

From: Juan Ruiz de Apodaca y Eliza, Viceroy of Mexico

To: Subjects of the Viceroy of Mexico

Date: May 6, 1817

Seal: Ferdinand VII, [By the Grace of God], King of Spain and the Indies.

A quartillo [a copper coin worth four maravedis]

Quarto [one quarter of a real, a silver coin], one quartillo seal: the years eighteen sixteen and eighteen seventeen

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Don Juan Ruiz de Apodaca y Eliza, Lopez de Letona y Lasqueti, Great Cross of the Royal Orders of San Fernando and San Hermenegildo, Commander of Ballaga and Algarga in the Order of Calatrava, decorated with the Lis del Vendé, Minister of the Supreme Tribunal of the Admiralty, Lieutenant General of the Royal Fleet, Viceroy, Governor and Captain General of this New Spain, President of its High Court, Superintendent General Subdelegate of the Royal Treasury, Mines and Department of Tobacco, Judge Conservator of the same, President of its Royal Board, Sub delegate General of the Post in the same Kingdom, etc.

The King our Lord Don Fernando VII, May God keep him, dated October 17 of last year, has deigned to send me the Royal decree of the following nature.

“The King. = I had hardly received the happy news that, on the fifth day of September of this year, in the Port of Cádiz, my betrothal to the Infanta of Portugal Doña María Isabel Francisca, the Queen, my very dear and beloved Wife, had been celebrated, and the betrothal of her august sister, the Infanta Doña María Francisca de Asis, to my beloved brother, the Infante Don Carlos María, when I announced this happy news to my High Cabinet and Chamber of the Indies, by Royal decree on the ninth of the same month, so that they might share with me the joy proper to the sweet satisfaction occasioned by these weddings, from which I expect the most favorable results for the State and the Religion. And having ordered such an agreeable piece of news be communicated to those my dominions, with the object that it be made well-known, as is customary in such cases, I have resolved to issue this my Royal proclamation, for which I command my Viceroys, Captains General and Presidents of my Royal High Courts, and entreat and enjoin the Most Reverend Archbishops and Reverend Bishops of both Americas, their adjacent island and the Philippines, each one in his jurisdiction, to order it proclaimed, communicating it to the same effect to the other appropriate authorities. Dated at the Palace on the seventeenth of October

of eighteen hundred and sixteen. = I the King. = By order of the King our Lord. = Esteban Varea. = Distinguished with three flourishes.”

Not wishing to delay for one moment such happy news for the faithful vassals of His Majesty in these dominions, I have resolved to announce it by Royal proclamation, with the utmost pomp and ceremony possible, in all the Cities, Towns and Places in this Viceroyalty, to the end that such a joyous event be celebrated everywhere in the customary way and manner; the due festivities with which this most faithful capital should celebrate such a felicitous occasion, as well as the date they will take place, will be determined and made known by separate proclamation.

Juan Ruiz de Apodaca

By order of His Excellency
[Signature is illegible]

Santa Rosa and September [?] 14, 1817.

Announced with the greatest pomp and ceremony possible, in the customary places.

Martinez

[Backside contains the following information, which is printed twice]

Seal of Ferdinand VII, By the Grace of God, King of Spain and the Indies.

A Quartillo

Fourth Seal, One Quartillo for the Years of Eighteen Sixteen and Eighteen Seventeen