. Agreeing to send 50 troops to Nacogdoches pending receipt of resources needed for this purpose. 10/31/1826

468. Transcribes the governor's letter to Haden Edwards notifying him that his contract had been voided; order to Saucedo to make sure that Edwards was expelled. 11/3/1826

68. John Lucius Woodbury and Co.'s empresario contract. 11/14/1826

1021. Reporting information that Haden Edwards had sold his colonization contract for 120,000 pesos. 11/14/1826

1073. Terms and conditions of John Lucius Woodbury and Co.'s empresario contract. 11/14/1826

469. Approving Saucedo's decision to proceed to Nacogdoches to enforce the orders on the expulsion of Haden Edwards. 11/28/1826

348. Gaspar Flores requests orders from Saucedo (No. 2). 11/28/1826
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142. Treaty of Amity, Navigation, and Commerce between Mexico and Denmark. 11/16/1829
1765. Austin’s notice to emigrants who had not received title to present themselves for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of reception. 11/20/1829
1277. Elozúa transcribes a letter from Col. Piedras describing the unrest created by news of the decree abolishing slavery and Col. Piedras’ prediction that a revolt would ensue if the decree were enforced. 11/23/1829
1274. Músquiz reports on the reaction among the settlers produced by news of the decree abolishing slavery and measures to calm the excitement. 11/24/1829
58. Transmitting eight expedientes of titles issued by the alcaldes of Nacogdoches and three expedientes for Comm. Padilla’s examination. 11/29/1829
1275. Músquiz transmits to the ayuntamiento of Béxar copies of documents related to slavery. 12/3/1829
298. Notice that Santiago del Valle, secretary of the state government, had simplified his rubric. 12/5/1829
510. Relative to the entry of armed immigrants from the U. S. and concerns for the future of Texas. 12/8/1829
1279. Transcribing the president’s resolution (12/2/1829) exempting Texas from the general provisions of the abolition decree of 9/15/1829. 12/12/1829
139. Transcribes a decree exempting from military service certain individuals engaged in coastal fishing and navigation. 12/14/1829
141. Transcribes a decree setting out the conditions for pardoning deserters. 12/14/1829
1278. Mier y Terán promises to forward Elozúa's and Col. Piedras's letter (concerning the decree abolishing slavery) to the supreme government and reports that President Guerrero had assured him that the decree on slavery did not apply to Texas. 12/18/1829
1250. Copy of James Hewetson's petition asking the governor to grant to him in sale 11 leagues of land and the governor's approval of this request. 12/24/1829
1251. James Power's petition asking the governor to grant to him in sale 11 leagues of land and the governor's approval of this request. 12/24/1829
419. José María de Aguirre reinstated as general counsel of the state after a one-year suspension. 12/31/1829
1280. Acknowledging receipt of Viéscas's communication of 12/12/1829 (#1279). 1/3/1830
258. Músquiz addresses complaints from Goliad residents concerning thefts by the Indians. 1/7/1830
260. The alcalde ordered to proceed with the secularization of missions Refugio and Espíritu Santo and to remit copies of the inventories prepared. 1/7/1830
259. Acknowledges receipt of a communication relative to bringing mission Indians under civil authority. 1/14/1830
261. Alcalde Aldrete indicates that the mission inventories requested by Músquiz would be sent via the next mail. 1/14/1830
268. Fray Muro reports his readiness, upon the return of Fray Antonio Díaz de León, president of the Texas missions, to do his part in complying with the order of secularization. 1/15/1830
269. Cover letter to accompany the communication of Fray Muro concerning mission secularization. 1/15/1830
270. Músquiz authorizes the alcalde, assisted by Muro, to request the military commandant of Goliad to help gather the mission Indians to whom mission property was to be distributed. 1/20/1830
564. Reminding the alcalde to require foreigners to request the permission needed to remain in the country. 1/24/1830
97. Transcribes a decree of the president establishing a military medical corps. 1/26/1830
1106. Martín de León inquires whether the admission of foreign settlers in his colony would be counted toward the number of families he contracted to settle. 1/28/1830
372. Sketch of a letter transcribing a communication from the commissioner general [Padilla]. 2/1/1830
667. Transcribing instructions to the administrator of revenues authorizing him to validate the stamped paper without sending it to Leona Vicario for that purpose. 2/5/1830
263. Inventory of Mission Nuestra Señora del Refugio. 2/8/1830
264. Inventory of Mission Espíritu Santo. 2/8/1830
262. Letter to accompany inventories prepared by Antonio Díaz de León and Miguel Muro of the temporal property of missions Espíritu Santo and Refugio. 2/12/1830
481. Terms and conditions of Juan Antonio Padilla and Thomas J. Chambers' empresario contract. 2/12/1830
668. The alcalde of Goliad inquires about the manner of demarcating and surveying the 50 labors for common lands designated in the municipal ordinances. 2/12/1830
1107. Martín de León reports that James Power had exhibited a colonization contract at the town of Guadalupe Victoria and that he had been informed that De León and his colonists already occupied part of the area.
2/12/1830

265. Acknowledging receipt of inventories of secularized missions. 2/17/1830

274. Asking for the name of a responsible citizen who could act as custodian for the property received from the secularized missions Refugio and Espíritu Santo. 2/17/1830

669. Instructions to the alcalde of Goliad on the dimension of the labors for common lands and manner in which they were to be surveyed and demarcated. 2/18/1830

272. Minutes of the ayuntamiento of Goliad relative to ways of incorporating the Jaranames Indians to civil life in Goliad and decision in this regard related to the Karankawas. 2/20/1830

152. Transcribes a decree declaring in force the laws concerning gambling. 2/23/1830

266. Aldrete agrees to remit the original expedientes pertaining to secularization of missions Refugio and Espíritu Santo. 2/26/1830

271. Cover letter to accompany a resolution of the ayuntamiento of Goliad relative to incorporating the Jaranames Indians of Mission Espíritu Santo to civil life in that town. 2/26/1830

275. Gerónimo Huízar nominated for the position of custodian of the temporal property received from the secularized missions. 2/26/1830

511. Requesting from the political chief a report on the points raised by Col. Piedras relative to American immigration. 3/2/1830

273. Acknowledging receipt of the minutes of the ayuntamiento of Goliad concerning ways of incorporating mission Indians to civil life in Goliad. 3/3/1830

276. Agreeing to the appointment of Gerónimo Huízar as custodian for the temporal property received from the secularized missions. 3/3/1830

144. Transcribes a decree declaring an end to the effects of the loan contract of 12/2/1829. 3/4/1830

281. Promising the report of the ayuntamiento on the amount of land that could be cultivated by the Indians of the secularized missions Refugio and Espíritu Santo. 3/6/1830

513. Transcribes orders from the supreme executive government prohibiting the emigration of armed North Americans, along with Mier y Terán's order to prohibit the introduction of slaves by the colonists. 3/6/1830

267. Cover letter to accompany the original expedientes of the secularization of missions Refugio and Espíritu Santo. 3/11/1830

277. Reporting that all but four or five of the mission Indians brought to Goliad had left. 3/11/1830

671. Transcribing a letter from Stephen F. Austin accompanying his map of Texas and notes. 3/14/1830

143. Transcribes a decree abolishing an earlier decree that impaired the effects of Decree No. 83 of the Constituent Congress of the state of Mexico. 3/15/1830

278. The alcalde and the ayuntamiento of Goliad ordered to take the measures required to attract the Indians and dissuade them from their customary ways. 3/17/1830

145. Transcribing a decree ordering the publication of a decree of the Legislature of Puebla. 3/22/1830

279. Reporting the ineffectual efforts to incorporate the Indians of the secularized missions Espíritu Santo and Refugio to civil society. 3/25/1830

280. Reasons for delaying the secularization of missions Espíritu Santo and Refugio and enclosing copies of the inventories. 3/28/1830

512. Músquiz’ report on points raised by Col. Piedras in regard to influx of American settlers. 3/28/1830
146. Transcribing a decree declaring unconstitutional a decree of the Legislature of Michoacán. 3/29/1830

282. Gov. Viesca asks for a report on the distribution of the lands of the secularized missions Espíritu Santo and Refugio. 3/31/1830

147. Transcribing a decree relative to assigning length of service for certain members of the cavalry. 4/5/1830

148. Transcribing a decree on the importation of certain goods already in route to Mexican ports. 4/5/1830

432. Decree of April 6, 1830. 4/6/1830

622. Decree of April 6, 1830. 4/6/1830

1024. Elozúa asked to go in person to McMullen and McGloin’s colony to ascertain certain facts and to prohibit the settlement of the colonists on the coast leagues and the clandestine importation of goods and slaves. 4/7/1830

1025. Re the importation of goods by Empresario McMullen. 4/7/1830

1026. Copy of a communication regarding the importation of goods by John McMullen. 4/7/1830

1281. Transcribing a communication regarding a review of the decrees issued by President Guerrero and the possible revocation of the decree abolishing slavery. 4/9/1830

149. Transcribes a decree regarding certain aspects of the tobacco monopoly. 4/12/1830

150. Transcribes a decree prescribing the size of copper coins. 4/12/1830

373. Relative to reducing Padilla’s commission to a single colonization enterprise and appointing special commissioners for each of the other colonies. 4/14/1830

151. Transcribes a decree extending the privileges granted to the territory of New Mexico. 4/19/1830

587. Transcribing decree of April 6, 1830. 4/19/1830

36. Responding to Power’s petition relative to the lands of Mission Refugio. 4/21/1830

233. List of individuals from missions San José and Espada requesting lots and structures from mission property. 4/21/1830

234. Authorizes granting possession of mission property. 4/23/1830

610. Ordering the Alamo Company under Col. Francisco Ruiz to march to the Brazos. 4/24/1830

611. Instructions on establishing a permanent detachment on the Brazos. 4/24/1830

376. Transcribes a communication annulling the [surveying] regulations issued by Padilla. 4/28/1830

283. Transmits a communication from the governor concerning distribution of the secularized mission lands. 4/29/1830

962. Terms and conditions of David G. Burnet's 1826 empresario contract for 300 families. 5/1/1830

588. The provisions of the law of April 6, 1830, on cotton manufacturing to apply also to wool. 5/3/1830

375. A list of persons qualified to serve as commissioners. 5/6/1830

960. Terms and conditions of Vehlein and Co.’s colonization contract for 300 families. 5/7/1830

996. Copy of the terms and conditions of John Cameron's first empresario contract (5/21/1827) for 100 families. 5/11/1830

285. Report in response to the governor’s instructions concerning the distribution of lands of the secularized missions. 5/18/1830

374. Letter and list of persons qualified to serve as commissioners. 5/19/1830
964. Copy of the terms and conditions of Vehlein and Co.'s 1828 colonization contract for 100 families. 5/19/1830
997. Copy of the terms and conditions of John Cameron's second empresario contract (9/19/1828). 5/21/1830
378. List of 18 individuals qualified to serve as commissioners. 5/24/1830
377. Concerning the invalidation of Commissioner Padilla's surveying regulations. 5/26/1830
672. Remitting copies of grants from the governor to José María Salinas, Manuel de Luna, Pedro Salinas, Jesús Cantú, Pablo Villalpando, Fernando Rodríguez and Francisco Ricardo. 5/26/1830
1200. Copy of a petition from James Power to the governor relative to establishing a town on the site of the abandoned Mission Refugio (4/21/1830) and the governor's request for a report on this matter. 5/26/1830
1201. Forwarding James Power's petition and the governor's resolution on establishing a town at the site of Mission Refugio and requesting a report from the ayuntamiento of Goliad on the usefulness of this proposal. 5/26/1830
673. Cover letter enclosing copies of six grants of land in Texas. 5/29/1830
598. Instructions on establishing the military post at Fort Lavaca. 6/1/1830
599. Transcription of an order to the comisario of Béxar instructing him to assist Chovell with expenses related to the erection of Fort Lavaca. 6/1/1830
532. Reporting disaffection among settlers caused by removal of Commissioner General Padilla. 6/6/1830
1220. In response to the governor's order of 3/31/1830 for a report on the selection of land by the natives of missions Refugio and Espíritu Santo, Músquiz makes his recommendations. 6/6/1830
562. Remitting copies of empresario contracts and list of grants and requesting papers pertaining to Austin's colony taken from Juan Antonio Padilla. 6/10/1830
436. List of empresario contracts, grants to various individuals as purchasers, and grants to various individuals as settlers to 6/11/1830. 6/11/1830
675. Cover letter to accompany copies of five grants of land in Texas. 6/12/1830
561. Communication from Mier y Terán to Col. Piedras on the effects of the law of April 6, 1830; existing rights of settlers and empresarios to be respected. 6/14/1830
670. Transcribing a communication to Col. José de las Piedras on the rights of settlers and empresarios under the law of April 6, 1830. 6/14/1830
859. Reporting the arrival of 54 American families at Lavaca destined for DeWitt's colony and inquiring whether they should be permitted to proceed in view of the provisions of the law of April 6 [1830]. 6/14/1830
1110. Copy of a letter transcribing a communication from Mier y Terán to Col. Piedras explaining that the law of April 6 [1830] did not affect existing rights in Texas. 6/14/1830
1396. Copy of a communication pertaining to the effects of the law of 4/6/1830 on the rights of empresarios and settlers already in Texas. This copy made for Milam by Piedras on 7/5/1830. 6/14/1830
1202. Cover letter transmitting a copy of the report (not found here) of the ayuntamiento of Goliad on establishing a town at the site of the extinguished Mission Refugio. 6/17/1830
216. Acknowledging receipt of the order suspending all contracts on land belonging to the former missions. 6/19/1830
674. Acknowledging receipt of grants to Luciano Navarro, Nicolás Carbajal, Antonio Menchaca, Josiah H. Bell,
Seth Ingram and Horatio Chriesman. 6/19/1830

1027. Transcribing a letter on the difficulties between the colonists and empresarios McMullen and McGloin and accompanying a copy of a communication to the colonists. 6/19/1830

1028. Copy of the communication addressed by Mier y Terán to McMullen and McGloin's colonists assuring them of the government's interest in their welfare and encouraging them to resolve their differences. 6/19/1830

1029. Mier y Terán transmits a copy of his communication to McMullen and McGloin's colonists and requests the political chief's assistance in bringing calm to these new settlers. 6/19/1830

1030. Copy of a communication addressed by Mier y Terán to McMullen and McGloin's colonists. 6/19/1830

860. Reporting that Aldrete's inquiry on whether or not the 54 American families at Lavaca should be allowed to proceed to Dewitt's colony had been forwarded to the state authorities. 6/23/1830

1207. Acknowledging a list concerning land that could be designated private property to the natives who lived at missions Espíritu Santo and Refugio. 6/23/1830

14. Discussing aspects of Navarro's commission to issue titles in Wavell's colony. 6/24/1830

30. Forwarding the report of the ayuntamiento of Goliad relative to James Power's request to establish a town at the site of Mission Refugio. 7/3/1830

563. Músquiz acknowledges receipt of copies of empresario contracts and list of grants and indicates that the papers related to Austin's colony taken from Padilla would be forwarded when received. 7/3/1830

676. Acknowledging receipt of grants to William Cooper and Henry Cheves, E. S. Pettit, Jesse Denson, John Durst, Robin Casey and Deaf Smith. 7/3/1830

1204. Forwarding to the governor the report of the ayuntamiento of Goliad (not found here) on establishing a town at the site of Mission Refugio. 7/3/1830

1109. Letter in support of Martín de León's representation to the government regarding the conflicts in the location of his settlement and the colony awarded to James Power [and James Hewetson]. 7/4/1830

1252. Francisco de la Peña's petition asking the governor to grant to him in sale 11 leagues of land (7/5/1830) and the governor's approval of this request (7/7/1830). 7/5/1830

600. Acknowledging receipt of a communication on erecting Fort Lavaca. 7/6/1830

1031. Notifying the alcalde of Goliad of the commandant general's communication of 6/19/1830 on the dissatisfaction of McMullen and McGloin's colonists and requesting a report on the situation. 7/7/1830

1203. Informing that the report of the ayuntamiento of Goliad relative to the establishment of a town at the site of Mission Refugio had been forwarded to the governor. 7/7/1830

677. Ramón Músquiz designates a five-league tract of land, part of the 11 he is authorized to locate. 7/9/1830

861. Instructing that the 54 American families that landed at Lavaca could remain in DeWitt's colony pending consultation on this matter with Commandant General Mier y Terán. 7/9/1830

1032. Acknowledging a communication related to McMullen and McGloin's colonists and reporting on measures taken in regard to establishing their colony. 7/14/1830

612. Order that the post on the Brazos be known as "Tenoxtitlán." 7/16/1830

678. Cover letter to accompany the petition of José Durst. 7/17/1830

743. Advising that the previous communication from the alcalde of Goliad relative to the unloading of 54 families at the Lavaca was in error. 7/19/1830

1033. Músquiz communicates what his sources had reported about the minor nature of the dissatisfaction of
McMullen and McGloin’s colonists and reports on his instructions concerning these colonists. 7/19/1830

613. Reporting that the commandant on the Brazos had been ordered to name his post "Tenoxtitlán." 7/31/1830

741. Advising that Austin’s request for commissioners had been forwarded to the governor. 8/3/1830

862. Communicates the governor’s intention to consult with the commandant general on the admission of 54 foreign families in DeWitt’s colony. 8/3/1830

1111. Martín de León reports the settlement of several DeWitt colonists in the area of De León’s colony and asks that they be ordered to abstain from locating there. This page also contains Músquiz’ instructions to DeWitt in this matter. 8/16/1830

1112. Martín de León requests Músquiz’ assistance in collecting a debt from Green DeWitt. 8/16/1830

1208. Transcribing part of a communication from Col. Piedras on the fraudulent sale of land in the United States by James Power. 8/16/1830

548. Transcribes an order to Col. Piedras designating the boundaries of the border leagues. 8/20/1830

514. Remitting copy of a form to be required of Austin’s colonists upon their arrival in Texas. 8/21/1830

549. Acknowledging receipt of a communication pertaining to the boundaries of the border leagues. 9/6/1830

742. Requesting a report on whether the 57 persons unloaded by the sloop Hetta at Lavaca belonged to Austin’s colony. 9/6/1830

744. Reporting that the 57 immigrants unloaded at the Lavaca by the sloop Hetta had located temporarily in DeWitt’s colony but intended to relocate in Austin’s colony. 9/14/1830

614. Location of the post of Tenoxtitlán selected by Ruiz and orders pertaining to construction of the fort. 9/20/1830

299. Decree No. 153, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, refusing Viesca’s resignation. 9/25/1830

1386. In view of Padilla’s removal as commissioner general, Blanco asks the governor to appoint a new commissioner to issue titles to the purchasers of land who he represents. 9/27/1830

1387. In answer to Víctor Blanco’s request of 9/27/1830, Viesca appoints José Francisco Madero commissioner to issue the possessions to which reference is made in Blanco’s petition. 9/27/1830

300. Notice that Eca y Múzquiz had taken charge of the government in accordance with Article 2 of Decree No. 153. 9/30/1830

301. Notice that Eca y Múzquiz had taken charge of the government in conformity with Decree No. 153. 9/30/1830

621. Detailed instructions relative to establishing a post on Galveston Bay. 10/4/1830

515. Transcribing Mier y Terán’s order to the Mexican consul at New Orleans regarding passports for American emigrants. 10/6/1830

863. Ordering that stamped paper be given to José Antonio Navarro in his capacity as commissioner [to distribute land in Dewitt’s colony]. 10/8/1830

615. Col. Ruiz acknowledges receipt of orders pertaining to locating a post and constructing a fort and requests a copy of the plan for purposes of estimating costs. 10/9/1830

601. Transcribes a communication sent to Chovell regarding a model and plan for Fort Lavaca and instructions that they be forwarded to Elozúa. 10/12/1830

1298. Madero transcribes three communications from the governor relative to his appointment as commissioner for the settlers between the Attoyac and Sabine rivers and between the San Jacinto and Trinity rivers.
10/18/1830

516. Elozúa acknowledges communication of 10/6/1830 from Mier y Terán. 10/22/1830

602. Agreeing to pass the plan of the fort to Col. Francisco Ruiz at Tenoxtitlán upon its receipt. 10/22/1830

302. Transmitting notice that Rafael Eca y Múzquiz had taken charge of the government. 10/26/1830

970. Transcribing Mier y Terán's order to Col. Piedras to prevent the establishment of Zavala's colony on the Sabine River and the settlement of 20 leagues by his agent George Fisher. 10/26/1830

972. Mier y Terán transcribes his communication of this same date to the principal commandant transmitting his order to Col. Piedras to prevent settlement in Zavala's colony. 10/26/1830

616. Col. Ruiz reports movement of his detachment to a new location and awaiting receipt of plan to begin permanent construction. 10/29/1830

550. Mier y Terán requests information on the mode of determining the coast leagues reserve in the department of Texas. 10/30/1830

912. Col. Ruiz reports the arrival of Sterling Robertson to explore the area of his colony. 10/30/1830

913. Sketch of a letter transcribing the communication from Col. Ruiz on the arrival of Sterling Robertson. 11/9/1830

489. Col. Piedras requests Austin to deny admission in his colony to A. Thompson and the families with him. 11/12/1830

617. Acknowledging receipt of order to prohibit admission of North Americans without a passport. 11/12/1830

490. Transcribing the governor's communication to Arciniega naming him commissioner for Austin's colony. 11/13/1830

914. Col. Ruiz communicates Robertson's report that several families were in route to his colony and inquires how to proceed. 11/13/1830

955. Transcribing a communication indicating that the commissioner for General Wavell's colony had been instructed not to issue titles to Americans at Pecan Point. 11/15/1830

551. Cover letter accompanying copies of resolutions of the state government on the mode of ascertaining the coast leagues. 11/16/1830

559. Cover letter [stricken-out] to accompany copies of resolutions concerning the mode of ascertaining the 10 coast leagues reserve. 11/16/1830

971. Acknowledging Mier y Terán's communication to Col. Piedras relative to preventing settlement in Zavala's colony on the Sabine River. 11/16/1830

973. Músquiz acknowledges receipt of Mier y Terán's order to prevent settlement in Zavala's colony and indicates that it would be transmitted to the governor. 11/16/1830

603. Relative to obtaining the plan of Fort Tenoxtitlán from Chovell. 11/18/1830

915. Sketch of a letter to Mier y Terán transmitting news from Col. Ruiz on the arrival of families in Robertson's colony and requesting a decision. 11/19/1830

235. Cover letter to accompany a detailed report of the divestment of structures and lots in the extinguished missions. 11/24/1830

237. List of occupants and appraisal of dwellings in the missions of San José, Espada and San Juan. 11/24/1830

238. Visit to the missions of San José, San Juan and Espada to put the residents in possession of their property. 11/24/1830

623. Transcribing the order to Col. Bradburn to embark to Galveston Bay and establish a military post.
796. Transcribes the governor's communication on Arciniega's appointment as commissioner for Austin's colony. 11/25/1830

1300. Ordering the alcalde of Nacogdoches to send to Samuel M. Williams all documents taken from Juan Antonio Padilla related to José Francisco Madero's commission. 11/25/1830

745. Transcribing Arciniega's appointment by the governor as commissioner for Austin's colony. 11/26/1830

1299. Acknowledging Madero's appointment as commissioner and enclosing a copy of a letter ordering that certain papers taken from Commissioner General Juan Antonio Padilla be delivered to him. 11/27/1830

746. Austin acknowledges a communication on Arciniega's appointment as commissioner and states his intention to depart on Dec. 15 for the state capital to assume his duties as deputy in the state Congress. 11/30/1830

297. Notice that Viesca had again assumed the office of governor after a leave of absence. 12/4/1830

797. Músquiz reports informing Austin of Arciniega's appointment as commissioner for his colony. 12/5/1830

533. Músquiz requests copies of instructive proceedings relative to settlers on the San Jacinto and Trinity Rivers and between the Attoyac and Sabine. 12/6/1830

604. Reporting receipt of the plan for the fort at Tenoxtitlán and having forwarded it to that place. 12/9/1830

624. Elozúa acknowledges receipt of orders and instructions issued to Col. Bradburn. 12/9/1830

956. Elozúa acknowledges receipt of Mier y Terán's communication and reports that the commandant of Nacogdoches was notified that no titles were to be issued to the Americans at Pecan Point. 12/9/1830

917. Músquiz to Elozúa on the matter of Robertson's illegal entry into Texas. 12/10/1830

618. Col. Ruiz reports that the plan and model for construction of the fort had not reached him. 12/13/1830

553. Transmitting a copy of the resolution of the state government regarding the coast leagues and ordering enforcement thereof by the commanders of the military posts in Texas. 12/18/1830

974. Mier y Terán acknowledges communication from Músquiz and encloses a copy of a Matamoros newspaper informing that Zavala had sold the land granted him for colonization. 12/18/1830

916. Mier y Terán orders Elozúa to tell Col. Ruiz to inform Robertson that colonization had been suspended by the law of April 6, 1830. 12/20/1830

236. Receipt of reports and deeds submitted by Arciniega relative to the granting of structures and lots in the extinguished missions. 12/22/1830

626. Transcribing the order given to Col. Bradburn to name the post on Galveston Bay "Anáhuac." 12/29/1830

919. Elozúa to give orders that neither Sterling Robertson nor any other North American family be permitted to settle at Tenoxtitlán. 12/31/1830

957. Piedras reports that after meeting with Navarro, the commissioner appointed for Wavell's colony, Navarro desisted from his commission and returned to Béxar. 1/3/1831

625. Notice of inducements for families to settle at Galveston. 1/9/1831

565. Transmitting copies of the resolution of the state government declaring invalid the sales made by empresarios and colonists of lands obtained as grants under the provisions of the colonization laws. 1/17/1831

920. Sketch of a letter forwarding a copy of Mier y Terán's communication dated 12/20/1830. 1/18/1831

554. Elozúa reports his compliance with the order to notify the coast and border commanders relative to the coast leagues. 1/21/1831
627. Acknowledging a communication on naming the post on Galveston Bay "Anáhuac." 1/21/1831

586. Transcribing a communication from the commandant general relative to the establishment of military posts and settlements at Lavaca, Tenoxtitlán and Galveston Bay and appointing Músquiz commissioner for this purpose. 1/22/1831

864. Navarro expresses thanks for letter from Col. Piedras holding him blameless in the matters related to Navarro’s commission to distribute land in Wavell’s colony. 1/23/1831

975. Acknowledging receipt of the newspaper containing the report that Zavala had illegally sold his contract. 1/25/1831

1310. Bradburn notifies Madero that his commission contravened the law of April 6, 1830, and the 1824 National Colonization Law. 1/25/1831

679. Concerning the sale in the United States of land in Texas. 1/28/1831

1311. Madero responds that his commission was limited to settlers who had obtained the consent of the federal government and in no way contravened the law of April 6, 1830. 1/28/1831

17. Appointing José Antonio Navarro commissioner for Green DeWitt’s colony. 1/29/1831

534. Cover letter enclosing copies relative to settlers on land within the border leagues. 1/29/1831

1297. Authorizing the alcalde of Béxar to act as commissioner for the purpose of issuing titles in that municipality to individuals who had obtained land grants from the government. 1/29/1831

1312. Bradburn states that the consent obtained by the settlers in 1828 was annulled by the law of April 6, 1830, and invites Madero to meet with him before taking any further steps. 1/29/1831

329. Decree No. 164 dividing the department of Béxar into two districts. 1/31/1831

628. Acknowledging communication on naming the post on Galveston Bay "Anáhuac." 1/31/1831

747. Acknowledging the communication transcribing Arciniega’s appointment as commissioner. 2/2/1831

1113. Reporting inquiries from the commanders at Lavaca and Goliad on how the resolution of the government pertaining to the ten littoral leagues was to be applied to the Mexicans already located within this area. 2/2/1831

1282. Mier y Terán transcribes a note from the Mexican consul at New Orleans reporting the departure for Brazoria of a schooner with many passengers he believed to be slaves and to whom passports had been denied. 2/3/1831

1314. Bradburn expresses his emphatic opposition to the issuance of land titles until the supreme government decided this matter. 2/3/1831


1315. Madero states his case for issuing titles to the settlers and his determination to uphold the rights of the state in this matter even when confronted with the force Bradburn could bring to bear on him. 2/6/1831

918. Músquiz acknowledges Mier y Terán’s communication to Elovía relative to the suspension of the empresario contracts and orders Elovía to have Col. Ruiz deliver Robertson and his families to the military commandant of Nacogdoches for removal from Texas. 2/9/1831

633. Mier y Terán transcribes the approval of the supreme government on the progress made in erecting the fort at Anáhuac. 2/1/1831

1114. Músquiz offers his opinion that the Mexicans of De León’s colony and the Mexican residents of Goliad who had located in the ten coast leagues were exempt from the prohibitions against these locations. 2/10/1831

1309. Madero transcribes his dispatch to the governor with copies of correspondence between himself and Col.
Bradburn relative to the latter's opposition to Madero's actions as commissioner. 2/10/1831

1313. Madero transcribes his dispatch to the governor of the state concerning differences with Bradburn, with copies of correspondence exchanged with said military commandant. 2/10/1831

630. Communicating Col. Bradburn's interference with Commissioner Madero's duties and requesting Elozúa to communicate with Bradburn about this matter. 2/11/1831

1316. Transcribing (abridged) the principal commandant's response to Músquiz' appeal to intercede with Col. Bradburn in the dispute with Madero. 2/11/1831

1317. Músquiz requests Elozúa to order Col. Bradburn to permit Madero to exercise his commission and to desist from using force. 2/11/1831

1318. Elozúa advises that he had requested Col. Bradburn to permit Commissioner Madero to act in conformity with the dispositions of the laws and orders of the supreme government. 2/11/1831

154. Transcribes a statement of the Mexican Congress pertaining to reforms to the constitution. 2/12/1831

589. Músquiz acknowledges his appointment as commissioner for settlements near military posts. 2/13/1831

1319. Transmitting to the governor copies of the correspondence on the Madero-Bradburn dispute. 2/13/1831

556. Ruiz acknowledges receipt of documents pertaining to the mode of ascertaining the coast leagues. 2/16/1831

629. Acknowledging a communication on naming the post on Galveston Bay "Anáhuac." 2/16/1831

921. Col. Ruiz acknowledges the order from Mier y Terán to prevent the settlement of Sterling C. Robertson or any other North American family at Tenoxtitlán. 2/16/1831

922. Col. Ruiz acknowledges the order to inform Sterling Robertson that colonization was suspended by the law of April 6, 1830. 2/16/1831

929. Letter to accompany the order of the commandant general on the suspension of the colonization contracts under the law of April 6, 1830, and notification of it to Sterling Robertson. 2/16/1831

380. Appointing the alcalde of Béxar commissioner to issue titles in the municipality of Béxar. 2/17/1831

1320. Madero asks the political chief to read an enclosed letter with an account of his arrest and to forward it to the governor. The enclosed letter not found here. 2/17/1831

590. Requesting information on the number of Mexican families to be settled at Lavaca, Tenoxtitlán and Galveston Bay. 2/18/1831

591. Regarding the appointment of commissioners for Lavaca, Tenoxtitlán and Galveston Bay, disagreement between Bradburn and Madero, and who is to pay the commissioner and surveyor at the proposed settlements. 2/18/1831

555. Bradburn acknowledges receipt of documents on the mode of ascertaining the 10 coast leagues. 2/19/1831

1034. Saucedo transcribes a communication from the governor appointing him commissioner for McMullen and McGloin's colony. 2/20/1831

832. Conditions of Austin and Williams’“Upper Colony” empresario contract for 800 families. 2/25/1831

865. Navarro transcribes a communication appointing him commissioner for DeWitt’s colony. 2/25/1831

29. James Power’s petition to the governor for the right to settle 200 additional families and Governor Viesca’s approval. 2/26/1831

155. Transcribes a decree fixing a prison term of four years to certain persons convicted by virtue of the decree of 9/14/1829. 2/27/1831
631. Reporting Col. Bradburn’s arrest of Commissioner Madero and Carbajal and requesting the release of the prisoners. 2/27/1831

1322. Transmitting Madero's account outlining his difficulties with Col. Bradburn (2/17/1831) and Músquiz' exchange of letters with Principal Commandant Elozúa relative to this matter. 2/27/1831

1323. Músquiz defends Madero's right to act as a commissioner of the state and issue land titles and requests Elozúa to reiterate his previous orders to Col. Bradburn concerning the release of Commissioner Madero and Surveyor José María Jesús Carvajal. 2/27/1831

1321. Commending Madero for his conduct in upholding the rights of the state and for his moderation in the face of the abuses perpetrated by Col. Bradburn. 2/28/1831

1324. Elozúa informs that he had ordered Col. Bradburn to release Madero and Carvajal. 2/28/1831

1332. Madero reports the resignation of the alcalde and his hesitation to exercise his commission only partially [Bradburn having denied him the right to exercise his other duties as commissioner]. 2/28/1831

482. Copy of the terms and conditions of Austin and Williams' "Upper Colony" contract. 2/29/1831

976. The agent of the Galveston Bay and Texas Land Co. notifies Músquiz of the opposition from Col. Bradburn to the settlement of families brought to Galveston and asks whether they would be allowed to settle. 3/1/1831

303. Notice that Letona had taken possession of the office of constitutional governor. 3/1/1831

398. Appointment of Samuel P. Browne as surveyor in Austin's colony. 3/1/1831

517. Transcribing a communication pertaining to the obligation of the United States to prevent its citizens and Indians from settling beyond the boundaries established by the Adams-Onís Treaty. 3/1/1831

535. Transmitting copies of Commissioner General Padilla's papers on settlers approved by the supreme government to locate between the Trinity and San Jacinto rivers and between the Attoyac and Sabine. 3/1/1831

379. Resolution of the state Congress regarding the commissioner's fees for issuing titles to town lots. 3/2/1831

867. Navarro acknowledges an order to the effect that new American settlers were not to be granted land and that augmentations were to be denied as long as the law of April 6, 1830, remained in effect. 3/2/1831

634. Relative to having transmitted to Col. Bradburn the approval of the supreme government on the subject of establishing the post of Anáhuac. 3/3/1831

924. Col. Ruiz acknowledges communication relative to the expulsion of Sterling Robertson. 3/4/1831

866. Músquiz congratulates Navarro on his appointment as commissioner for DeWitt's colony. 3/8/1831

1296. Transcribing an order from the governor appointing the alcalde of Béxar commissioner to issue titles in that municipality to the individuals who had obtained land grants from the government. 3/8/1831

1326. Madero asks Bradburn to state whether his opposition to him had ceased and if he was free to exercise all his duties as commissioner. 3/9/1831

923. Col. Ruiz reports that he had been unable to obtain a list of the families with Sterling Robertson and that he was enclosing the only item he has obtained, a notice in English that he was unable to translate. 3/10/1831

1161. Ordering Tomás de la Garza to appear and respond to the accusations presented by Thomas York against him. 3/10/1831

1035. Alcalde of Béxar acknowledges his appointment as commissioner to issue titles in that municipality and asks if his commission extended to land within the area of McMullen and McGloin's colony. 3/11/1831

1327. Responding to Madero's of 3/9/1831 (#1326), Bradburn states that he was free to remain wherever he
pleased until such time as Commandant General Mier y Terán's decision in this matter was received.  3/11/1831

1036. Asking for a statement from McMullen in response to the inquiry from the alcalde of Béxar on whether his commission to issue possession of lands extended to the area covered by McMullen and McGloin's contract.  3/12/1831

1037. McMullen states that he had no objection to the issuance of possessions by the alcalde of Béxar in the area of his contract provided he was allowed to count them toward the number of families required by his contract.  3/12/1831

1328. Madero states that he was under no obligation to wait for a decision by Mier y Terán on the matter of his commission and asks Bradburn to state whether he would abide by the orders of Col. Elozúa.  3/13/1831

592. Mier y Terán reports that it was impossible to determine how many families would locate at the proposed settlements.  3/14/1831

1329. In response to Madero's letter (#1328) Bradburn states that it had always been his intention to observe the orders of his superiors and that when these were received they would be communicated to him.  3/15/1831

567. Communicating the commandant general's demands on enforcing the prohibitions of the law of April 6, 1830.  3/16/1831

1283. Músquiz indicates the difficulties of preventing the illegal entrance of settlers and slaves but suggests that vessels be required to clear customs at Galveston and that the passport requirements be enforced there.  3/16/1831

1325. Transcribing five communications exchanged by Madero and Col. Bradburn and Madero’s opinion that Bradburn was still intent on obstructing his commission.  3/16/1831

1302. Wishing to know if Madero would accept the appointment as commissioner for the proposed settlement on Galveston Bay.  3/17/1831

153. Transcribes a decree regarding the decrees issued by the former executive [President Guerrero] under the extraordinary powers granted to him.  3/20/1831

304. Notice that José María de Letona had assumed the office of governor of the state.  3/24/1831

381. Sketch of a letter to transcribe a decision in answer to an inquiry from Madero.  3/24/1831

1086. Copy for the political chief of Madero's communication to the governor reporting the immigration of Choctaw Indians to Texas and his suggestion that they be encouraged to relocate in Arkansas.  3/24/1831

1087. Copy of a letter from Elisha Roberts, alcalde of the Ayish District, and J. Harrison, alcalde of Teneha, concerning the immigration of large groups of Choctaw Indians to their districts.  3/24/1831

1157. John York, for himself and his father, Thomas York, seeks protection from an order to abandon their improvements, provides a statement of the events in this case, and complains about their treatment at the hands of local officials.  3/24/1831

1160. Advising Manchola of the complaint presented by John and Thomas York and suspending the order of evacuation instituted against them.  3/24/1831

1348. Madero asks the political chief to add a report and forward to the governor a representation (not found here) addressed by Madero to the state Congress.  3/24/1831

536. Madero returns the copies pertaining to the settlers between the Trinity and San Jacinto rivers and between the Attoyac and Sabine.  3/25/1831

382. Acknowledging receipt of a communication on the commissioner’s fees for issuing titles to town lots.  3/26/1831
557. Mier y Terán advises that the questions from the commandant of Lavaca concerning the coast leagues had been forwarded to higher authorities. 3/26/1831

619. Order to instruct the commandant of Tenoxtitlán to erect a wooden structure until such time as someone could be sent there to erect a fort. 3/26/1831

680. Cover letter to accompany a petition of Domingo Losoya and Vicente Zepeda relative to titles paid for but not obtained from Commissioner Juan Antonio Padilla. 3/26/1831

868. Navarro acknowledges a communication to the effect that commissioners were not to collect fees for distributing land and preparing documents; states his objections to this measure. 3/26/1831

1039. Transmitting to the governor the communication of 3/12/1831 from McMullen accepting on certain conditions the issuance of titles by the alcalde of Béxar in the area of his contract. 3/26/1831

1284. In response to Músquiz' suggestions of 3/16/1831 (#1283), Mier y Terán reports that he had ordered a detachment of troops to locate at Brazoria. 3/26/1831

1334. Mier y Terán approves Elozúa's order to Col. Bradburn to release Madero and Carvajal but states his belief that Madero should suspend the exercise of his commission until the supreme government could respond to Mier y Terán's consultation on this matter. 3/26/1831

925. Músquiz acknowledges the communication on the difficulties reported by the military commandant of Tenoxtitlán in removing Sterling Robertson and his families from Texas. 3/29/1831

1352. Madero reports that the townsite selected for the Atascosito District was on land cultivated by John M. Smith, who was not among those with approval from the federal government; requests an opinion. 3/30/1831

1303. Madero states that he is honored to accept his appointment as commissioner for the Mexican colony to be established on Galveston [Bay]. 3/31/1831

568. Francis W. Johnson offers explanation of why immigrants were still being received in Austin's colony. 4/2/1831

594. On formalizing the contract for the purchase of land on which to establish military posts and settlements and on the rights reserved to empresarios. 4/2/1831

1331. Músquiz acknowledges Madero's letter and enclosures of 3/16/1831 and indicates that any further provisions in this matter would have to come from the governor of the state. 4/2/1831

1333. In response to Madero's of 2/28/1831 (#1232), Músquiz orders that if the alcalde who resigned had not returned, the person who received the second largest number of votes should replace him. 4/2/1831

20. Approving, with modifications, the plan for the town of Gonzales. 4/4/1831

869. Transcribing the governor's approval of the plan for the town of Gonzales. 4/4/1831

872. Cover letter to accompany copy of Martín de León's contract showing the limits of his colony for purposes of avoiding difficulties between De León and DeWitt. 4/4/1831

873. Navarro acknowledges receipt of the copies of Martín de León's contracts. 4/4/1831

870. Navarro acknowledges receipt of a communication approving the plan for the town of Gonzales. 4/5/1831

874. José M. Salinas inquires whom he should resort to for purposes of being put in possession of the four leagues of land granted to him by the governor in 1827. 4/5/1831

876. Navarro acknowledges his appointment to put José María Salinas in possession of land. 4/5/1831

158. Transcribing a decree establishing the General Revenue Office (Dirección General de Rentas). 4/6/1831

875. Naming Navarro commissioner to put José María Salinas in possession of land. 4/6/1831
1163. Record of mediation in the dispute between Juan Fernández and John York. 4/9/1831

620. Transmitting Mier y Terán's order to erect a [wooden structure]. 4/10/1831

1335. Transcribing Mier y Terán's communication of 3/26/1831 (#1334). 4/10/1831

537. Acknowledging receipt of copies sent by Madero. 4/11/1831

1164. Statement by James Kerr in regard to Fernández-York dispute. 4/11/1831

1336. Músquiz transcribes Mier y Terán's communication of 3/26/1831 via Elozúa (abridged here) and asks the governor to communicate his decision. 4/11/1831

977. Answer to the letter from the agent of the Galveston Bay and Texas Land Co. relative to admission of families. 4/12/1831

1088. Sketch of a letter transcribing the political chief's communication to the governor regarding Madero's letter of 3/24/1831 on the immigration of the Choctaw Indians. 4/12/1831

1301. Transcribes a letter (abridged here) to the governor forwarding Madero's request for copies of the constitution and other laws of the state and Madero's petition for repeal of the additional article to the commissioner's instructions. 4/12/1831

1349. In response to Madero's of 3/24/1831 (#1348), Músquiz indicates that he had reported favorably on his project to make the Trinity River navigable and had forwarded the same to the governor. 4/12/1831

1038. Advising that the conditions set out in McMullen's communication of 3/12/1831 have been forwarded to the governor. 4/13/1831

1165. Statement by R. Chappell in regard to Fernández-York dispute. 4/13/1831

19. Appointing Byrd Lockhart principal surveyor for DeWitt's colony. 4/14/1831

1304. Músquiz advises that Madero's appointment as commissioner for the Mexican settlement on Galveston Bay was not yet official pending notification from the governor on the subject. 4/14/1831

156. Transcribes a decree concerning the taking of a general census. 4/18/1831

593. Advising that commissioners would be sent to the settlements when at least 40 families had located there. 4/18/1831

632. Músquiz reports that he had referred to the state government certain communications pertaining to the dispute between Col. Bradburn and Commissioner Madero. 4/18/1831

1337. Informing that Mier y Terán's communication of 3/26/1831 (#1334) was forwarded to the governor. 4/18/1831

1117. Reporting the presence of unauthorized foreigners located within the littoral leagues and the landing of foreigners on the Lavaca. 4/20/1831

1158. Cover letter returning to Músquiz John York's statements and Manchola's report. 4/21/1831

1162. Record of deliberations in Goliad in the matter of James York's accusations against Comisario Tomás de la Garza. 4/21/1831

595. Acknowledging a communication relative to formalizing the contract for the purchase of land on which to establish military posts and settlements. 4/23/1831

1115. Transmitting a communication from the comisario of Guadalupe Victoria reporting the presence within the littoral leagues of unauthorized Anglo-Americans. 4/23/1831

21. Appointing Kimber W. Barton surveyor for four leagues of land granted to Byrd Lockhart. 4/26/1831

1040. Authorizing Empresario McMullen and all other empresarios to count toward the number of families required by their contracts those persons locating lands within the area of their contracts by right of
purchase or settlement obtained from the government. 4/28/1831

877. Navarro transcribes his correspondence with DeWitt and instructions given on the matter of removing settlers from land selected for location by José María Salinas. 4/30/1831

1373. In response to the political chief’s request of 3/14/1831, Comm. Navarro transcribes Green DeWitt’s communication relative to the number of families and single men in his colony and his reasons for not having fulfilled his contract. 4/30/1831

217. Decree No. 177 of the Congress of Coahuila and Texas. 5/2/1831

445. Letona’s communication relative to the boundaries of DeWitt’s and De León’s colonies. 5/2/1831

1083. Madero encloses three reports on the Coushatta and Alabama Indians. 5/5/1831

1338. Madero transcribes his letter to the governor advising that Col. Bradburn had notified him verbally that he was free to exercise his commission and that, consequently, Madero had convened an election to select the civil authorities of that district. 5/5/1831

1353. Madero transcribes a letter to the governor communicating the formal establishment of the Villa de la Santísima Trinidad de la Libertad [Liberty]. 5/5/1831

1355. Madero transcribes a letter to the governor communicating the results of the election of the ayuntamiento of Liberty and the appointment of other officials. 5/5/1831

1116. Ordering Manchola to obtain from the comisario of Guadalupe Victoria a detailed report on the foreigners located within the littoral leagues and on those who had landed at the mouth of the Lavaca. 5/6/1831

1167. Relative to the location of several American families within the boundaries of the Power/Hewetson colony without the empresarios’ consent, in particular John York. 5/7/1831

681. Manchola requests instructions on the appointment of a commissioner to put Nicolás Carbajal and Rafael Manchola in possession of land. 5/10/1831

878. Requesting a report on the number of settlers and the value of their improvements in the area selected by José María Salinas for location of his four-league grant. 5/11/1831

1345. In response to a letter from Madero dated 5/7/1831 (not found here), Col. Piedras states Mier y Terán had ordered him to impede and oppose the issuing of titles in the area of his military command. 5/13/1831

558. Transcribing a federal government resolution regarding approval of certain settlements in the coast leagues (De León’s colony). 5/15/1831

596. Advising that the commanders at Anáhuac, Tenoxtitlán and Lavaca had been notified to locate settlers provisionally and to inform when 40 families had settled for the purpose of sending a commissioner. 5/15/1831

1285. Transcribing a letter from Mier y Terán on how Americans were abusing the state government decrees by introducing slaves into Texas under the guise of peonage contracts, without previously manumitting them, and asking Músquiz to impose the measures needed. 5/15/1831

1341. Madero gives notice to the ayuntamiento of Liberty of the interruption of his commission, his intention to return in the fall, and the placement of his records in the hands of George Orr. 5/20/1831

1346. Músquiz advises Madero on the assurances he was to give the settlers before departing relative to their titles and the land they occupied. 5/21/1831

383. Transcribes the governor’s decision that Mexican colonists could be admitted under McMullen’s and all other empresario contracts and could count as part of the families they were required to introduce. 5/22/1831

682. Denying a request to rescind the additional article of the instructions to commissioners. 5/22/1831
1041. Transcribing the order of the governor relative to the settlers that were to be counted toward the number required by the empresario contracts. 5/22/1831

1342. Aware of Mier y Terán's order to Col. Piedras to prevent him from exercising his commission, Madero reports his decision to return to his home. 5/22/1831

32. Instructions on matters affecting Power and Hewetson's colony. 5/25/1831

475. Instructions on matters pertaining to Power and Hewetson's colony. 5/25/1831

881. Transcribing a communication to the alcaldes on the expiration of DeWitt's contract and asking Elozúa to request the commanders of military posts to prevent the entrance of settlers going to said colony. 5/26/1831

882. Acknowledging a communication on the expiration of Green DeWitt's contract and informing that the military commanders had been ordered to prevent the entrance of settlers headed for said colony. 5/27/1831

384. Transcribes a communication instructing that frontage on watercourses not exceed one-fourth of the depth of the survey. 5/28/1831

1119. Acknowledging receipt of a communication resolving the dispute over land included both in DeWitt's and De León's contracts and authorizing the political chief to resolve such matters in the future. 6/2/1831

683. Transmitting the request of the ayuntamiento of Goliad to have the alcalde appointed commissioner to issue land titles. 6/3/1831

1085. Abridged draft of a letter transmitting communication and report of José Francisco Madero of 5/5/1831 on the Coushatta and Alabama Indians. 6/3/1831

157. Transcribes a decree with regulations pertaining to the shipping of freight. 6/4/1831

450. Fernando de León transmits his appointment as commissioner [for Martín de León's colony]. 6/4/1831

1120. Acknowledging notice of Fernando de León's appointment as commissioner for Martín de León's colony and instructing him to keep a record of the grantees and amounts due the government for their land. 6/5/1831

1121. Transcribing a communication from the governor to the effect that the dispute over land between Martín de León and Green DeWitt had been resolved in favor of the latter. 6/5/1831

883. Col. Piedras acknowledges order on preventing the entrance of settlers for DeWitt's colony and remonstrates that the failure to back him in the case of Alexander Thompson had undermined his authority. 6/6/1831

1089. Transcribing the order of the governor that the Choctaws were to move back to the place they came from and address from there their petitions for admission into Texas. 6/6/1831

1340. Madero transcribes his letter to the governor acknowledging the governor's communication of 4/15/1831 and reporting that he had suspended his activities as commissioner. 6/6/1831

1343. Madero transcribes his communication to the governor advising that he had decided to return to his home. 6/6/1831

684. Acknowledging receipt of instructions relative to the quantity of land fronting on watercourses. 6/7/1831

879. Cover letter remitting a report (not found here) on the improvements made by the two families living in the area selected by José María Salinas for his four-league grant. 6/7/1831

886. Navarro requests clarification of Elozúa's order to the military commandants in regard to opposing the entrance of families destined for DeWitt's colony. 6/7/1831

888. Transcribing a communication regarding the extension of the limits of Martín de León's colony that proved...
to be in conflict with land in DeWitt’s colony. 6/7/1831

1043. Acknowledging receipt of the governor’s order on the individuals that could be counted toward the number required by the empresario contracts. 6/7/1831

159. Transcribing a decree pertaining to army and navy pensions. 6/8/1831

685. Acknowledging receipt of instructions relative to the quantity of land to be given on watercourses. 6/8/1831

884. Col. Ruiz acknowledges receipt of a communication concerning the expiration of DeWitt's contract. 6/10/1831

538. Transcribing a communication regarding a petition for land titles from settlers on the San Jacinto and Trinity rivers. 6/11/1831

748. Arciniega acknowledges a communication relative to frontage of surveys on watercourses. 6/14/1831

749. Arciniega requests clarification of instructions relative to amount of frontage on watercourses. 6/14/1831

1122. Abridged draft of a circular informing the alcaldes and commissioners that the governor had authorized the political chief to resolve disputes in certain cases of conflicting claims to land. 6/14/1831

1222. Músquiz acknowledges receipt of the order relative to the grant of the lands of Mission Refugio to Power and Hewetson. 6/16/1831

1286. Acknowledging the governor’s communication of 5/20/1831 (#1285) and proposing that the military officers at Nacogdoches and Anáhuac be assigned the task of investigating which individuals were legally held as slaves and which were servants and should be manumitted. 6/16/1831

386. The governor defines the commission to issue titles conferred on the alcalde of Béxar. 6/17/1831

1090. Responding to Madero regarding the expulsion of the Choctaws, Músquiz indicates that this matter should be taken up not only with the civil but also with the military authorities of the frontier. 6/17/1831


539. Músquiz acknowledges the supreme government's decision to permit the settlement of Mexicans on the coast leagues and reports that it had been communicated to Empresario Martín de León. 6/20/1831

1221. Transcribing an order of the governor granting to empresarios Power and Hewetson the land of Mission Refugio. 6/20/1831

890. Transcribing Navarro's communication of 6/7/1831 and asking Elozúa to order the commander at Gonzales to act in consultation with Navarro in opposing the entrance of new families in DeWitt's colony. 6/21/1831

891. Elozúa communicates his order to the commander at Gonzales to consult with Commissioner Navarro in the matter of opposing the entrance of new families in DeWitt's colony. 6/23/1831

1123. Fernando de León requests clarification of his duties as commissioner in view of Martín de León’s contracts and of the fact that the settlers' locations were within the 10 littoral leagues and within the area designated for Power and Hewetson's colony. 6/23/1831

1205. Acknowledges a communication forwarding the petition from the ayuntamiento of Goliad asking that the coast leagues in Power and Hewetson's colony be left to Martín de León. 6/23/1831

885. Bradburn acknowledges a communication on the expiration of DeWitt's contract. 6/24/1831

385. The alcalde of Goliad appointed commissioner to issue titles within that municipality to land not included in any empresario contract. 6/25/1831

750. Answering Arciniega's inquiry relative to frontage on watercourses. 6/25/1831

751. Arciniega acknowledges instructions pertaining to the order of preference when the same land had been
granted to several individuals. 6/28/1831

437. List of empresario contracts, grants to various individuals as purchasers, and grants to various individuals as settlers from 6/11/1830 to 6/30/1831. 6/30/1831

569. Remitting a copy of the only empresario contract issued since June 11, 1830 and a list of lands sold and granted to settlers since that date. 6/30/1831

540. Músquiz acknowledges receipt of a communication in regard to the petition of the inhabitants residing on the San Jacinto and Trinity rivers and reports communicating the same to Commissioner Madero. 7/1/1831

541. Cover letter to accompany transmittal of a communication regarding the petition of the inhabitants on the San Jacinto and Trinity rivers. 7/1/1831

1166. Cover letter from Mier y Terán forwarding a letter from James Power and James Hewetson. 7/5/1831

1223. In response to the political chief's letters of 3/28/1830 and 6/16/1831 (#1222), Gov. Letona states that the Carancahuas could apply for land to the empresarios like anyone else and that the empresarios were obligated to respect existing property rights. 7/9/1831

1287. In response to the political chief's letter of 6/16/1831 (#1286), Gov. Letona indicates that the suggested use of the military to investigate the legal condition of slaves in Texas was not feasible but that a visit by the political chief to Nacogdoches and San Felipe de Austin to investigate this matter would be appropriate. 7/9/1831

81. Rejecting Vehlein’s request to admit families brought from New York (by the Galveston Bay and Texas Land Co.). 7/12/1831

686. Transcribing a communication on the advisability of removing the scattered settlers and families into the colonies of Green DeWitt and Austin; instructions to political chief. 7/14/1831

1084. Notifying Madero that his communication and report dated 5/5/1831 had been transmitted to the governor. 7/17/1831


1347. Acknowledging receipt of Madero's of 6/6/1831. 7/17/1831

1354. Acknowledging receipt of Madero's of 5/5/1831 communicating the establishment of the town of Liberty. 7/17/1831

1356. Acknowledging receipt of Madero's of 5/5/1831 communicating the election of the ayuntamiento of Liberty and the appointment of other officials. 7/17/1831

887. Músquiz states that he is transcribing the communication of Elozúa to the commander of the detachment at Gonzales. (Transcription of Elozúa's communication not found here.). 7/18/1831

1118. Reminding Manchola of the request for a report from the comisario of Guadalupe Victoria on the location of unauthorized foreigners within the littoral leagues. 7/19/1831

1124. Transcribes Músquiz’ communication to the governor regarding the inquiries contained in Fernando de León's letter of 6/23/1831. 7/19/1831

1206. Abridged draft of letter transmitting the governor’s communication dated 6/23/1831 (#1205). 7/19/1831

387. Instructions relative to the alcalde’s appointment as commissioner to issue titles in Goliad. 7/20/1831

889. Communicating the decision declaring void the extension of De León’s colony in conflict with DeWitt’s and ordering that no more than 25 families be granted land in this area. 7/21/1831

1168. Músquiz acknowledges Mier y Terán’s communication of 7/5/1831 and informs him of his decision to order the foreigners located illegally within the littoral leagues between the Lavaca and Guadalupe rivers to
leave. 7/27/1831

833. Acknowledging receipt of a copy of Austin and Williams’ empresario contract and of a list of the purchasers and settlers who received the consent of the government to locate in the department of Béxar. 7/30/1831

1288. Responding to the governor’s letter of 7/9/1831 (#1287), Músquiz explains that a lack of funds precluded him from taking a trip to investigate the evasion by the settlers of the laws pertaining to slavery. 7/30/1831

752. Requesting a report on the boundaries established for the town of Liberty and encroachment on the boundary set for the municipality of San Felipe de Austin. 7/31/1831

892. Navarro acknowledges receipt of the decision declaring void the extension of the limits of De León’s colony that conflicted with DeWitt’s and order that no more than 25 families be granted land in this area. 8/1/1831

893. Navarro explains his inability to comply with the order relative to frontage of surveys on watercourses because most surveys in DeWitt’s colony were made prior to his arrival as commissioner. 8/1/1831

1125. Informing that communications Nos. 168 and 171 received from Músquiz had been forwarded to the Executive Council for reconsideration of the decision related to the De León and Power/Hewetson colonies. 8/1/1831

1224. Transmitting the governor’s communication (abridged here) dated 7/9/1831 (#1223). 8/3/1831

1289. Ordering the alcalde of San Felipe to provide a detailed report of the slaves introduced under peonage contracts in Austin’s colony. 8/4/1831

1290. Transcribing a communication to the alcalde of San Felipe de Austin and ordering the alcalde of Liberty to provide a similar report on slaves introduced under peonage contracts. 8/4/1831

1291. Transcribing a communication to the alcalde of San Felipe de Austin concerning slaves and ordering the alcalde of Nacogdoches to submit a similar report. 8/4/1831

571. List of colonization contracts with various empresarios. 8/10/1831

880. Músquiz’ intention to travel to DeWitt’s colony to resolve matters pertaining to the conflict resulting from José María Salinas’ desire to locate his four-league grant in an area where other settlers also had claims. 8/11/1831

542. Communication pertaining to the settlers of the Atascosito area referred to in General Mier y Terán’s instructions to Col. Bradburn and on matters related to the issuing of titles to them. 8/12/1831

543. Communication concerning the petition of sundry inhabitants on the Trinity and San Jacinto rivers seeking approval to settle there. 8/12/1831

1225. Alcalde Manchola communicates the opinion of the ayuntamiento of Goliad that title should issue to the lands held by usucaption and in good faith by its residents and that those residents should not have to apply for land through Power and Hewetson. 8/12/1831

1350. Madero reports that Col. Bradburn had disseminated the claim that his actions as commissioner were of no effect and asks the political chief to instruct the ayuntamiento of Liberty to publicize that Madero’s acts as commissioner were valid. 8/12/1831

1359. Madero states that the alcalde of San Felipe de Austin was misinformed in believing that the limits assigned by Madero to the town of Liberty extended to the west bank of the San Jacinto River. 8/12/1831

33. Decisions of the Permanent Deputation of the state Congress finding in favor of Power and Hewetson’s contract. 8/13/1831

687. Communicating actions taken and difficulties related to the plan to relocate unattached settlers to Austin’s and DeWitt’s colonies. 8/14/1831
1159. Acknowledging Manchola’s report and giving the Yorks one month and 15 days to evacuate their location on the Lavaca and remove to DeWitt’s colony. 8/16/1831

688. Cover letter to accompany the transcribed letter on the relocation of settlers; sent to Austin for his information and for submission of the report requested of him. 8/17/1831

689. Cover letter enclosing a transcription of the governor’s communication relative to removing scattered settlers to DeWitt’s colony and requesting a report on this matter from Comm. Navarro. 8/17/1831

965. Transcribing a decree from the Gov. Letona refusing admission to 50 settlers for Vehlein’s colony that had arrived at Galveston Bay. 8/17/1831

446. Resolutions of the Permanent Deputation denying the petitions of the ayuntamiento of Goliad and of Martín de León which had asked that Power and Hewetson's contract to settle the coast leagues be declared void. 8/18/1831

1126. Notifying the ayuntamiento of Goliad of the governor’s decision to submit for reconsideration to the Executive Council the matter of which empresario should be allowed to settle the littoral lands between the Guadalupe and Lavaca rivers. 8/24/1831

926. Transcribing a communication from the governor ordering the expulsion of the four known families that entered with Robertson. 8/31/1831

927. Remitting the communication from Músquiz on the expulsion of Robertson’s families. 8/31/1831

458. Transcribes a communication from the commandant general informing of the Cherokees’ selection of land and Letona’s instructions to permit the Cherokees to apply to the government for it. 9/1/1831

690. Gov. Letona informs that upon receipt of the reports from Austin and Navarro on removing scattered settlers to DeWitt’s colony, the political chief’s concerns about this measure would be addressed. 9/2/1831

1292. Francis W. Johnson acknowledges receipt of Músquiz' letter of 8/4/1831 (#1289), indicates that gathering this information would require employing several people for that task, and requests advice. 9/3/1831

1169. Ordering the Yorks and other foreigners located on the Lavaca within the littoral leagues to appear and be notified of the order of the political chief to vacate the lands they illegally occupied. 9/4/1831

1170. Summoning Thomas York, his sons, sons-in-law and other Americans located on the Lavaca River to appear and be notified of the order of the political chief to vacate the lands they occupied. 9/4/1831

1171. Recording that James York, Stephen Best and John York, for himself and his father [Thomas York], had appeared and been notified of the order to vacate their locations on the Lavaca River. 9/9/1831

828. Músquiz reports that the political chief’s office was not officially advised of Austin’s appointment as commissioner for his “Coast Colony.” 9/11/1831

1172. John York requests an additional two months to remove the American families and their property from the Lavaca. 9/11/1831

572. Transcribing the governor's order to have six colonies make a return of the families settled and dues owed. 9/14/1831

573. Requesting an account of payments collected and due on grants and sales of land. 9/14/1831

1080. The term for the settlement of the Shawnee having expired on 12/24/1830, requests a report on the extent to which the conditions of the contract were met. 9/14/1831

1293. In response to Alcalde Francis Johnson’s letter of 9/3/1831 (#1292), Músquiz advises that he should obtain the required information from the comisarios of each district under his jurisdiction. 9/14/1831

518. Francisco Ruiz acknowledges receipt of instructions forbidding the introduction of the group of families referred to therein. 9/16/1831
928. Col. Ruiz acknowledges receipt of the communication on the expulsion of Robertson’s families. 9/16/1831

1044. Asking Comm. Saucedo to submit a list of the grantees, date of title, quantity of land and amounts due the government upon completion of his duties as commissioner of McMullen and McGloin’s colony. 9/21/1831

1045. Enclosing copies of four resolutions of the state Congress in regard to surveying lands (copies not found here). 9/21/1831

894. Veramendi requests the appointment of a commissioner to put him in possession of lands on the Comal, Guadalupe and San Marcos rivers. 9/22/1831

286. Communicating the death of Gerónimo Huízar and suggesting three names (José Guadalupe de los Santos, José Guerrero, and Francisco García) to replace him as procurador for the Jaranames Indians. 9/23/1831

576. Report on payments due on land grants in the municipality of Goliad. 9/23/1831

895. Notifying Navarro of his appointment as special commissioner to put Juan Martín de Veramendi in possession of five leagues of land. 9/23/1831

896. Sketch of a letter informing Veramendi of the appointment of Navarro as special commissioner to put him in possession of land. 9/23/1831

460. Acknowledging the communication relative to giving the Cherokees possession of land. 9/25/1831

829. Músquiz requests that a copy of Austin’s “Coast Colony” contract be sent to him. 9/25/1831

491. Authorizing Austin to admit Alexander Thompson and the other families who came with him. 9/26/1831

40. Tomás de la Garza asks to be issued an amparo on land occupied by an American. 9/27/1831

38. Asking Manchola to advise whether he had received the orders of the government relative to Power’s rights as empresario. 9/29/1831

39. Manchola asks that Power meet with him to coordinate certain points of interest. 10/1/1831

388. Bond posted by Luciano Navarro for José María Carbajal as surveyor. 10/1/1831

41. Relative to the order of the government pertaining to Power/Hewetson’s rights as empresarios. 10/3/1831

1214. Mier y Terán requests suspension of all matters pertaining to the establishment of James Power’s colony for the reasons he explains. 10/5/1831

42. Capt. Aniceto Arteaga and Alcalde Rafael Manchola challenge Power’s authority as empresario. 10/6/1831

577. Gov. Letona requests that instructions be issued on the classification of certain lands. 10/6/1831

1173. Returning the expediente relative to the Yorks and indicating that they had not vacated the land. 10/6/1831

574. Report from Nacogdoches relative to collection of payments due on land titles; list attached. 10/11/1831

830. Advising that Austin’s appointment as commissioner for his “Coast Colony” could not be verified from the records in the government’s office. 10/11/1831

1046. Acknowledging receipt of four resolutions of the state Congress in regard to surveying land. 10/11/1831

1047. Saucedo asks for a leave of absence of two months from the position of secretary [of the political chief’s office] while he fulfills his duties as commissioner for McMullen and McGloin’s colony. 10/11/1831

1081. Remitting a copy of the Shawnees’ contract with the state of Coahuila and Texas and informing that no one could be found to report on the number of Shawnee families settled. 10/11/1831

1048. Granting Músquiz permission to fill the office of secretary of the department. 10/12/1831

1174. Músquiz indicates that with reference to the Yorks his order of 8/16/[1831] should be followed.
10/12/1831

1176. Reporting that the Yorks had not vacated their location on the Lavaca and that Juan José Fernández was protesting their continued presence. 10/13/1831

483. Terms and conditions of General Vicente Filisola's empresario contract. 10/15/1831

1074. Terms and conditions of Vicente Filisola's empresario contract. 10/15/1831

1175. Reporting that the Yorks had declared themselves residents of the municipality of Goliad and had not vacated their location on the Lavaca River; seeks advice. 10/20/1831

447. Mier y Terán asks the political chief to prevent James Power from taking possession of the land between the mouth of the Lavaca River and Aranzazú Creek. 10/22/1831

605. Transcribing permission for [Philip] Dimitt to take possession of land. 10/22/1831

1127. Mier y Terán's opinion that the dispute over the littoral leagues contested by De León and Power was a matter to be decided by the supreme government of Mexico. 10/22/1831

1213. Mier y Terán's opinion that the dispute over the rights of empresarios Power/Hewetson and De León in the littoral area was a matter to be resolved by the central government. 10/22/1831

50. Title to the town tract of San Patricio de Hibernia. 10/24/1831

575. Report on land payments due in the municipality of Béxar. 10/26/1831

1177. Indicating that the Yorks could not remain at the site they occupied and that even if they were admitted as residents of the municipality of Goliad they were restricted from acquiring land in certain areas. 10/26/1831

1082. Acknowledging receipt of the Shawnees' contract sent by the alcalde of Nacogdoches and expecting to receive the requested report on them. 10/27/1831

798. Cover letter enclosing a list of persons who received land from Comm. Flores in 1827 and 1828. 10/31/1831

1179. Advising that the Yorks had until December 2 [1831] to vacate their location. 10/31/1831

801. Cover letter and list of amounts due on titles issued by Commissioner Gaspar Flores under Austin's contract for 500 families and on four titles in Austin's first contract. 11/2/1831

1178. Manchola advises that he had allowed the Yorks until Dec. 1 [1831] to vacate their location. 11/3/1831

831. Cover letter to accompany copy of Article 4 of Austin's “Coast Colony” contract in which he is named both empresario and commissioner. 11/5/1831

1051. Notifying the governor that José María Carbajal had been appointed interim secretary of the department of Béxar effective 11/1/1831. 11/5/1831

580. Requesting the alcalde of Nacogdoches to report on classification of grants in his jurisdiction. 11/8/1831

800. Acknowledging receipt of land dues list from Austin's colony. 11/8/1831

802. Músquiz communicates a request to reclassify lands included in the list reported under date of Nov. 2, 1831. 11/8/1831

1049. Transmitting orders from the governor in regard to the position of secretary of the department and advising Saucedo that José María Carvajal had been appointed to the position. 11/9/1831

1215. Músquiz reports that he had ordered implementation of the measures suggested by Mier y Terán but that orders received since from the government of the state ran counter to those advised by him. 11/10/1831

578. Músquiz asks Gaspar Flores for a report on his classification of land in Austin's colony. 11/12/1831
Acknowledging a communication relative to the nullity of certain sales made in Nacogdoches.  11/15/1831

Gaspar Flores' clarification regarding his classification of certain grants in Austin's colony.  11/16/1831

Communicating that the Jaranames had opted for Francisco García as procurador and that the items held by the deceased Huízar would be placed under his care.  11/18/1831

Manchola acknowledges receipt of the state government's order relative to establishing Power and Hewetson's colony and requests advice.  11/18/1831

Saucedo acknowledges receipt of the communication from Músquiz in regard to the position of secretary.  11/21/1831

Saucedo reports that most of the land in McMullen and McGloin's colony was suitable only for grazing and that he sensed some discontent among the settlers on learning that they were to receive but one-fourth frontage of their lands upon watercourses.  11/21/1831

General Mier y Terán's orders pertaining to the town of Liberty.  12/10/1831

Regarding the expiration date of Austin's contract for 500 families.  12/14/1831

Transcribing Col. Bradburn's order instructing that the inhabitants of the coast and border leagues must present evidence of their permission from the government to settle and requesting advice on this matter.  12/18/1831

Alcalde Johnston transcribes Col. Bradburn's order annulling the ayuntamiento of Liberty; requests advice.  12/18/1831

Transcribing Col. Bradburn's order to the effect that the authorities of the town of Liberty should not be recognized.  12/19/1831

Notifying Saucedo of the transmittal to the governor of Saucedo's communication of 11/21/1831.  12/22/1831

Decision of the vice-president relative to Martín de León's petition requesting a rescission of the possession granted to James Power in the coast reserve.  12/23/1831

Communicating that orders had been given authorizing James Power to colonize the area assigned to him in 1828.  12/23/1831

The Cherokees to designate an attorney to petition the government for land.  12/28/1831

Cover letter accompanying a list of lands granted by Gaspar Flores in 1828 and 1829 [sic] and reclassified as per instructions from Músquiz. List not found here.  12/28/1831

Transcribes a decree granting franking privileges to government correspondence.  1832

Summary report of the outrages committed by the Yorks and Stephen Betts; document incomplete.  1832

Músquiz returns list of reclassified lands for surveyors' signature and instructs that a copy of the list be provided to the ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin for purposes of collecting the amounts due.  1/4/1832

Instructing the alcalde of San Felipe de Austin to proceed with the collection of land dues in accordance with the list of reclassified lands to be provided by Arciniega.  1/4/1832

Informing the governor of the grant of 11 leagues to Antonio María Esnurrizar.  1/10/1832

James A. E. Phelps given an extension of six months to remove his family to Texas.  1/12/1832

Transcribes a decree permitting the introduction of books of any kind and from any place.  1/20/1832

Gov. Letona advises that he cannot accede to Saucedo's recommendation to grant the settlers of McMullen and McGloin's colony a league frontage on watercourses.  1/20/1832
Transmitting the communication of the commandant general on the settlement of American families on Bevil Creek and Cow Creek, within the border leagues, and asking if they had been approved by the central government. 1/21/1832

Acknowledging receipt of a communication relative to Dimitt’s lands. 1/24/1832

Inquiring whether the stepchildren of colonist Hatch could receive a separate grant. 1/25/1832

Transmitting permission relative to Dimitt’s lands and requesting instructions. 1/29/1832

List of titles issued by Gaspar Flores in 1827 and 1828 showing classification of land and amounts due. 1/30/1832

Músquiz acknowledges receipt of expedientes of grants made by Navarro to Esnurrizar, Veramendi, José María Salinas, Jesús Cantú, Eligio Gortari and Anastacio Mansolo. 1/30/1832

Advising that the stepchildren of Hatch were not entitled to land while they remained dependents of their parents. 2/2/1832

Notice to Elozúa that the alcalde of Béxar would assume the duties of political chief in Músquiz’ absence. 2/4/1832

Transmitting the governor’s communication relative to settlements in the area of the Sabine River and requesting from the alcalde information in this regard. 2/6/1832

Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin communicates receipt of a list of reclassified land dues from Commissioner Arciniega and collections to be made in accordance therewith. 2/7/1832

Cover letter to accompany a list of reclassified land dues on grants made by Gaspar Flores in 1827 and 1828. 2/7/1832

Sketch of letter intended to transcribe the governor’s resolution in response to the political chief’s communication of 12/18/1831 concerning Saucedo’s recommendations of 11/21/1831. 2/8/1832

Fernando de León reports that settlers were requesting to be put in possession of their land but that he had desisted pending a response to the questions raised in June, 1831. 2/10/1832

Martín de León reports discontent among his colonists at not having received title to their lands. 2/10/1832

Cover letter accompanying the transcription of Gen. Mier y Terán's orders relative to the town of Liberty and the political chief's response. 2/11/1832

Communicating the decision of the supreme government on the right to settle a stretch of the littoral leagues claimed by both Power/Hewetson and Martín de León. 3/10/1832

Alcalde Chirino inquires about payment of the expenses for gathering information on Americans living in the Sabine settlements. 3/13/1832

Terms and conditions of Manuel Royuela and John Charles Beales' empresario contract. 3/14/1832
1075. Terms and conditions of John Beales and José Manuel Royuelas’ empresario contract. 3/14/1832

461. Communicating the appointment of Col. Piedras to issue titles to the Cherokees. 3/22/1832

35. Commandant General Manuel de Mier y Terán informed of his lack of authority to interfere in matters reserved to the state and copy of decision of the state Congress relative to Power and Hewetson’s contract. 3/23/1832

1209. Copy of a resolution of the Legislative Commission instructing the governor of the state to advise Commandant General Manuel de Mier y Terán not to intervene in the colonization affairs of the state, particularly with respect to Power and Hewetson’s colony. 3/23/1832

1217. Copy of the communication from Mier y Terán claiming authority to intervene in colonization matters affecting Power and Hewetson’s contract in the littoral leagues and the discussion and resolution of the Congress in this matter categorically denying him any such authority. 3/23/1832

609. Notifying Dimmit of the government’s permission to put him in possession of land. 3/26/1832

1210. Decree No. 184, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, extending for three years Power/Hewetson’s empresario contract. 3/26/1832

982. Political chief reprimands the alcalde of Nacogdoches for his delay in carrying out the orders given him to provide information on the Americans settled at two locations in the area of the Sabine River. 3/27/1832

499. Notice of the expiration of Robert Leftwich’s contract. 3/31/1832

585. Printed notice of the expiration of certain empresario contracts. 3/31/1832

1218. Transcribing the resolution of the state Congress of 3/23/1832 regarding Mier y Terán’s claim to authority in colonization matters affecting Power and Hewetson’s colony. 4/6/1832

1131. Abridged draft letter transcribing the governor’s communication dated 3/10/1832. 4/8/1832

692. Reporting that the communication to Austin regarding his obligation to notify the political chief when acting as commissioner had been transcribed. 4/11/1832

810. Advising that colonists introduced prior to June 4, 1831, could be legally included in Austin’s 1825 contract and given possession of land. 4/12/1832

583. Cover letter enclosing a printed notice of expired contracts sent to the municipalities. 4/14/1832

1305. Transcribing Governor Letona’s communication of 4/2/1832 approving Madero’s conduct and authorizing him to appoint a substitute commissioner. Madero reports that he had delegated his commission to José Antonio Navarro. 4/14/1832

165. Transcribes a decree granting amnesty to those who took part in the revolution of Yucatán in 1829 and removing tariffs on certain goods from Yucatán. 4/18/1832

164. Transcribes a decree authorizing the expenses required to suppress the elements of the armed forces that have revolted. 4/22/1832

462. Acknowledging the report of Col. Piedras’ appointment as commissioner for the Cherokees. 4/22/1832

581. Again requesting a report on classification of grants in Nacogdoches which predecessor failed to render. 4/25/1832

983. In response to the alcalde’s request for an escort to accompany the second regidor to investigate two settlements of Americans in the area of the Sabine River, Col. Piedras states that the assistance of the troops was unnecessary but that he would still provide it if horses could be found. 4/25/1832

1132. Abridged draft of letter transcribing the governor’s communication of 3/10/1832 and assuring De León that titles would soon be issued to his settlers. 4/25/1832

1306. Transcribing Madero’s communication delegating to Navarro his commission. 4/26/1832
305. Decree No. 193 granting Gov. Letona a leave of absence of 12 days to attend to his health. 4/28/1832

395. Decree No. 190, Colonization Law of 1832. 4/28/1832

448. Requesting Power and Hewetson or their representative to appear within 60 days for the purpose of defining the limits between their colony and Martín de León’s. 5/1/1832

485. Terms and conditions of the empresario contract issued to a Mexican Company (Mariano Domínguez, Fortunato Soto, Juan Ramón Mila de la Rosa and John Charles Beales). 5/1/1832

1133. Ordering Power and Hewetson or their representative to exhibit to the political chief the documents defining the limits between their colony and Martín de León’s. 5/1/1832

1307. Acknowledging Madero’s communication dated 4/14/1832 (#1304) relative to the governor’s permission to appoint a substitute commissioner and Madero’s designation of Navarro for this purpose. 5/1/1832

433. Decree No. 190, Congress of Coahuila and Texas. 5/2/1832

812. Communicating the decision on the families that could be included in Austin’s 1825 contract. 5/2/1832

811. Arciniega acknowledges a decision by the governor on the admission of 78 families [under the terms of Austin’s 1825 contract]. 5/3/1832

1219. Acknowledging receipt of the governor’s communication of 4/6/1832 (#1218). 5/5/1832

389. Reporting the death of José Antonio Saucedo and that Músquiz had taken charge of the records compiled by Saucedo as commissioner for McMullen and McGloin’s colony pending the governor’s orders in this matter. 5/7/1832

463. Communicating Col. Piedras’ appointment as commissioner to issue titles to the Cherokees. 5/7/1832

1181. Reporting the abuses to which Stephen Best [Betts] had subjected Narciso Músquiz and the comisario’s order to detain Best and the Yorks for these actions. 5/7/1832

163. Transcribes a decree rewarding the combatants of the battle of Tolomé. 5/8/1832

166. Transcribes a decree giving the government the preference in purchasing works of “art and science.” 5/8/1832

167. Transcribes a decree pardoning the desertion of Juan Nepomuceno Bannet. 5/8/1832

584. Cover letter enclosing printed notice of expired contracts. 5/8/1832

693. Requesting from the alcalde of Béxar a monthly report on those seeking to be put in possession of land. 5/8/1832

813. Músquiz advises the alcalde of San Felipe de Austin that land dues should be collected by the ayuntamiento and arrangements made for remitting the amounts collected. 5/8/1832

984. Encloses a communication from Col. Piedras in response to the alcalde’s request for an escort and states the impossibility of complying before September or October with orders to investigate the two settlements of Americans on Bevil and Cow creeks. 5/8/1832

1308. Acknowledging notice of Navarro’s appointment as substitute commissioner for Madero. 5/8/1832

899. Letter advising that land should not be granted in the area of the expired contracts of DeWitt and Milam without the consent of the new empresarios. 5/12/1832

901. Copy of the second part of Article 1 of the Campos et al empresario contract. 5/12/1832

307. Notice that Letona had again assumed the office of governor effective this date. 5/14/1832

694. Acknowledging the request for a monthly report on those seeking to be put in possession of land. 5/14/1832
Decree No. 192 (4/28/1832), Congress of Coahuila and Texas, extending for three years Vehlein’s and Burnet’s 1826 colonization contracts. 5/15/1832

Fernando de León states that no one with a grant from the government had petitioned him to be put in possession of land, but that if this should occur the political chief would be notified. 5/16/1832

Alcalde Hernández indicates that he would provide a monthly list of the individuals who appeared before him asking to be put in possession of land. 5/18/1832

Abridged draft of letter transmitting to Martín de León the contents of Músquiz’ letter to Power and Hewetson dated 5/1/1832 and asking him also to exhibit the documents that could help demarcate the limits between the Power/Hewetson and De León colonies. 5/24/1832

Asking for a report on the activities of the deceased José Antonio Saucedo as commissioner for the purposes of determining how to complete this work. 5/25/1832

Chriesman acknowledges instructions on individuals authorized to obtain land from the government. 5/26/1832

Alcalde Chriesman communicates the posting of public notices listing the colonists and amounts due the government on their land. 5/26/1832

Arciniega acknowledges instructions relative to reporting on the individuals authorized to obtain land from the state government. 5/29/1832

Transcribes a decree of the Mexican Congress granting Juan Andrés Velarde a patent on his invention. 5/30/1832

Juan Vicente Campos assumes the office of governor. 5/30/1832

Músquiz acknowledges receipt of the communication relative to not granting land in the area of Milam’s and DeWitt’s expired contracts without the consent of the new empresarios. 6/2/1832

Requesting Elozúa to order the military commandant of Lavaca to render the assistance required to bring before the authorities four American interlopers located on the banks of the Lavaca River. 6/6/1832

Requesting that the military commandant of Lavaca be ordered to provide the assistance needed to enforce the order against the Yorks if required. 6/6/1832

Elozúa reports that the commandant at Lavaca had been ordered to assist, if requested by the corresponding authorities, in detaining the four American interlopers on the Lavaca River. 6/7/1832

Ordering the alcalde of Goliad to investigate the accusations by Martín de León against Thomas, John and James York and Stephen Betts and to bring them to justice if the accusations proved true. 6/7/1832

Transcribes a decree pardoning Lt. Pedro Alvarado for desertion. 6/12/1832

In answer to the governor’s letter of 5/25/1832, Músquiz indicates that he would provide a more detailed report when information was received from empresarios McMullen and McGloin. 6/16/1832

Juan Vicente Campos assumes the office of governor. 5/30/1832
Acknowledging receipt of Hernández' communication of 6/14/1832 (#1185) and ordering him to proceed in this matter with strict adherence to the law.  6/20/1832

James Power forwards to the political chief the documents Músquiz had requested and argues for recognition of his rights over those of Martín de León.  6/23/1832

List of empresario contracts, grants to various individuals as purchasers, and grants to various individuals as settlers between June 1831, and June 30, 1832.  6/30/1832

Report from alcalde of Nacogdoches on petitioners seeking to be put in possession of land.  7/3/1832

Reporting that the party organized to apprehend the Yorks et al returned with the information that they had moved to the towns of Brazoria and San Felipe de Austin and requesting advice on how to proceed.  7/6/1832

Transcribing a report from the customs administrator of Galveston informing that the customs office was moved to Galveston Island.  7/16/1832

Reporting the number of families put in possession of their lands by Commissioner José Antonio Saucedo and the number still waiting to receive title.  7/17/1832

Cover letter to accompany list of grants to residents of Goliad and inquiring whether they could be put in possession.  7/27/1832

List of five petitions for land and locations (Goliad).  7/27/1832

Acknowledging the receipt of three copies of colonization contracts and list of sales and grants.  7/27/1832

Acknowledging a communication relative to lawyers creating unrest in Anáhuac.  7/28/1832

Ordering Hernández to pursue and bring the Yorks to justice.  7/30/1832

Abridged transcription of a letter to the alcalde of Goliad and authorization to act on his own initiative in apprehending the delinquents.  7/30/1832

Transcribing a decree pardoning Luis Matoso for desertion.  8/1/1832

Abridged draft of letter ordering Commissioner De León to begin the distribution of land and to demarcate the limits between the Power/Hewetson and De León colonies.  8/1/1832

Gov. Letona orders the original boundaries called for in De León’s contract of 4/30/1829 reinstated, Green DeWitt’s empresario contract having expired.  8/4/1832

Reporting harassment by the Yorks and requesting relief.  8/7/1832

Fernando de León reports that he had requested Surveyor José María Carbajal to repair to Guadalupe Victoria for the purpose of beginning the distribution of land.  8/8/1832

Fernando de León requests clarification of his instructions as regards the layout of the town and grants within the littoral areas.  8/8/1832

Transcribing a decree requiring the government to rent the lands of the pious funds of California and establishing a board to manage them.  8/9/1832

Reporting that the appointment of a customs intervener at Galveston in keeping with state Decree No. 94 was not advisable due to the unrest of the colonists in the coast area.  8/10/1832

Expanding on certain points concerning the investigation and efforts to apprehend the Yorks and their associates.  8/10/1832

Commandant of Goliad states that he could not provide troops to pursue the Yorks because the orders had not come from the principal commandant.  8/10/1832

Transmitting the communications of the commandant of Goliad and Narciso Músquiz and requesting
instructions in the matter of apprehending the Yorks. 8/11/1832

1141. Abridged draft of letter transcribing the governor’s communication dated 8/4/1832. 8/29/1832

1194. Philip Dimitt reports the threats made by the Yorks and advises caution. 9/2/1832

1195. Reporting incidents of harassment by the Yorks. 9/6/1832

173. Transcribing a decree granting amnesty to several officers that married without having obtained the required authorization. 9/12/1832

1196. Transmitting to Austin the reports relative to the outrages committed by the Yorks. 9/12/1832

1057. Transmitting McMullen’s letter of 7/17/1832 and recommending the appointment of a commissioner to examine the titles issued by Saucedo and to resolve the differences between McMullen and James Power over the boundaries of their colonies. 9/22/1832

754. On measures for apprehending certain criminals if Stephen F. Austin failed to arrest them. 9/27/1832

815. Músquiz asks the alcalde of San Felipe de Austin whether land dues had been collected, requests the names of colonists who had not paid, and asks for an immediate response to his inquiry. 9/27/1832

239. Resolution by the governor pertaining to the sale at auction of mission structures that housed the mission priests. 10/2/1832

816. Chriesman reports that the land dues on land titled by Gaspar Flores in 1827 and 1828 had been collected and the amounts used to outfit Lt. Col. Domingo Ugartechea’s troops. 10/13/1832

314. Notice of the resignation of Santiago del Valle and his replacement by José Miguel Falcón. 10/23/1832

817. Advising that the ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin had no right to dispose of funds due the state on land fees collected and that the amount expended in aiding Ugartechea’s troops must be repaid. 10/23/1832

818. Advising of the notice to the alcalde [of San Felipe de Austin] relative to the improper use of state funds and the order to repay the state accounts. 10/23/1832

819. Gaspar Flores communicates the death of José Antonio Saucedo and requests an account of amounts due from Bastrop’s estate for purposes of settling Saucedo’s estate. 10/24/1832

820. Recollecting land dues from Austin’s first contract and from his 1825 contract with the state. 11/6/1832

22. List of colonists granted land by José Antonio Navarro in DeWitt’s colony. 11/9/1832

903. Letter and list of the native and naturalized Mexican citizens to whom Navarro issued titles. 11/9/1832

905. Letter and list of grantees in DeWitt’s colony to whom Navarro issued titles during 1831 and 1832. 11/9/1832

907. Letter from Navarro to accompany titles issued by virtue of land grants from the government. 11/9/1832

834. Austin reports on the number of families that had not received titles and on the advisability of including them in Austin and Williams’ contract and settling them in the interior of the colony. 11/20/1832

904. Acknowledging list of Mexican citizens to whom title had been issued by Navarro. 11/20/1832

906. Acknowledging list of grantees put in possession of land by Navarro. 11/20/1832

821. Informs the ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin of the governor’s communication on the collection of land dues; requests payments and submission of a monthly report. 11/22/1832

1144. Reports the presence of Juan Guajardo, who claims to have been commissioned by the government to demarcate the littoral leagues and to issue titles to the settlers within it. 11/22/1832

1067. Certified copy of James Grant and John Charles Beales' 1832 empresario contract. 11/26/1832
547. U.S.-Mexico Treaty of Limits, 1832. 12/1/1832
1145. Reporting that Juan Guajardo had been instructed to desist from acting as a commissioner. 12/6/1832
822. Músquiz advises that he had instructed the ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin to collect the amounts due on land granted in Austin’s colony. 12/20/1832
308. Notice that Veramendi had assumed charge of the government following the death of Letona. 12/24/1832
309. Veramendi communicates that he had assumed charge of the government. 12/24/1832
16. List of DeWitt colony documents compiled by Commissioner Navarro. 1833
1153. Index of correspondence with the empresarios and commissioners for 1833 (only 3 items listed). 1833
439. Report of the number of families included in the contracts with empresarios and a list of grants to various individuals as purchasers and to others as settlers. 1/2/1833
1146. Martín de León requests Músquiz to forward to the state Congress via the governor a petition from his colonists seeking an augmentation to their pasture lands. 1/5/1833
1147. Transmitting Martín de León’s letter and the petition of his colonists to the governor and seconding their request. 1/10/1833
1148. Forwarding to Músquiz a petition from José M. J. Carvajal asking to be put in possession of 10 leagues of land in De León's colony. 1/22/1833
994. Transcribing a communication approving the concession of land to families already in Texas and not excluded by the law of April 6, 1830, in the area covered by Burnet’s, Zavala's and Vehlein's contracts. 1/25/1833
310. Notice from Vice-Governor Veramendi informing that he had assumed charge of the government. 1/26/1833
697. Authorizing titles of possession to be issued in all areas except those designated for military posts. 1/29/1833
902. Sketch of a letter relative to granting land in the area of Campos' empresario contract. 2/5/1833
1149. Abridged draft of a letter transcribing the governor’s communication of 8/4/1832 and ordering that Martín de León not be impeded in the location of his colonists. 2/5/1833
597. Transcribes a communication from the vice-governor of the state amending previous instructions that precluded individuals from being put in possession of lands until such time as the location of the lands for the settlement at Anáhuac, Lavaca and Tenochtitlán had been verified. 2/19/1833
699. Transmitting a communication relative to issuing titles in all areas except those designated for military posts. 2/19/1833
1150. Martín de León asks that the layout of the town of Guadalupe Victoria not be altered because the town was laid out and buildings were constructed prior to the issuance of the instructions governing this matter. 2/22/1833
698. Acknowledging the authorization to issue titles of possession in all areas except those designated for military posts. 2/23/1833
995. Acknowledging the communication on the granting of land to settlers already in the area covered by Burnet’s, Vehlein’s, and Zavala's contracts. 2/23/1833
192. Transcribes an order of the Ministry of War and Marine relative to the manner of documenting military service for the purpose of obtaining special recognition. 3/16/1833
759. Arciniega explains his reasons for refusing to serve as alcalde of Béxar. 3/21/1833
760. Sketch of a letter transcribing the governor’s communication of 6/16/1832 (not included). 3/24/1833
331. Múșquiz notifies that he is taking a leave of absence. 3/26/1833
332. Notice to the ayuntamiento that Múșquiz had transferred the duties of political chief to Manuel Ximénez. 3/28/1833
333. Ximénez informs that he had assumed the office of acting political chief of the department of Béxar. 4/7/1833
758. Requesting a decision on Arciniega’s refusal to assume the office of alcalde. 4/7/1833
1151. Fernando de León reports that his work as commissioner was at a standstill and that he intended to travel to the United States for four months on personal business. 4/7/1833
162. Copy of the United States-Mexico Treaty of Limits, 1832. 4/15/1833
1211. Decree of the state Congress annulling Decree No. 184 that extended Power and Hewetson’s contract for three years. 4/24/1833
1384. Madero advises that his election to represent Béxar in the Legislature prevented him from concluding his duties as commissioner. 4/25/1833
1385. In response to Madero’s communication dated 4/25/1833 (#1384), Veramendi transfers Madero’s commission to put Mexican purchasers in possession of their grants to Vicente Aldrete and authorizes Madero to complete the titles for land in Liberty at a place that is not detrimental to his health. 5/2/1833
756. Transmitting an order instructing Arciniega to suspend immediately his activities as commissioner in light of the insubordination in Austin’s colony. 5/20/1833
311. Agreement defining the procedures whereby the secretary of the government would henceforth act as the channel of communication between the executive and subordinate authorities of the state. 5/21/1833
1389. Order instructing Vicente Aldrete to present himself before José Francisco Madero to receive the transfer of the commissions given to Madero on 9/27/1830 and 10/16/1830. 5/22/1833
908. Communicating the government’s approval of the expediente formed by Navarro as commissioner of the government. 5/23/1833
1042. Asking the political chief to provide a copy of the notice sent by McMullen in July 1832, indicating the families that were put in possession of their lands by Commissioner José Antonio Saucedo. 5/23/1833
1058. Sketch of a letter transcribing, at McMullen’s request, the political chief's communication to the governor dated 9/22/1832. 5/24/1833
190. Transcribes a decree declaring contrary to the law of 5/15/1831 the first article of the decree of 1/13/1832 issued by the Legislature of the state of Yucatán. 5/31/1833
191. Transcribes a decree abolishing the decree that authorized General Nicolás Bravo to bear a sword of honor. 5/31/1833
334. Arciniega requests instructions on the appointment of the chief of the Nacogdoches District. 6/3/1833
188. Transcribes a decree authorizing the president to command the army personally. 6/10/1833
189. Transcribes a decree concerning the manner of notifying certain individuals. 6/10/1833
910. José María Jesús Carvajal protests against the appointment of Byrd Lockhart as surveyor. 6/10/1833
1062. Carvajal asks for information on the boundaries of McMullen and McGloin’s colony. 6/10/1833
396. Requesting answers to problems related to surveys on watercourses and surveys done by order of Commissioner General Juan Antonio Padilla. 6/15/1833

757. Arciniega acknowledges his suspension as commissioner for Austin's colony. 6/15/1833

1388. Pursuant to Veramendi’s order, Madero conveys to Vicente Aldrete the appointment given him by Gov. Viesca on 9/27/1830. 6/15/1833

909. Acknowledging the government's approval of the expediente prepared by Comm. Navarro. 6/19/1833

391. Reporting the resignation of José Francisco Madero and the appointment of Vicente Aldrete as commissioner to put various Mexican citizens in possession of lands obtained by purchase from the government. 6/22/1833

1351. Madero reports that certain individuals in Atascosito had refused to pay him his commissioner's fees. Also, Arciniega to the alcalde of Liberty instructing him to order said individuals to pay the required fee. 6/28/1833

392. Acknowledging the notice of Aldrete's appointment as commissioner. 6/29/1833

1357. Madero acknowledges note from Arciniega on the convention at San Felipe de Austin. Transmits also the copy of a letter to the alcalde of Liberty relative to the issuance of the titles to the lots in said town (#1358). 7/15/1833

1358. Copy of Madero’s letter to George Orr, alcalde of Liberty, asking him to send the completed and unfinished titles of the town lots in Liberty for the purpose of issuing the titles to the settlers. 7/15/1833

1095. Cherokees' petition asking to be put in possession of the land designated for them, Arciniega's suggestions in this matter, and his observations on their customs and practices. 7/20/1833

174. Transcribes a decree declaring in force the law of May 23, 1832. 7/27/1833

393. Cover letter to accompany the copy of a resolution of the Executive Council. 8/9/1833

394. Resolutions of the Executive Council relative to various inquiries from the political chief. 8/9/1833

1152. Communicating that the acting governor had forwarded to the next session of Congress Martín de León's petition for an augmentation of land for his colonists. 8/10/1833

336. Recommending the selection and appointment of a subaltern chief for the Nacogdoches District. 8/23/1833

335. Cover letter to accompany the opinion of the Executive Council and of the governor on the selection of the political chief for the Nacogdoches District. 9/2/1833

177. Transcribes a decree relative to filling a vacancy on the Supreme Court. 9/7/1833

397. Acknowledging receipt of a communication containing the resolutions of the Executive Council relative to surveying questions. 9/7/1833

399. Transcribes the resolutions of the Executive Council relative to surveying questions. 9/12/1833

175. Transcribes a decree giving deserters time to present themselves to the authorities. 9/17/1833

1096. Col. Bean reports that the Cherokees intended to introduce other Cherokee families if land was granted to them and on the difficulties of having the Cherokees so close to Nacogdoches. 10/7/1833

313. Notice that Vidaurri had assumed the office of governor following the death of Veramendi. 10/9/1833

1097. Transmitting the communication of Peter Ellis Bean relative to the Cherokees. 10/23/1833

1098. Draft of letter found in Box 127:39, p. 296. 10/23/1833

1099. Acknowledging receipt of a communication related to an order from the governor presented by the Cherokees to the alcalde of Nacogdoches. 10/23/1833
1100. Requesting from the alcalde of Nacogdoches a report on the contents of the governor’s order presented by
the Cherokees and on all other relevant matters mentioned in Bean’s original communication of
10/7/1833. 10/24/1833

315. Death of Juan Martín de Veramendi and appointment of Francisco Vidaurri y Villaseñor to replace him.
10/31/1833

312. Informing that Santiago del Valle had resigned as secretary of the state government and had been replaced
by José Miguel Falcón. 11/10/1833

1101. Reporting that the Cherokee chief presented an order from the governor not to disturb the Cherokees
pending a decision by the supreme government. 11/19/1833

176. Transcribes a decree extending for four months the power given to the executive by the decree of June 7.
11/20/1833

1063. Acknowledging Balmaceda’s appointment as commissioner for McMullen and McGloin’s colony.
12/23/1833

1065. Balmaceda communicates his appointment as commissioner for McMullen and McGloin’s colony and
requests instructions from the political chief. 12/23/1833

1064. List of titles and other documents pertaining to the business of McMullen and McGloin’s colony delivered
to Balmaceda and his receipt for them. 12/25/1833

43. Nixon’s instructions to surveyors in Burnet’s, Vehlein’s, and Zavala’s colonies. 1834

440. List of grants to various individuals as purchasers and to others as settlers. 1/2/1834

1262. State-of-the-state message of Coahuila and Texas for 1833, with reports on population, revenues, and the
budget. 1/2/1834

193. Transcribes a decree abrogating Article 11 of the law of April 6, 1830, and authorizing the government to
spend the amount required to colonize the areas where it had authority to do so. 1/4/1834

183. Transcribes a decree concerning pensions for the Spaniards in the military medical corps. 1/16/1834

181. Transcribes a decree on the manner to be observed in filling vacancies in the army. 1/18/1834

186. Transcribes a decree reducing by one-fifth the duties on goods imported on national ships. 1/18/1834

211. Transcribes a decree pertaining to the manner of filling vacancies in church parishes. 1/18/1834

1772. Alcalde of Goliad appointed to issue Fernando de León’s title. 1/24/1834

930. Samuel M. Williams requests a commissioner to issue titles under Austin and Williams’ contract.
1/30/1834

187. Transcribes a decree of the Mexican Congress fixing the day for adjournment of its special session.
2/1/1834

194. Transcribes a decree of the Mexican Congress abolishing certain usury laws. 2/1/1834

702. Decree of the central government on its colonization of lands in the state of Coahuila and Texas. 2/4/1834

1154. Fernando de León reports that he is ready to proceed to the formal establishment of the town [of
Guadalupe Victoria] and to the election of the ayuntamiento and requests a copy of the pertinent laws.
2/5/1834

180. Transcribes a decree assigning revenues to the Office of Public Education. 2/8/1834

185. Transcribes a decree regarding the functions and the director of the Mexico City theater. 2/10/1834

1406. Hosea League’s statement that as agent and empresario for the Texas Association he executed a full
power-of-attorney to Sterling C. Robertson in the autumn of 1830. 2/10/1834
195. Transcribes a decree of President Santa Anna regarding the reinstatement of deserters. 2/11/1834

969. Decree No. 250, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, dated 1/27/1834, granting an extension of four years for completion of the contracts of John McMullen and Lorenzo de Zavala. 2/13/1834

182. Transcribes a decree authorizing the government to organize public education in the territories and Federal District. 2/15/1834

196. Transcribes a decree establishing the method of examining individuals seeking to practice law. 2/15/1834

208. Transcribes a decree abolishing the College of Santa Maria de Todos los Santos and assigning the revenues from its properties to public education. 2/20/1834

1102. Transmitting a copy of the protective order from the governor regarding the Cherokees. 2/21/1834

1103. Protective order (8/21/1833) given by Vice-Governor Juan Martín de Veramendi to the Cherokees until the supreme government of Mexico could decide in regard to their permanent settlement. 2/21/1834

342. Músquiz resumes his duties as political chief effective this date. 3/1/1834

206. Transcribes a Treaty of Amity, Commerce and Navigation between Mexico and Chile. 3/7/1834

402. Communicating that the alcaldes of Goliad and Béxar had been informed of the order of the governor canceling their commission to distribute land. 3/7/1834

1294. Juan N. Seguín advising that as land commissioner for the municipality he intended to leave shortly to put several individuals in possession of their land. 3/8/1834

705. Authorizing the alcalde of Béxar to supervise surveys for certain land grants. 3/10/1834

1295. Authorizing Seguín to leave and supervise the surveys for the interested parties and to transfer the duties of his office to the regidor during his absence. 3/10/1834

1402. Appointment of Fortunato Soto as commissioner for Beales and Grant's contract. 3/13/1834

494. Communicating the governor's decision to appoint Angel Navarro [Béxar] and José Miguel Aldrete [Goliad] commissioners to distribute land in place of the alcaldes. 3/19/1834

1226. The alcalde of Goliad reports the presence of Irish colonists settling in the vicinity of Mission Refugio on lands claimed by Mexicans and requests advice on how to proceed in the event they should refuse to obey his order to vacate. 3/21/1834

410. Decree No. 272, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, regulating land distribution in the state. 3/26/1834

495. Instructions to the alcalde of Goliad concerning the settlement by colonists on lands claimed by Mexicans. 3/26/1834

703. Decree No. 272, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, on the sale of public lands at public auction. 3/26/1834

933. Concerning Robertson's claims to the area contracted by Austin and Williams and requesting that the political chief issue to the alcalde or ayuntamiento of San Felipe the instructions pertinent to this matter. 3/26/1834

1227. Responding to the alcalde of Goliad concerning the location of Irish colonists on land claimed by Mexicans (#1226), Músquiz advises locating the new colonists on vacant land and investigating those who refused to move or to comply with the measures ordered by the alcalde. 3/26/1834

403. The alcaldes of Béxar and Goliad informed of the order of the governor instructing them to cease as commissioners. 3/27/1834

406. Transcribing a communication appointing Angel Navarro special commissioner to replace the alcalde [of Béxar] in this capacity. 3/29/1834

701. Transcribing an order of the state Congress to the governor instructing him not to allow implementation of
the decree of the vice-president of the republic concerning colonization of Texas by the central government. 4/1/1834

404. Juan N. Seguín acknowledges the communication ordering him to cease acting as commissioner. 4/2/1834

407. Acknowledging José Antonio Navarro’s communication on his appointment as commissioner. 4/2/1834

408. Instructing Seguín to deliver certain records to Angel Navarro, the new commissioner. 4/2/1834

197. Transcribes a decree extending to governors the privileges granted to senators and representatives in matters in which the competence lies with the federal courts. 4/8/1834

198. Transcribes a decree relative to the reorganization of the Mexican consulates and regulations to be observed. 4/8/1834

706. Requesting from the alcalde of Nacogdoches a detailed report on land grants and payments made. 4/9/1834

1068. Regarding the possibility of opening a road from Béxar to Dolores [Beales’ townsite] to facilitate the transit of incoming colonists and communication between these points. 4/11/1834

179. Transcribes a decree establishing a guard for the customs office of Mexico City and the Federal District. 4/14/1834

1228. The alcalde of Goliad reports on ordering the new Irish settlers to move from their location near Refugio or to appear before him. Having done neither, he has ordered them brought before him. 4/14/1834

201. Transcribes a decree renewing the privileges granted to certain imported goods by the decrees of 10/8/1823. 4/15/1834

210. Transcribes a decree establishing two teacher training schools and setting out the system of public education in Mexico City. 4/15/1834

184. Transcribes a decree enacting a law to create a national library. 4/16/1834

931. Músquiz informs that Austin and Williams’ contract was in effect, that Robertson must desist from his claims, and that the possessions of land authorized by Empresario Samuel M. Williams were to be respected. 4/17/1834

932. Músquiz informing of his communication to the alcalde of San Felipe de Austin under this same date relative to the Nashville Company and reporting that the governor would be advised of the matter. 4/17/1834

178. On reorganizing the system of commissaries. 4/18/1834

405. Plácido Venabides acknowledges the communication ordering him to cease as commissioner. 4/18/1834

934. Músquiz encloses documents related to the complaint of Empresario Samuel M. Williams against Robertson and measures taken to ensure that the possessions of land authorized by Williams were respected. 4/19/1834

1374. Decree No. 278, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, authorizing the sale of up to 400 leagues of land to support a militia to combat the Indians. 4/19/1834

209. Transcribes a decree abolishing the University of Mexico and establishing in its place a General Office of Public Education. 4/20/1834

207. Transcribes a decree regulating the discharge of military chiefs and officers. 4/22/1834

400. Vicente Aldrete requests a troop escort to accompany him to the state capital. 4/22/1834

427. Encloses a list of candidates proposed for two primary judge positions for the municipality of San Felipe de Austin. 4/28/1834
Decree No. 285, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, relative to the extension of Robertson’s contract.  
4/29/1834

Músquiz requests clarification of the provisions contained in Articles 29 and 30 of Decree No. 272.  
5/3/1834

Transcribing a communication from José María Díaz Noriega, commissioner of the central government, asking the governor for assistance in carrying out his mandate to offer land to Indian tribes.  
5/3/1834

Decree No. 286, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, authorizing the executive to appoint provisionally the superior circuit judge of Texas.  
5/5/1834

Acknowledging receipt of the list of candidates proposed by the ayuntamiento for the position of political chief of the department [of Brazos].  
5/6/1834

Communicating the appointment of David G. Burnet and Jesse Grimes as primary judges for the municipality of San Felipe de Austin.  
5/6/1834

Músquiz communicates that he is unable to supply the escort requested by Aldrete.  
5/8/1834

Transcribes a decree authorizing the government to contract for opening and improving roads and to collect tolls.  
5/9/1834

Transmitting the communication of William Egerton on opening a new road to Dolores.  
5/12/1834

Abridged draft of the letter on opening a road from Béxar to Dolores.  
5/12/1834

J. M. Aldrete transcribes a communication appointing him commissioner to replace the alcalde of Goliad in this capacity.  
5/15/1834

Copy of Francisco and Gerónimo del Prado’s petition asking to be granted 11 leagues of land each (1/18/1831) and Gov. Viesca’s approval. Also, a power-of-attorney from Francisco del Prado authorizing James Hewetson to obtain possession of the 22 leagues of land.  
5/20/1834

James Power gives notice of his arrival with over 140 colonists, reports on the difficulties encountered, and requests the appointment of a commissioner for his colony.  
5/23/1834

Appointment of Juan Antonio Padilla to the position of secretary of the state government.  
5/26/1834

Transcribing a communication of the vice-president of Mexico relative to amending Article 10 of the decree of 2/4/1834.  
5/26/1834

Transcribes a decree to the effect that the government would present to the Holy See its recommendation of a Mexican by birth for the position of bishop of Yucatán and Tabasco.  
5/27/1834

Transcribes a decree ceding to the state of Querétaro for use by the civic militia the cavalry barracks in that city.  
5/28/1834

J. N. Seguín asks whether he should add the land grant expedientes in the political chief’s office to those he had ready for delivery to the new commissioner.  
5/28/1834

Acknowledging James Power’s letter communicating the misfortunes suffered by the colonists during their voyage and offering measures for their relief.  
5/28/1834

Músquiz expresses his regret to Power for the difficulties encountered on the sea voyage and advises of the measures taken to assist the colonists.  
5/28/1834

Músquiz requests the ayuntamiento of Goliad to assist Power’s shipwrecked colonists and to avoid difficulties with them.  
5/28/1834

Transcribes a communication with the decree of the Mexican Congress ordering the secularization of all missions.  
5/29/1834

Advising Músquiz that Antonio Vásquez, alcalde of Goliad, had given possession to two leagues of land on
the west bank of the Guadalupe and asking under what authority this act was performed. 5/29/1834

708. Cover letter to accompany a communication from José María Carbajal on Sam Houston's attempt to introduce bellicose Indian tribes in Texas. 6/2/1834

1242. Cover letter forwarding the original of James Power's letter on his arrival and the shipwreck of his colonists and a copy of Músquiz’s response. 6/2/1834

497. Acknowledges a communication from Miguel Aldrete reporting his appointment by the governor as commissioner for the municipality of Goliad. 6/5/1834

203. Transcribes a decree declaring null and void the appointments conferred by José Segundo Carbajal during the time of the revolt in Yucatán. 6/7/1834

204. Transcribes a decree exempting from all duties the arms, sabers, and munitions destined for the civic militia. 6/7/1834

200. Transcribes a decree rescinding the extraordinary powers granted to the executive by a decree of 10/19/1833. 6/8/1834

1241. The alcalde of Goliad expresses the ayuntamiento's willingness to assist Power and Hewetson’s shipwrecked colonists. 6/12/1834

1244. Acknowledges the communication of 6/2/1834 (#1242), conveys the governor’s regrets, and indicates that a commissioner would soon be appointed for Power and Hewetson's colony. 6/12/1834

709. Advising that the governor had been informed of Sam Houston's attempt to introduce bellicose Indian tribes into Texas. 6/13/1834

430. Acknowledging the appointment of David G. Burnet and Jesse Grimes as primary judges. 6/16/1834

413. José Jesús de Vidaurri’s appointment as commissioner for Power and Hewetson’s colony. 6/19/1834

498. Communicating the resignation of Manuel del Moral as commissioner for Power and Hewetson’s colony and the appointment of Vidaurri to replace him. 6/20/1834

340. For purposes of selling the vacant lands of Texas the governor appoints Ramón Músquiz as commissioner general and Juan Andrés Sambrano as deputy for the department of Béxar, Pedro Flores as deputy for the department of Brazos and José Justo Liendo for the department of Nacogdoches. 6/25/1834

959. Copy of the expediente of Vehlein and Company's 1826 colonization contract. 6/27/1834

961. Copy of the expediente of David G. Burnet's 1826 colonization contract. 6/27/1834

963. Copy of the expediente of José Vehlein and Company's 1828 colonization contract. 6/27/1834

968. Copy of the expediente of Lorenzo de Zavala's 1829 colonization contract. 6/27/1834

1108. Transcribing part of a communication from Commissioner Fernando de León regarding a grant made by Antonio Vásquez, alcalde of Goliad. 6/29/1834

937. Transcribing a communication from the governor to William H. Steele appointing him commissioner for the Nashville Co. colony. 7/2/1834

958. Decree appointing George A. Nixon commissioner for the colonies of Vehlein, Burnet, and Zavala. 7/2/1834

992. Petition by John T. Mason asking to amend the condition of Vehlein’s 1828 contract that required the settled families to be German, Swedish or English and to allow, instead, the settlement of families from any country not prohibited by law (6/9/1834). Also, Governor Vidaurri’s consent to this amendment on 6/21/1834. 7/2/1834

337. Músquiz' resignation accepted. 7/8/1834

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338. Notice from Seguín that he had assumed the duties of political chief. 7/8/1834
339. Notice from Seguín that he had assumed the duties of political chief. 7/8/1834
341. Relative to the appointment of a commissioner general and deputy commissioners to sell vacant land in Texas. 7/8/1834
343. Communicating the appointments of political chiefs Henry Smith for the department of Brazos and Enrique Rueg for the department of Nacogdoches. 7/8/1834
344. Communicating the appointments of political chiefs Henry Smith for the department of Brazos and Enrique Rueg for Nacogdoches. 7/8/1834
421. Notice that Thomas Jefferson Chambers had been provisionally appointed superior judge of the circuit court of Texas. 7/9/1834
422. Communicating the provisional appointment of Chambers as superior judge of the circuit court of Texas. 7/9/1834
1243. Draft of a letter transcribing a communication (#1244) acknowledging receipt of the letters concerning the shipwreck of Power and Hewetson's colonists. 7/17/1834
415. Communicating Vidaurri's appointment as commissioner for Power and Hewetson's colony. 7/22/1834
424. Re the appointment of Thomas Jefferson Chambers as judge of the circuit court of Texas. 7/24/1834
425. Sketch of a letter communicating the appointment of Thomas Jefferson Chambers as judge. 7/24/1834
426. Acknowledging a communication relative to the appointment of Chambers as judge. 7/27/1834
416. Seguín acknowledges the communication of Vidaurri's appointment as commissioner for Power and Hewetson's colony. 7/29/1834
1622. Vital Flores indicates that the elections for primary judge were legal. 8/7/1834
15. Sale of Gowan Harris' printing press to H. C. Gray and A. Harris. 8/1/1834
476. Power and Hewetson's request to admit English, Germans and Americans in their colony. 8/2/1834
938. Seguín acknowledges receipt of the decree appointing a commissioner for the Nashville Co. colony. 8/10/1834
1487. Vital Flores advises that he had assumed the position of acting political chief in the absence of Henry Rueg, who had left on a trip to Matamoros. 8/12/1834
1488. Vital Flores gives notice of the appointment of Adolphus Sterne as acting secretary for the political chief. 8/12/1834
1623. Vital Flores instructs the ayuntamiento to provide the primary judge with copies of the laws he needed. 8/14/1834
1624. In view of Vicente Cordova's resignation as primary judge, Vital Flores orders that the person with the next highest number of votes be sworn in to this position. 8/16/1834
939. Communicating the appointment of Wm. Steele as commissioner for the Nashville colony. 8/17/1834
1625. Vital Flores returns a letter for rerouting. 8/18/1834
1489. Cover letter for a list of the correspondence received in the political chief's office from the secretary of the state government (list not found here). 8/24/1834
1490. Flores acknowledges the communication informing of the provisional appointment of Chambers to the position of superior judge of the Texas circuit and indicates that the order was circulated. 8/25/1834
1491. In regard to the order that he put María Luisa Eufracia Prudhome and Carlos Noyrit in possession of a tract
of land claimed by them, Flores reports that Commissioner Aldrete had already issued title to those lands to other Mexican citizens and requests advice from the governor in this matter. 8/26/1834

414. Communicating the decisions in regard to Commissioner Vidaurre's report that the ayuntamiento of Goliad had interfered with his functions. 8/28/1834

1626. Vital Flores requests that the laws in the archives of the ayuntamiento be provided to the primary judge. 8/28/1834

1627. Flores advises the primary judge that until the government answered certain questions concerning the law on juries the other laws in effect should guide him. 8/30/1834

1628. Flores orders the alcalde to deliver to the primary judge the detained American accused of killing an Indian. 9/1/1834

1629. Flores advises the acting alcalde where to find correspondence with the asesor general. 9/2/1834

1630. Vital Flores reports on certain judicial matters to which he attended during his stint as alcalde, in particular the case of John McDermitt, who was accused of killing an Indian. 9/3/1834

1492. Flores acknowledges receipt of a communication pertaining to the budget and expenses of the ayuntamiento of Nacogdoches. 9/8/1834

1493. Flores acknowledges receipt of the notice that the governor had adhered to the pronunciamiento in support of the plan of Monterrey. 9/8/1834

1494. Flores reports that no salary having been designated for the sheriffs and constables provided by the law of 4/17/1834 establishing trial by jury, no one was willing to serve. 9/8/1834

1495. Flores reports lack of funds to pay the secretary and clerk of the political chief’s office and requests advice. 9/8/1834

1496. Flores requests that the governor order the political chief of Béxar to send to Nacogdoches those documents from its archives pertaining to the department of Nacogdoches. 9/8/1834

945. Seguín sets out the advantages from permitting the settlement of Milam’s colony and endorses an extension of the contract sought by Robert M. Williamson, agent for Milam. 9/9/1834

1497. Flores informs the government of the difficulty of circulating the laws in his department, in particular to the ayuntamiento of Liberty for want of mail service to that town. 9/9/1834

1498. Flores transcribes a communication from the alcalde of Nacogdoches to the political chief of Béxar relative to obtaining the papers embargoed from Commissioner General Juan Antonio Padilla and requests the governor's advice. 9/9/1834

1631. Flores orders the ayuntamiento to require anyone holding a title within the area of Vehlein's, Zavala's, and Burnet's colonies to present it. 9/11/1834

941. Appointment of John G. W. Pierson as surveyor of the Nashville colony. 9/17/1834

1408. Vital Flores notifies Grande of his election to represent the department of Nacogdoches in the state Congress for the 1835-1836 term. 9/18/1834

1500. Flores remits a copy of the election proceedings and returns of the election of electors held in August (returns not found here). 9/18/1834

1501. Flores remits a copy of the proceedings of the election held 9/8/1835 for a representative and alternate to represent the department in the state Congress. 9/18/1834

1409. Vital Flores encloses a copy of the proceedings (not found here) to elect a representative to the state Congress. 9/19/1834

1410. Vital Flores encloses a copy of the proceedings (not found here) to choose electors for the election of a
representative to the state Congress.  9/19/1834

1411. Vital Flores encloses a copy of the proceedings (not found here) to elect a state governor, vice-governor and councilors.  9/19/1834

1412. Vital Flores encloses a copy of the proceedings (not found here) to elect a representative to the Mexican Congress.  9/19/1834

1499. Flores acknowledges receipt of orders pertaining to the holding of elections and reports his compliance with them.  9/19/1834

1632. Flores grants the primary judge leave until October 13.  9/22/1834

1633. Flores advises that the primary judge had been granted a leave.  9/22/1834

1634. Flores encloses a list of the electors and a report of the election of the representative and alternate to represent the department in the state Congress.  9/22/1834

1502. Flores reports on the arrival of Archibald Hotchkiss and on the discontent among the established citizens and Indian tribes due to surveys being run on or near lands claimed by them.  9/23/1834

1635. Flores to the alcalde on arming the guard assigned to watch the prisoner held in Nacogdoches.  9/24/1834

1636. Flores withdraws the leave that had been granted to the primary judge until such time as one of his alternates could assume the post.  9/27/1834

1637. Flores reports that he was satisfied that Luis Rueg and Francisco Guerrero were ill and could not assume the office of primary judge, but orders Miguel Sacco to appear and to assume that position.  9/27/1834

1638. In view of the public unrest at Nacogdoches, Flores orders the residents gathered and an armed guard formed to safeguard public order.  9/29/1834

1639. Flores orders the appointment of an individual to command the citizen guard at Nacogdoches.  10/1/1834

1640. Flores acknowledges the appointment of Juan Lazarín as commander of the civic guard and describes the punishment for those disregarding his orders.  10/2/1834

1392. Petition asking the political chief to obtain from Commissioner Vicente Aldrete the original of the titles that as commissioner he had issued, along with a copy of his commission.  10/4/1834

1504. Flores reports on the leave granted to Vicente Cordova, primary judge of Nacogdoches, and on the refusal of Miguel Sacco to assume this position.  10/6/1834

1503. Flores acknowledges receipt of the communication informing that Elguézabal had assumed the office of governor and of the decree by which the state government rejected the changes to the national constitution.  10/7/1834

1641. Flores orders Vicente Aldrete to deliver to him certain documents mentioned in a memorial presented by the agents for several Mexican citizens who had obtained grants in sale.  10/8/1834

1391. Vital Flores asks Commissioner Vicente Aldrete to deposit with the political chief of Nacogdoches the original of the titles that as commissioner he had issued.  10/9/1834

1642. Flores authorizes the payment of prisoner Allen Norton's food from the municipal funds.  10/14/1834

1230. Manuel Barrera explains why the original documents requested by the political chief could not be sent.  10/17/1834

1643. Henry Rueg provides instructions on the appointment of a detail to guard the prisoner in jail and, in general, about keeping good order in the town.  10/19/1834

1413. Rueg communicates a complaint by Pablo and Nonato Leoné.  10/20/1834

1419. Rueg acknowledges receipt of a decree of 8/20/1834 and vows to use his influence on behalf of the
reinstated governor and to keep the tranquility of his department.  10/20/1834

1505. Henry Rueg reports that he had taken charge of the office of political chief of Nacogdoches effective 10/18/1834.  10/20/1834

1506. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the order of the president restoring the property expropriated from the Aguayos and distributed by the state government.  10/20/1834

1507. Rueg requests that the government gazette be sent to him.  10/20/1834

1508. Rueg reports the provisional appointment of Adolphus Sterne to the position of secretary of the political chief’s office.  10/20/1834

1509. Rueg requests advice on what proportion of the political chief’s salary was to be assigned to the person who filled this position in the political chief’s absence.  10/20/1834

1510. Rueg reports that the absence of a commissioner to issue titles to the inhabitants of the frontier of Nacogdoches was forcing them to resort to the agent of empresarios Zavala, Burnet and Vehlein to obtain a title and asks the governor to address this matter.  10/20/1834

1644. Rueg inquires whether the primary judge’s archives contained any document showing that José Ygnacio Ybarbo had appealed a decision in a lawsuit involving Remigio Totín.  10/22/1834

1645. Rueg asks the alcalde to report whether José Ygnacio Ybarbo ever appealed the 1832 decision he lost to Remigio Totín.  10/22/1834

1646. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the quarterly census statistics.  10/23/1834

1647. Rueg relative to the construction of a jail and raising the funds to pay for it.  10/24/1834

1648. Rueg instructs the alcalde to fill the vacancies on the ayuntamiento as they occur.  10/24/1834

1649. Rueg instructs the alcalde to verify whether certain individuals were insulting and threatening the authorities and to punish them if the rumor was found to be true.  10/24/1834

1650. Rueg orders the alcalde to prepare the year-end census and statistics for the municipality.  10/24/1834

1651. Rueg’s observations relative to the list of four candidates named by the ayuntamiento to serve as primary judge.  10/27/1834

1652. Rueg instructs the alcalde to determine why Nathaniel Norris had not appeared to perform his duties as sindico procurador or responded to the alcalde’s letters.  10/28/1834

1253. James Hewetson, acting as attorney-in-fact for Francisco de la Peña, conveys to James Power 11 leagues of land obtained by De la Peña in sale from the government.  10/29/1834

1653. Rueg returns a report submitted by the primary judge containing complaints about the acting political chief and advises that he had not requested this report but rather one on the persons who were insulting and threatening the authorities.  10/29/1834

23. Appointing Talbot Chambers commissioner for Milam’s colony.  10/31/1834

24. Governor Elguézabal’s order appointing Talbot Chambers commissioner and giving Milam the right to petition for an extension of his contract.  10/31/1834

1414. Henry Rueg states that he had sworn to uphold the constitution and the laws of the country and that he wished to maintain the calm in the department of Nacogdoches.  11/3/1834

1511. Rueg acknowledges an order from the governor regarding the salaries of the subaltern employees of the receiver’s offices in Nacogdoches and San Felipe.  11/3/1834

1512. Rueg acknowledges receipt of copies of the report of the executive to the Congress of the state concerning accounts under its supervision.  11/3/1834
1513. Cover letter to accompany report (not found here) of the ayuntamiento of Nacogdoches on the number of births, marriages and deaths during the quarter. 11/3/1834

1654. In response to a communication from the primary judge, Rueg states that he would abstain from answering the unfounded accusations made by him. 11/5/1834

1420. Sketch of a letter from Rueg to Durst transcribing a communication (not found here) from the supreme government. 11/6/1834

1415. Henry Rueg orders Durst to deliver to the political chief the documents he had seized [from Commissioner Juan Antonio Padilla]. 11/9/1834

1655. Rueg instructs the primary judge to look after the property of the deceased Fray Díaz de León. 11/14/1834

1656. Rueg orders the alcalde to obtain from Antonio Menchaca any documents in his possession pertaining to the work of commissioners Juan Antonio Padilla and José Francisco Madero. 11/14/1834

1393. List of titles issued by Vicente Aldrete and deposited with the political chief of Nacogdoches. 11/18/1834

1416. Rueg orders Nixon to make available for sale the stamped paper in his possession and appoints him to be in charge of its sale. 11/18/1834

1514. Rueg reports the departure of Commissioner Vicente Aldrete to the state capital to give an account of his work as commissioner. 11/18/1834

1657. Rueg informs that he had no knowledge of the person mentioned in the primary judge's communication of this date. 11/18/1834

1658. Rueg instructs the alcalde to prepare for the election of a new ayuntamiento and for the election of alguaciles and deputy sheriffs. 11/18/1834

1659. Rueg transcribes his communication to Jorge Antonio Nixon concerning the sale of stamped paper and asks the alcalde to make sure that Nixon posted the required bond. 11/19/1834

1660. Rueg orders the alcalde to obtain from Antonio Menchaca the documents in his possession pertaining to the commissions of Juan Antonio Padilla and Francisco Madero. 11/19/1834

1254. James Hewetson’s petition for himself and James Power asking to be put in possession of the premium lands accruing to them (11/20/1834) and the governor’s approval (11/21/1834). 11/21/1834

1661. Rueg on the resolution of a land dispute between Bodín and Lazarín. 11/21/1834

1417. Rueg requests Labaume to present evidence of title to the lands he claimed by an ancient grant. 11/22/1834

1418. A. Sterne enclosing certified copy of a grant to Remigio Totín and the copy of a judgment in a case involving Totín and José Ygnacio Ybarbo (neither document copied here). 11/22/1834

1662. Rueg orders Guillermo Cruz, accused of insulting the primary judge, punished and made an example to deter others. 11/25/1834

1231. Reporting complaints from the Jaramanes Indians, the Carbajals and the widow of Tomás Buentello about the survey lines run by Power and Hewetson’s surveyors. 11/26/1834

1663. Rueg refuses to allow the primary judge to leave his post and advises that orders have been given to punish those who disrespected the authorities. 11/28/1834

1664. Rueg orders the ayuntamiento to name a provisional sheriff and to determine the compensation he should receive until such time as the state government made a determination on this matter. 11/28/1834

1665. Rueg approves the appointment of James Carter as provisional sheriff. 12/1/1834

1666. Rueg advises that Jorge Antonio Nixon did not need to post an additional bond in order to sell the stamped paper but that the alcalde should obtain an account of all the stamped paper in Nixon’s possession.
1515. Rueg reporting that he had not received any government communications in the last two mails and that he would respond to all pending matters via the next mail. 12/3/1834

1667. Rueg encloses a copy of the agreements reached by the state government at Monclova with the representatives from Saltillo. 12/3/1834

1229. Abridged letter transmitting a communication from the political chief to Power and Hewetson regarding complaints contained in a letter from Goliad dated 11/26/1834 (#1231). 12/4/1834

1232. Transmitting to Power and Hewetson the complaints from Becerra dated 11/26/1834 (#1231) and reminding them of their obligations to the Jaramanes and to the citizens who already had title to their land. 12/4/1834

1516. Rueg acknowledges notice of the governor’s order to the political chief of Béxar to take from his archives and send to Nacogdoches the documents pertaining to that department. 12/4/1834

1517. Rueg acknowledges receipt of a communication in which the governor orders that preexisting property rights be respected and that new surveys not be allowed to interfere with those claims or with lands occupied by the Coshatta Indians. 12/4/1834

1518. Rueg acknowledges instructions to forward mail to the ayuntamiento of Liberty through the political chief of the Brazos. 12/5/1834

1519. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the agreement between the government authorities at Monclova and the commissioners from Saltillo relative to the political disagreements in Coahuila. 12/5/1834

1520. Rueg acknowledges receipt of copies of the government gazette. 12/5/1834

1521. Rueg reports that James Carter had been named sheriff and forwards to the governor the proposed compensation for this job. 12/5/1834

1522. Rueg communicates the suicide of Fray José Antonio Díaz de León, encloses a copy of the priest’s final letter (not found here), and requests the appointment of a new priest as soon as possible. 12/5/1834

1523. Rueg reports his decision to leave the stamped paper in Nacogdoches in the hands of Nixon so as to prevent it from coming under the control of the political chief of Béxar. 12/10/1834

1524. Rueg reports that his department had not become embroiled in the political dissensions affecting the state. 12/10/1834

1525. Rueg inquires whether the sale of stamped paper in the hands of Commissioner Nixon could be used to pay the salaries and expenses of the political chief’s office. 12/10/1834

1526. Rueg requests an answer to his inquiry relative to what proportion of the political chief’s salary should be paid to his substitute. 12/10/1834

1527. Rueg reports the death of Luis Procela, first regidor of the ayuntamiento of Nacogdoches, and that the vacancy left by his death had been filled. 12/11/1834

1668. Rueg acknowledges notification of the death of Luis Procela, first regidor, and advises that his position should be filled by the second regidor. 12/11/1834

1528. Rueg reports that the alcalde of Nacogdoches had gathered from Antonio Menchaca documents pertaining to the work of Commissioner General Juan Antonio Padilla and Commissioner José Francisco Madero. 12/12/1834

1421. Rueg transcribes the governor’s order to separate from the archives of the political chief of Béxar and send to Nacogdoches those documents pertaining to individuals in the department of Nacogdoches. 12/15/1834

1529. Rueg indicates that the law on trial by jury was scheduled to go into effect in the department of
Nacogdoches and requests advice on the authority of the political chief with regard to the primary judges. 12/15/1834

1530. Rueg questions regarding premium land for empresarios, agent fees, and authority of the land commissioner. 12/15/1834

1531. Rueg reports on the plans to build a jail and courthouse and requests funds. 12/15/1834

1532. Rueg requests copies of the laws affecting his fiscal duties set out in law No. 37 dated June 13, 1827. 12/15/1834

1233. James Power protests bitterly the conduct of Goliad towards his colony and answers the complaints concerning his treatment of the Jaramanes Indians and the Mexicans. 12/19/1834

1669. Rueg takes the alcalde to task for not having included the Bevil voting lists in the election tally and orders him to reconvene the ayuntamiento for the purpose of completing the count. 12/22/1834

1670. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the vote tally and orders notice given to the individuals elected. 12/23/1834

1671. Rueg orders the alcalde to notify the primary judge of the appointment of a provisional sheriff. 12/23/1834

1533. Rueg acknowledges receipt of a circular issued by the secretary of state and relations dated 11/8/1834 and forwarded by the governor of the state. 12/29/1834

1534. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the president’s approval of a weekly mail run from Nacogdoches to the Sabine. 12/29/1834

1535. Rueg requests copies of the state constitution and of other laws. 12/29/1834

946. Transcribing the decree of the governor on the status of Milam’s empresario contract and the appointment of Talbot Chambers as commissioner for the colony. 12/30/1834

949. Talbot Chambers informs the political chief of his acceptance of the appointment from the governor as commissioner for Milam’s colony. 12/30/1835 [1834]

46. Alphabetical list of persons who paid dues on lands to George W. Smyth. 1835

1672. Rueg acknowledges notice of the new ayuntamiento’s organization. 1/3/1835

1536. Rueg reports that the ayuntamientos of the department had elected new members. 1/5/1835

1673. Rueg asks for the accounts of the municipal funds for the previous year. 1/7/1835

1674. Rueg reports that steps had been taken to protect the land possessed by Pedro Roblo. 1/7/1835

1422. Rueg concerning complaints that preexisting grants were not being respected and ordering Nixon to observe the requirements set out in the instructions to commissioners. 1/8/1835

1675. Rueg requests a copy of the order or decree pertaining to the property rights of the Nacogdoches residents who abandoned the town to determine if it was issued by competent authority. 1/9/1835

1676. Rueg encloses an order from the governor calling elections and sets the dates for them. 1/10/1835

1677. Rueg encloses copies of an explanatory message from the governor for circulation to the comisarios of the municipality. 1/10/1835

1678. Rueg authorizes the alcalde to send by special mail to Bevil notice of the scheduled elections and to pay for it from the municipal funds. 1/11/1835

1537. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the order to call new elections. 1/12/1835

1538. Rueg acknowledges an order from the governor specifying that individuals who served in the Legislature, the Executive, and the Council of Government in the previous term not be nominated for the upcoming elections. 1/12/1835
Rueg urges the alcalde and primary judge to proceed with the civil and criminal cases in accordance with the law on juries.  1/12/1835

Rueg acknowledges receipt of the inventory of the papers and documents taken from Commissioner General Juan Antonio Padilla.  1/17/1835

Rueg acknowledges receipt of the accounts of the municipal funds of Nacogdoches for 1834.  1/17/1835

Rueg repeats his opinion that civil and criminal cases could proceed in accordance with the law on juries.  1/20/1835

Rueg asks the primary judge to list all the difficulties and defects in the law on juries for the purpose of communicating them to the state government.  1/20/1835

Rueg requests the governor's assistance in resolving the problem of former residents of Nacogdoches who abandoned their properties during the revolution but had now returned to reclaim them.  1/23/1835

Rueg encloses the accounts of the municipal funds of Nacogdoches for the year 1834 (not found here).  1/23/1835

Rueg reports that the papers taken from Padilla in 1830 had been turned over to the political chief by John Durst and that the land fees due on titles issued by Padilla had been collected.  1/24/1835

Rueg reports that he had named Juan Mora primary judge for Nacogdoches, Augustine Hotchkiss for San Augustine, and William Hardin for Liberty.  1/24/1835

Rueg requests the governor's advice on the fees charged by Commissioner Nixon and A. Hotchkiss and about the pre-selection of premium land for the empresarios.  1/24/1835

Rueg asks for a list of candidates to fill the position of political chief.  1/26/1835

Rueg relative to putting the elected officers of Liberty in possession of their offices, the administration of justice by the primary judges, and the death of Fray José Antonio Díaz de León.  1/29/1835

Rueg responds to a question concerning the sale of five leagues of land by Vital Flores to Allen located on land claimed by Noyrith.  1/29/1835

Rueg encloses a copy of the election results of the election held 1/31/1835.  2/2/1835

Rueg on establishing regular mail service to the Sabine to connect with the United States postal service.  2/3/1835

Talbot Chambers advising the political chief of a petition to the governor soliciting an extension of the boundaries of Milam's colony and asking for his endorsement of this request.  2/5/1835

Talbot Chambers solicits an extension of the boundaries of Milam's colony.  2/5/1835

Rueg reports that the Indian tribes had met to discuss their displeasure with the government's delay in designating land for them and with the encroachment of other surveys.  2/6/1835

Rueg in regard to organizing the militia.  2/6/1835

Rueg acknowledges letter with instructions from the commandant general and reports that to his knowledge General Antonio Mexía had not been in the department of Nacogdoches.  2/7/1835

Rueg notifying Menard that he had been elected alternate deputy to represent the department of Nacogdoches in the state Congress.  2/10/1835

Rueg notifying Durst of his election to represent the department of Nacogdoches in the state Congress.  2/10/1835
1427. Rueg remits a copy of the returns of the elections held 2/8/1835 (returns not found here). 2/10/1835
1428. Rueg remits a copy of the returns of the election of electors held 1/31/1835 (returns not found here). 2/10/1835
1429. Rueg remits a copy of the returns of the elections of the governor, vice-governor, three councilors and two alternates (returns not found here). 2/10/1835
1430. Rueg remits a copy of the returns of the election of an elector for the position of representative to the Mexican Congress (returns not found here). 2/10/1835
1431. Rueg advising Padilla that he had been named elector for the department of Nacogdoches to elect a representative to the Mexican Congress. 2/10/1835
1432. Rueg forwards a petition of Lt. Manuel Gutiérrez, an officer of Spanish birth exiled to Los Adaes, adding a favorable recommendation. 2/10/1835
1547. Rueg encloses a copy of the general list of persons chosen district electors (not found here). 2/10/1835
1548. Rueg encloses a report on the election of a representative and alternate to represent the department of Nacogdoches in the state Congress. 2/10/1835
1687. Rueg reports that the accusers of Justo Liendo and Juan Bodín were Philip Sublett, James Bradshaw, Wyatt Hanks and William English based on information they had from Milton Garrett. 2/10/1835
1688. Rueg encloses a certified copy of the election returns for representative and alternate to the state Congress. 2/10/1835
1234. Communicating the order of the governor requiring Power to comply with the offer made in Article 5 of the resolution of the governor dated 8/28/1834. 2/11/1835
1433. Rueg orders that the owners of certain brands be located and made to appear before the alcalde to answer the complaint of Chief Bowles. 2/11/1835
1770. Political Chief Navarro orders the ayuntamiento of Goliad to report on a claim by the widow of Nicolás Carvajal that she had been dispossessed of her lands by the actions of Comm. Vidaurri. 2/12/1835
1689. Rueg orders Justo Liendo and J. L. Bodín tried under the law on juries. 2/16/1835
1690. Rueg encloses 10 original land titles deposited by John Durst in the political chief’s office. 2/16/1835
1773. Alfred R. Guild’s contract to purchase 21 leagues under the provisions of Decree No. 278. 2/17/1835
417. Transcribing a communication from the political chief of the department of Nacogdoches relative to the collection and retention of land dues by the ayuntamiento on land granted by Commissioner General Padilla. 2/18/1835
1235. James Power states that he had never forgotten his obligations, describes his efforts to attract the Carancahuas, who had not responded, and requests advice. 2/18/1835
1691. Rueg authorizes the primary judge to appoint a provisional secretary and a prosecutor (promotor) to assist in the jury trial of Justo Liendo and Juan Lorenzo Bodín. 2/18/1835
1692. Rueg returns the petition of prisoners Justo Liendo and Juan Lorenzo Bodín and refers the alcalde to Article 52 of the law on juries. 2/19/1835
1693. Rueg orders that all citizens between the ages of 18 and 50 years be convened for the purpose of organizing the civic militia. 2/19/1835
1434. Rueg acknowledges receipt of a communication of 1/29/1835 but reports that no action could be taken because John Durst had left to represent the department at the Legislature in Coahuila. 2/21/1835
1549. Rueg acknowledges a communication transcribing a letter from the receiver of united revenues of the department of Béxar and refers to his of December 10, 1834, in response thereto. 2/21/1835
1550. Rueg advises that he had ordered the ayuntamientos of his department to organize a civic militia in anticipation of the government's approval of this measure. 2/21/1835

1435. Rueg acknowledges the offer to separate from the archives of Béxar those documents pertaining to individuals in the department of Nacogdoches and suggests that they be sent through the regular mails. 2/22/1835

641. Observations on several of the general instructions issued to the military commandant of Galveston. 2/23/1835

1363. Cos requests an itinerary of distances in all directions from Béxar marked to indicate information useful to the movement of infantry troops. 2/23/1835

1436. Rueg transcribes a communication from the governor of 2/4/1835 (not found here) and asks Nixon for a report on the amount of stamped paper sold. 2/23/1835

1437. Rueg reports the death on Nov. 4, 1835, of Fray José [Antonio] Díaz de León and requests the appointment of a new priest. 2/24/1835

1551. Rueg submits the list of candidates suggested for the office of political chief by the ayuntamiento. 2/24/1835

1552. Rueg asks the governor for a leave of absence of one month. 2/24/1835

1553. Rueg requests an answer on the matters contained in previous letters. 2/24/1835

1438. In response to a complaint by the Cherokee chiefs, Rueg orders the removal of five or six families that had settled on the Cherokees' pasture lands and advises that he would ask the government to decide what lands the Indians were to be given, the settlers and surveyors to be kept away from these lands until the matter could be resolved. 2/26/1835

1694. Rueg orders the alcalde to instruct the sheriff to remove the settlers who had encroached on Cherokee lands. 2/26/1835

1695. Rueg advises the alcalde of the documents that should be transferred from his archives to the archives of the primary judge. 3/3/1835

1439. Rueg exhorts Nixon to report as previously requested on the amount of stamped paper sold and seeks to draw on that amount to pay the employees of the political chief’s office. 3/4/1835

940. William Steele communicates that Samuel M. Williams had refused to sell him the stamped paper needed to issue land titles and asks for some. 3/6/1835

1696. Rueg asks the alcalde for clarification of a communication from the primary judge of San Augustine concerning the death of a man called Morgan. 3/6/1835

1440. Rueg on a conversation with Chief Bowles in the matter of two Indians killed in Robertson's colony. 3/7/1835

1441. Rueg acknowledges receipt of Nixon's report on the sale of stamped paper and orders the revenues paid over to Adolphus Sterne, secretary of the political chief's office. 3/10/1835

1554. Rueg reiterates the need for an administrator of united revenues for the department of Nacogdoches and inquires whether he could appoint one provisionally without exceeding his authority. 3/10/1835

1555. Rueg acknowledges a communication pertaining to the stamped paper sold by Commissioner Jorge Antonio Nixon and the requirement that he keep a detailed account of these sales. 3/10/1835

1556. Rueg reports on a meeting with the Cherokee chiefs and on his order to A. Hotchkiss to remove the five or six families in Burnet's colony that had settled on Cherokee pasture land. 3/10/1835

1557. Rueg reports that the attempt to form a provisional civic militia at Nacogdoches had failed but that a group of citizens had asked for authorization to form a volunteer company and that it had been granted.
3/10/1835

**317.** Notice that Acting Gov. Cantú would take the prescribed oath to the constitution at noon that day.

3/12/1835

**1401.** Five issues of *El Mercurio del Puerto de Matamoros* (No. 19), (No. 20), (No. 32), (No. 35), and (No. 36).

3/12/1835

**1697.** Sketch of a letter transcribing a communication from the governor transmitting a letter dated 1/28/1835 from the secretary of state and relations (the transcribed letters not found here). 3/13/1835

3/14/1835

**711.** Transcribing Decree No. 293, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, on the sale of 400 leagues of land.

3/16/1835

**1698.** Rueg asks for any information in the archives of Nacogdoches pertaining to the boundaries assigned to the town and to the boundaries of Vehlein’s and Burnet’s colonies. 3/16/1835

**1699.** Rueg asks for a report on the revenue and expenses of the municipal funds of Nacogdoches. 3/16/1835

**1700.** Rueg requests an answer to his communications pertaining to the civic militia. 3/16/1835

**1701.** Rueg asks that an exact census and statistics for the department be prepared by the end of April. 3/16/1835

**431.** Appointment of José María Cárdenas y Cantú as interim second clerk of the office of the secretary of the court. 3/18/1835

**1442.** Rueg’s order to pay the deputy sheriff of Nacogdoches the amount of 47 pesos. 3/18/1835

**1558.** Rueg reports his suspension of James Hanks, alcalde of San Augustine, because of complaints of his drunkenness and abuses. 3/18/1835

**1559.** Rueg reports on two cases submitted to jury trial and asks for instructions on how to pay for the trials and for the interpreter needed when communicating with the Indian tribes. 3/18/1835

**1702.** Having received news of the vandalism perpetrated on the old town church, Rueg orders inquiries made to find the culprits and outlines the punishment to be meted to them. 3/18/1835

**1703.** Rueg returns the proceedings and judgment of the jury in the case against Justo Liendo and Juan Lorenzo Bodín and authorizes issuing a copy to Liendo or his representative. 3/18/1835

**1704.** Rueg approves the bill presented by the sheriff for removing the settlers who had encroached on Cherokee land and indicates that he had ordered the bill paid from state funds. 3/18/1835

**1443.** Rueg acknowledges a communication from the deputy receiver stating that he had complied with the order of 3/18/1835. 3/19/1835

**1444.** Sketch of a letter transcribing a communication from the governor dated February 18, 1835 (not found here), relative to Nixon and the agent for Burnet’s, Vehlein’s and Zavala’s colonies. Copy of the same sent by Rueg to A. Hotchkiss on 3/20/1835. 3/19/1835

**1705.** Rueg accepts the resignation of Joseph Whitcomb from the position of *síndico procurador* of the ayuntamiento and orders him replaced. 3/20/1835

**1706.** Rueg encloses a communication (not found here) from the governor concerning Nixon and Archibald Hotchkiss. 3/20/1835

**710.** Cos’ order to prevent the survey and sale of the 400 leagues of state land. 3/21/1835

**1376.** In the matter of the disposal of 400 leagues of land authorized by the Congress of Coahuila and Texas, Cos orders Ugartechea to prevent the survey and issuing of titles to this land until a decision is received from the president of the republic. 3/21/1835

**1377.** Decree No. 293, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, relative to the disposal by the state of up to 400 leagues
of land to meet the public exigencies.  3/21/1835

1560. Rueg acknowledges the order instructing Commissioner Nixon to abide by the fees set out in the instructions to commissioners and advising the agent for the empresarios not to collect a fee from the settlers.  3/21/1835

1561. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the communication reporting the election of Miguel Barragán as provisional president.  3/21/1835

1562. Rueg acknowledges a communication reporting that Miguel Barragán had taken the oath of acting president in the absence of President Santa Anna.  3/21/1835

1364. In response to Ugartechea's request for information to help compile an itinerary, Navarro remits what information he has and apologizes for the lack of detail.  3/22/1835

1445. In response to a letter from Hotchkiss dated 3/21/1835, Rueg indicates that the resolution of the governor contained in Rueg's communication of 3/20/1835 should be sufficient security for him.  3/22/1835

1365. Ugartechea remits the itinerary (not found here) requested by Cos (#1363).  3/23/1835

1563. Rueg acknowledges a communication pertaining to the appointment of a receiver of revenues and gives his suggestions on how revenue collections could best be organized in the department of Nacogdoches.  3/23/1835

1564. Rueg reports on the illegal settlement of Americans near the Red River on lands previously within the boundaries of Wavell's empresario contract.  3/23/1835

1565. Rueg asks the governor to take the measures required to establish mail service between Nacogdoches and the Sabine River in keeping with the approval granted by the president.  3/23/1835

1566. Rueg requests an answer to the inquiries contained in previous letters.  3/24/1835

1567. Rueg reports on delays in mail delivery.  3/24/1835

1378. Ugartechea acknowledges letter from Cos dated 3/21/1835 (#1377) and offers assurances of his compliance.  3/28/1835

434. Decree No. 295, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, regarding the sale of 400 leagues of land.  3/30/1835

500. Instructions regarding the Nashville Company and suspending Commissioner William H. Steele.  4/1/1835

501. Informing William H. Steele that he had abused his powers and that the governor had taken the measures deemed expedient in this matter.  4/1/1835

1707. Rueg transcribes a communication from the governor (not found here) concerning contributions to prepare for a war against the Comanches.  4/3/1835

1708. Rueg transcribes a communication from the government (not found here) on the installation of the state Congress and the appointment of its officers.  4/3/1835

1255. James Hewetson's petition requesting that he and James Power be allowed to select their premium lands anywhere vacant lands might be found in the state (4/2/1835) and the governor's approval (4/6/1835).  4/6/1835

1366. Cos acknowledges receipt of the itinerary sent by Ugartechea.  4/6/1835

1568. Rueg reports the rumors that a customs office had been established at Anáhuac.  4/6/1835

1569. Rueg acknowledges a communication from the commandant general and reports that he had requested the ayuntamientos of his department to contribute to the war against the Comanches.  4/6/1835

1570. Rueg acknowledges a communication reporting the election of the officers of the Fifth Congress of the state.  4/6/1835
1571. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the order repealing the commemoration of the death of former President Guerrero. 4/6/1835

1709. Rueg transcribes three decrees of the state Congress. 4/6/1835

1572. Rueg repeats his observations with respect to certain provisions of the empresario contracts and calls attention to the potential conflicts between the commissioner's attributions and his own as political chief. 4/7/1835

1573. Rueg reports that A. Hotchkiss had disobeyed his order related to respecting the land occupied by the Cherokee Indians and committed other abuses listed here. 4/7/1835

1574. Rueg inquires again as to the compensation due an alcalde substituting for the political chief. 4/7/1835

713. Transmitting Decree No. 295 of the state Congress to the effect that the disposal by the government of 400 leagues of land in the state was subject to the general laws of the union. 4/9/1835

1379. Decree No. 295, Congress of Coahuila and Texas (3/30/1835), establishing that the disposal of the 400 leagues of land was subject to the general laws of the nation. 4/9/1835

1400. *Diario del Gobierno* [de Coahuila y Texas]; full run of six issues from 4/11/1835 to 4/16/1835. 4/11/1835

1710. Rueg advises that in view of the condition of the municipal funds he could not approve an increase in pay for the secretary of the ayuntamiento. 4/11/1835

1711. Rueg approves the resolutions of the ayuntamiento pertaining to the use of municipal funds to pay for the rent and furnishing of the meeting hall as well as for leg stocks for prisoners and iron hooks to fight fires. 4/11/1835

1712. Rueg demands an explanation of why the alcalde's office had not been opened to the public. 4/11/1835

1575. Rueg reports that Juan de los Santos Coy had replaced Adolphus Sterne as the political chief's secretary. 4/12/1835

1576. Rueg communicates reports from Col. Peter Ellis Bean that A. Hotchkiss was in New Orleans attempting to obtain Filisola's contract for the Creek Indians. 4/12/1835

1713. Rueg acknowledges a communication from the alcalde explaining why he had not opened his office, answers that the reason given was not justified, and fines him 25 pesos. 4/13/1835

1375. Decree No. 299, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, clarifying certain provisions of Decree No. 278 relative to the use of 400 leagues of land to support a militia to combat the Indians. 4/14/1835

1577. Rueg acknowledges notice of the withdrawal of the Saltillo deputies from the state Congress and states that he would heighten his efforts to ensure the peace and tranquility of the department of Nacogdoches. 4/14/1835

1578. Rueg acknowledges a decree of the state Congress accepting Governor Elquézabal's resignation and the appointment of his successor and another authorizing the sale by the state of 400 leagues of land. 4/14/1835

1714. Rueg returns the order pertaining to the *egidos* of Nacogdoches and suggests that the ayuntamiento take it up in its next meeting and formulate the issues that needed to be addressed by the government. 4/14/1835

1715. Rueg requests an explanation for why the primary judge's office was closed for two days. 4/14/1835

1716. Rueg orders Surveyor Arthur Henrie summoned and fined 50 pesos for willfully disregarding instructions prohibiting the surveying of Indian lands. 4/14/1835

318. Notice that Agustín Viesca had assumed the office of governor and had appointed J. Mariano Yrala to the position of secretary of the state government. 4/15/1835
1717. Rueg orders the alcalde to keep his offices closed in observation of Good Thursday and Good Friday and to maintain order and quiet. 4/15/1835

423. Asking for a report on the collection of a receipt executed by Thomas Jefferson Chambers. 4/20/1835

1579. Rueg reports on the petition of the residents of the precinct of Tenaha asking to be organized as a municipality separate from San Augustine and on his support of this request. 4/20/1835

1718. Rueg approves the appointment of Henry Teal as provisional sheriff. 4/20/1835

1446. In regard to the survey of lands less than one mile north of the town of Nacogdoches, Rueg orders the survey voided because the land belonged to the egidos of Nacogdoches. 4/21/1835

1447. Sketch of a letter from Rueg to Nixon transcribing a communication from the governor dated 4/1/1835 (not found here). 4/21/1835

1719. List of decrees and official communications transmitted to the alcalde. 4/22/1835

45. Appointing George W. Smyth special land commissioner for the department of Nacogdoches. 4/23/1835

44. The governor’s instructions requiring individuals receiving title through George W. Smyth to pay for the land at the time of receiving the title. 4/24/1835

435. Decree No. 301, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, granting an extension of time for improvements on lands bought by virtue of the law of April 27, 1833. 4/24/1835

1399. Boletín Oficial del Estado de Coahuila y Texas (No. 2), (No. 3), (No. 4), and (No. 5). 4/29/1835

712. Ugartechea acknowledges receipt of order and decree pertaining to the sale of 400 leagues of land. 4/30/1835

1580. Rueg acknowledges a communications advising that the executive responsibilities of the state had been entrusted to Marcial Borrego until such time as the duly elected governor could assume his duties. 4/30/1835

1581. Rueg acknowledges a communication clarifying what he could and could not demand of the primary judges. 4/30/1835

1582. Rueg acknowledges a communication indicating that retired military personnel were included in the order that restored the full salary to those found innocent and whose salary had been reduced while on trial. 4/30/1835

1583. Rueg acknowledges a communication transcribing a decree of the Mexican Congress to the effect that the garrison of Tabasco was to be outfitted with muskets. 4/30/1835

1584. Rueg acknowledges receipt of two decrees, one containing the results of the elections and the other specifying that the sale of the 400 leagues was subject to the general laws of the country. 4/30/1835

1585. Rueg acknowledges a communication reporting that Jerónimo Elizondo had replaced Antonio Carrillo as asesor general of the state. 4/30/1835

1586. Rueg acknowledges a communication reporting that the state Congress had authorized the governor to take the measures required to maintain the peace in the department of Saltillo. 4/30/1835

1587. Rueg acknowledges a communication reporting on the disturbance of the public order in the department of Saltillo. 4/30/1835

1588. Rueg acknowledges a communication advising him of his responsibility to avoid abuses by the land commissioners. 4/30/1835

1589. His term of office expiring on this day but notice of his successor not having been received, Rueg resolves to remain in this post until further instructions are received. 4/30/1835

1448. Relative to sending with José Labaume the documents from the archives in Béxar pertaining to the
residents of the department of Nacogdoches. 5/1/1835

1590. Rueg acknowledges his appointment as political chief for another four-year term. 5/3/1835

1720. Transcribing a communication from the governor (not found here) appointing Rueg political chief for another four-year term. 5/4/1835

319. Decree No. 310 legitimizing the executive acts by Juan José Elquezábal during his administration. 5/6/1835

1449. Rueg reports complaints from Melchor Mansola and Francisco Ballanova that surveyors had run lines on lands they owned. Asks Nixon to take measures to avoid these repeated errors. 5/7/1835

1591. Rueg acknowledges a communication reporting that Agustín Viesca had assumed the office of governor and that José Mariano Irala had been named secretary of the state government effective 4/15/1835. 5/7/1835

1592. Rueg acknowledges the news of Gen. Álvarez' pronunciamento and states that his department was quiet. 5/7/1835

1721. Rueg advising of his communication to the alcalde dated 4/13/1835 and asking whether the alcalde had complied with the order it contained. 5/7/1835

1380. Cos communicates that the Mexican Congress had declared null and void the decree of the Congress of Coahuila and Texas concerning vacant lands. 5/8/1835

1404. Certificate in English concerning surveying done by Charles Lockhart in the area of the mill built by Col. Clemens on the Guadalupe. 5/8/1835

1450. Rueg reports a complaint lodged by Widow Yacinta Christy concerning land surveyed for her by William Brookfield and the subsequent encroachment from a survey run by J. Strobe. 5/11/1835

1722. Rueg requests that the alcalde return the land title of Ramón Cuerque (Quirk). 5/11/1835

1723. Rueg expresses displeasure at the news that the alcalde refused to pay the fine imposed on him and orders the ayuntamiento to demand payment. 5/12/1835

486. Petition of Williams, Johnson and Peebles and the terms and conditions of their contract. 5/13/1835

714. Transcribing the decree of the Mexican Congress declaring null and void all conveyances of land by the state of Coahuila and Texas made under the provisions of the state decree dated March 14, 1835. 5/15/1835

1381. Decree of the federal government declaring Decree No. 293 of the Congress of Coahuila and Texas to be contrary to the 1824 National Colonization Law and annulling all alienations made by virtue of said decree (published in El Mercurio del Puerto de Matamoros, supplement to No. 28). 5/15/1835

1593. Rueg reports that the ayuntamientos had not contributed to the proposed expedition against the Indians but that a force of close to 500 men could be raised and outfitted for about 2,000 pesos. 5/15/1835

1594. Rueg acknowledges receipt of the printed decrees listed here. 5/15/1835

1595. Stricken-out copy of letter No. 4, second series, Nacogdoches copybooks. 5/15/1835

1724. Rueg approves the resolutions of the ayuntamiento relative to the demarcation of the egidos of Nacogdoches. 5/15/1835

1725. Rueg orders Eugenio Michamps, acting alcalde, to desist from exercising functions that belonged exclusively to the primary judge. 5/17/1835

504. Decree returning Austin and Williams' colony to them. 5/18/1835

936. Decree No. 317, Congress of Coahuila and Texas, relative to restoring the “Upper Colony” to Austin and Williams. 5/18/1835
1451. Rueg communicates a report from a Waco Indian about a forthcoming attack on Béxar and La Bahía by various Indians tribes instigated by an American trader. 5/18/1835

1596. Rueg requests a reply to his inquiry No. 70 pertaining to lands for the Cherokees. 5/18/1835

1597. Sketch of a letter from Rueg transcribing a communication to the political chief of Béxar (the transcribed communication not found here). 5/18/1835

1452. Rueg requesting Charles S. Taylor to present his appointment and instructions as commissioner for acknowledgment by the political chief. 5/19/1835

1598. Rueg forwards with a favorable report Juan Leplicher's request for a letter of naturalization. 5/19/1835

1726. Rueg encloses a petition from Eugenio Michamps and requests the ayuntamiento's report on it. 5/19/1835

1727. Rueg acknowledges notice of the alcalde's payment of the 25 peso fine. 5/24/1835

1599. Rueg reports he is taking a leave of absence and has left Alcalde Radford Berry in charge of his office. 5/25/1835

1728. Rueg notifies the alcalde to appear and assume the office of acting political chief in his absence. 5/25/1835

502. Communication accompanying the government's decree returning to Austin and Williams the colony for which they had contracted. 5/30/1835

503. Copy of the communication returning Austin and Williams' colony to them. 5/30/1835

1394. Milam's appointment as commissioner to issue titles to the families in the area formerly known as Wavell's colony. 5/30/1835

1395. Transmitting Milam’s appointment as commissioner to issue titles to the families living in the area formerly known as Wavell's colony. 5/30/1835

1729. In response to a communication from the ayuntamiento, Rueg indicates that the matter in question must originate with the alcalde or comisario of the respective district or precinct. 5/30/1835

1453. Radford Berry requests a report on the amount of public funds available for the purpose of outfitting a contingent of 200 men requested by the governor. 6/2/1835

1454. Radford Berry requests a report on the amount of public funds under his control available for the purpose of outfitting a contingent of 200 men requested by the governor. 6/2/1835

1600. Radford Berry informing that he was provisionally holding the office of political chief in the absence of Henry Rueg. 6/2/1835

1601. List of the laws and decrees received on 5/16/1835 by the political chief's office. 6/2/1835

1602. Cover letter to accompany the list of decrees received by Radford Berry on 5/16/1835. 6/2/1835

1603. Radford Berry acknowledges receipt of a notice dated 4/15/1835 and orders that it be circulated. 6/2/1835

1604. Berry acknowledges receipt of the decree creating new united revenue offices. 6/2/1835

1605. Berry clarifies the confusion resulting from the political chief's communication No. 72 pertaining to the alcalde of San Augustine. 6/2/1835

1730. Radford Berry approves the ayuntamiento's resolutions on killing stray dogs and building a case for its papers and archives. 6/2/1835

1731. In compliance with the governor's order to outfit 200 men to march to the state capital, Radford Berry asks the ayuntamiento for a report on all funds under its control in the event they should be needed. 6/2/1835

1606. Berry communicates his regrets at being unable to send the 200 militiamen requested by the governor. 6/16/1835
1607. List of the laws and decrees received by the political chief's office on 5/31/1835. 6/16/1835
1608. Cover letter to accompany a list of laws and decrees. 6/16/1835
1609. Berry acknowledges receipt of the orders from the Supreme Tribunal of Justice directed to the primary judges of the state. 6/16/1835
1610. Berry acknowledges a communication enjoining the political chief to be zealous in guarding the peace and tranquility of his department. 6/16/1835
985. Cos order that, if found, Lorenzo de Zavala be forced to sail to Veracruz and also that General Mexia be taken into custody and securely transported to Veracruz. 6/17/1835
1732. Radford Berry approves part of an official letter from the ayuntamiento as far as it relates to the water well referred to in said letter. 6/19/1835
1733. Radford Berry acknowledges the report that the ayuntamiento of Nacogdoches had established a Board of Health. 6/19/1835
1455. Radford Berry orders Nixon to provide 153 pesos, 2 1/2 reales from the proceeds of the sale of stamped paper for the purpose of paying the employees of the political chief's office. 6/26/1835
1456. Radford Berry appoints Roberts acting collector of the alcabala tax for Nacogdoches. 6/26/1835
1734. Berry notifies the primary judge that John S. Roberts had been provisionally appointed to collect the alcabalas on land sales pending the return of Henry Rueg, the political chief. 6/26/1835
1771. Expediente pertaining to John McMullen’s attempt to reserve premium land. 7/1/1835
1457. Rueg on the legal authority of the ayuntamiento to remove its secretary. 7/1/1835
1735. Rueg stresses the need for a jail and asks the ayuntamiento to make its recommendations. 7/1/1835
1458. Rueg concerning relations with the Indians in the department of Nacogdoches and the inability to assist the ayuntamiento of Mina with its Indian troubles. 7/2/1835
1459. Rueg relieving Juan Santos Coy of his duties as secretary of the political chief's office because it required someone that could write both English and Spanish. 7/3/1835
1736. In view of the political situation of the state, Rueg orders the ayuntamiento to gather the citizens of the municipality in short order for the purpose of organizing and outfitting a civic militia. 7/3/1835
1737. Enclosing a copy of a proclamation issued by the political chief (not found here) and ordering it circulated to the comisarios of the district. 7/4/1835
1738. Rueg orders the alcalde to be present and ready to discharge his duties the following day at 8:00 a.m. 7/7/1835
1460. Rueg to political chief of the Brazos communicates the results of his conversation with Chief Bowles concerning the killing of two of his men. 7/7/1835
1461. Rueg relative to surveys ordered by J. Strode that took in Cherokee dwellings and Rueg's order that titles not be issued on those surveys and that Strode be suspended. 7/11/1835
1739. Rueg orders the alcalde to return the salary he collected for his service as acting political chief until such time as it could be determined if he was entitled to receive any compensation. 7/11/1835
1740. Rueg suggests that Berry neglected to perform his duties while acting as political chief by not forwarding to the ayuntamiento the laws and decrees received during that time. 7/11/1835
1741. Rueg requests a report on the investigation of the death of an American found shot at the home of Bradley near the Neches River. 7/11/1835
1742. In view of reports that Surveyor Strowd (Jeremiah Strode) had disregarded orders and surveyed Cherokee
land, Rueg orders William Allison and Strode summoned to testify on this matter.  7/11/1835

1066. Certificate on the sale of a lot in the town of San Patricio to Festus Boyle.  7/12/1835

986. Ugartechea acknowledges order relative to Lorenzo de Zavala and Gen. Mexia.  7/13/1835

1462. Rueg appointing John S. Roberts acting collector of alcabalas and principal administrator of united revenues for the department of Nacogdoches.  7/15/1835

1743. Having appointed John S. Roberts provisional principal administrator of united revenues, Rueg asks the alcalde to ensure that the guarantors are satisfactory and that Roberts takes the required oath of office.  7/15/1835

1744. Rueg requests the primary judge to receive the bond posted by two guarantors for John S. Roberts.  7/15/1835

1463. Rueg orders Nixon to turn over the stamped paper and the product from its sale to John S. Roberts.  7/17/1835

1745. Release of Joseph Hertz from custody and rejection of the primary judge's resignation.  7/17/1835

987. Transcribing a communication requiring Lorenzo de Zavala to proceed to Mexico City and give an account of his diplomatic mission to France.  7/20/1835

1746. Rueg advises that when the alcalde is ordered by the political chief to summon persons before his court the alcalde is to decide on the payment of the ensuing court costs.  7/21/1835

1747. Rueg acknowledges the alcalde’s response to his letter pertaining to the death of an American.  7/21/1835

1748. Rueg orders the alcalde to notify the primary judge to return immediately to his duties.  7/22/1835

418. James Power's petition for the appointment of a commissioner for John Cameron's contracts.  7/24/1835

1464. Rueg’s statement of the general peaceful situation of the department of Nacogdoches and his disposition to obey the laws and respect the constituted authorities.  7/28/1835

1465. Rueg acknowledges receipt of James Miller’s address to the people of Texas, states his agreement with it, and notifies him of the contents of his letter to General Cos.  7/28/1835

49. Title to the four-league town tract of Guadalupe Victoria and plat of the tract.  7/29/1835

1466. Rueg asks Bowles if any of his people were willing to join an expedition organized by James Bowie against the Waco and other tribes.  7/29/1835

1749. Based on the results of the investigation into Jeremiah Strode's unauthorized survey of Cherokee lands, Rueg orders the alcalde to fine him 50 pesos and to order him to pay for the cost of the investigation.  7/29/1835

989. Ordering the apprehension of Lorenzo de Zavala and his party.  7/31/1835

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1467. Rueg asks Juan Mora to turn over any stamped paper in his possession to the principal administrator of united revenues of the department.  7/31/1835

1468. Rueg authorizes Nixon to commission George W. Smyth to attend to the organization of the new ayuntamiento and laying out of the town of Bevil.  7/31/1835

1472. In response to a letter from Bean, Rueg deplores James Bowie's forceful removal of guns under Bean's custody and laments his inability to assist in this matter.  7/31/1835

1469. Rueg answers a communication dated 7/30/1835 from James Gaines in regard to the resolutions from a meeting at San Augustine and the general political climate.  8/3/1835

1750. In view of the illness of Juan Mora, Rueg orders him replaced as provided by law.  8/3/1835
Rueg acknowledges notice that the administrator of revenues had assumed his position and outlines the method for validating stamped paper of the second stamp. 8/7/1835

José Angel Navarro acknowledging receipt of a communication in regard to Lorenzo de Zavala. 8/10/1835

Rueg acknowledges receipt of two communications from Cos, one containing a notice from the president and a second pertaining to the favorable disposition of the government toward the colonies. 8/10/1835

Berry acknowledges the appointment of J. Miguel Falcón to fill the position of governor of the state. 8/10/1835

Rueg acknowledges the appointment of Santiago del Valle to the position of secretary of the state government. 8/10/1835

Rueg explaining his reasons for organizing a civic militia and deploring the statements made by Thomas M. Thompson, commander of the schooner *Correo Mexicano*, to the residents of Anáhuac. 8/11/1835

Rueg on franking privileges for official correspondence. 8/11/1835

Rueg reports that the department was calm and indicates the measures he had taken to organize the civic militia. 8/11/1835

Sketch of a letter transcribing a communication by Rueg sent to the commandant general. 8/11/1835

Sketch of a letter transcribing a communication from Rueg to Peter Ellis Bean. 8/11/1835

Rueg reports on the death from cholera of Juan Mora and the appointment of Luis Rueg to replace him as primary judge; James Hanks, the suspended alcalde of San Augustine, is replaced by Thompson. 8/11/1835

Rueg reports on the death of Mariano Mora and on the appointment of John S. Roberts as administrator of united revenues for the department. 8/11/1835

Rueg forwards the petitions of Thorn, Taylor and Sterne (the petitions are not found here), and includes also Rueg's request to be relieved of the office of political chief. 8/11/1835

Rueg’s order to release monies to his office for payment of salaries and office expenses. 8/12/1835

Rueg encloses copies of various decrees listed here. 8/12/1835

Rueg requests that the documents pertaining to Nacogdoches from the political chief’s archives in Béxar be sent with Juan de los Santos Coy. 8/13/1835

Rueg draft transcribing an order dated 7/20/1835 (not found here) with instructions to De Zavala. 8/20/1835

In response to the president’s order that Lorenzo de Zavala proceed to Mexico City, Rueg informs that De Zavala was reported to be in Liberty and that the order had been forwarded to him. 8/21/1835

Rueg acknowledges receipt of communications pertaining to restoring order in the state and to a robbery in the National Museum. 8/21/1835

Rueg requests the order from the president of Mexico that is to be delivered to Lorenzo de Zavala. 8/23/1835

Rueg reports that the mail had not arrived and that he had not received answers to a dozen inquiries he had submitted since January. 8/25/1835

Suspending the activity of the land commissioners until political upheaval in Coahuila is resolved. 9/3/1835

In response to a protest from Adolphus Sterne, Rueg asks for a report from Nixon on whether he had issued title to part of that land to Willis Murphy. 9/3/1835

Rueg relative to organizing the civic militia and obtaining weapons for it. 9/6/1835

Rueg requests the alcalde to ask Col. Peter Ellis Bean for the loan of weapons for the militia. 9/6/1835
1246. Requesting a list of the grantees in Goliad and Guadalupe Victoria and the amounts due the government.
9/10/1835

1481. Rueg concerning the rumored movement of 5,000 Creek Indians to Texas from Alabama and requesting that the president of the United States take measures to prevent it. 9/14/1835

1482. Rueg acknowledges the appointment of Moral as special commissioner to put eleven Mexican citizens in possession of land. 9/14/1835

1483. Cover letter asking John Forsyth to transmit to the president of the United States a communication that he encloses (not found here). 9/16/1835

1247. Acknowledging receipt of Navarro's letter of 9/10/1835 (#1246) and indicating that the requested report could not be supplied immediately but would be prepared as soon as possible. 9/18/1835

991. Communicates the displeasure of the commandant general in regard to the non-cooperation by the authorities of Texas in complying with the order to apprehend Lorenzo de Zavala. 9/20/1835

1484. Rueg authorizes the payment of a draft from revenues of the sale of stamped paper to keep the mail service operating. 9/22/1835

505. Notifying Wm. Steele that Austin and Williams' colony had been returned to them and that his commission had been suspended. 9/23/1835

506. Ordering Barnett to serve the order suspending Commissioner William Steele. 9/23/1835

1248. Alcalde of Goliad sends a list of the residents of that municipality who had received land grants, the amounts, and dates. 9/23/1835

1236. Alcalde of Goliad complaining that the surveys run off for Power and Hewetson' colonists encroached on Goliad lands because the 10 coast leagues had not been properly surveyed. 9/26/1835

1485. Rueg orders Durst to deliver his supply of stamped paper to the principal administrator of revenues of Nacogdoches. 9/26/1835

716. Advising of the introduction of foreigners attracted by the unauthorized conveyance of land in Austin's colony and ordering the principal commandant to assist the competent authorities in restricting this practice. 9/28/1835

718. Communicating a decision to keep the Caddo Indians on the lands they occupied. 9/28/1835

720. Transcribing a communication informing that the minister of relations had ordered the land rights of the Coushatta tribe respected. 9/28/1835

1753. Rueg orders the alcalde to convene the ayuntamiento for the purpose of preparing a list of four individuals to fill the position of primary judge for the coming year. 9/28/1835

1754. Rueg places Michamps in charge of the municipality during the leave of absence of the alcalde. 9/28/1835

717. Ugartechea advises that he would assist in preventing illegal conveyances of land as ordered. 10/3/1835

719. Advising that the revolutionary turmoil in the colonies prevented complying with the order relative to protecting the lands occupied by the Caddo and Coushatta tribes. 10/3/1835

721. Communicating a decision on protecting the land rights of the Coushatta tribe. 10/3/1835

1755. Rueg communicates the appointment of Aguirre as secretary of the state government. 10/5/1835

1756. Sketch of letter transcribing a communication from the governor (not found here). 10/5/1835

1237. Navarro acknowledges the alcalde's communication of 9/26/1835 (#1236) and indicates that the corresponding measures would be taken. 10/8/1835

1405. Statement concerning William Smith’s murder of his brother-in-law, who had been abusing the slaves.
In view of the general unrest, Rueg orders the alcalde not to issue permits for public dances. This order stricken-out and voided. 10/11/1835

Rueg authorizes Roberts to validate an additional amount of stamped paper. 10/12/1835

Rueg advises that he would be absent for a short period and instructs the alcalde to take the measures needed to ensure public peace and quiet. 10/12/1835

Rueg orders the citizenry and the militia convened to inform them of events. 10/15/1835

Rueg encloses the documents to be read to the convened citizenry and orders the enlisting in the militia of everyone who had the required age and the establishment of a permanent guard at Nacogdoches. 10/20/1835

Rueg asks why the permanent guard established by his order no longer existed. 11/14/1835

Rueg orders the alcalde to send him all documents pertaining to land grants kept in the municipal archives of Nacogdoches. 11/18/1835

Rueg acknowledges and approves the list of four names proposed for the position of primary judge. 11/18/1835

Rueg orders the ayuntamiento to ensure that the election of its new members proceeded according to law. 11/28/1835

Lorenzo de Zavala inquires about land for his family and comments on the Consultation. Includes Austin’s instructions to Gail Borden on the matter of Zavala’s land. 11/30/1835

Seguín communicates the transfer of his duties as political chief to Angel Navarro. 12/1/1835

Austin’s statement of the facts and motives related to his involvement in the “Upper Colony”/Robertson’s colony. 12/5/1836

Draft of a letter giving the history of the “Connected Map of Austin’s Colony” and asking for additional time to complete the map and the report on Austin’s duties as empresario requested by the Senate. 1837

"Applications to G[eorge] W. Smyth or Index to Unfinished Business by G. W. Smyth."183[?]

Fragment of the field notes for a labor of land titled to Vicente Durán. 183[?]

Plat of one league of land; names on verso Leo Mort[imer] Thorn and Wm. Frisby. 183[?]

Eugenio María de Aguirre, by power-of-attorney from John Cameron, requests a copy of the extension of Cameron’s contracts (4/13/1846). Also, a copy of Decree No. 185 (4/3/1832) of the Constitutional Congress of the state of Coahuila and Texas extending for three years the time for concluding the settlement specified in Cameron’s empresario contracts. 5/2/1846

In response to Col. Kearny’s note advising that the U.S. government had determined that the Rio Grande was to be the boundary between the two countries, Armijo indicates his willingness to meet with him to discuss the points contained in his note. 8/12/1846

Affidavit of Antonio Menchaca, Fernando Gortari and Agustín Barrera certifying a list prepared in 1827 by José Antonio Saucedo showing the dulas of water allocated to various individuals in the irrigable lands of Mission San Juan de Capistrano. 4/5/1873