

From: Joaquín de Arredondo

To: The President

Dates: December 28, 1814 to July 5, 1821

[Page 1] The Administrator of Tithes, Mr. Francisco Gomez, states that he has presented four thousand eight hundred pesos to the Administration of Works at Nuevo Santander in order to assist the troops from those Provinces, which payment is derived from tithes according to various documents that were submitted to the General Command. Mr. Gomez discloses that this information is not included in the data concerning this Holy Church. In crediting this administration, I hope that Your Lordship will advise me whether it is convenient to receive full certifications against the general treasuries of Mexico or of San Luis Potosi as has been evident in other transactions of the same type or whatever else may be in question.

May God [Page 2] guard Your Lordship for many more years. Monterrey. December 28, 1814.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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For the Venerable Dean and Chapter
of this Holy Church

[Page 1] In order to treat of the subsistence resources available to the troops as well as the other points of major consideration requested by the defense sectors in these Provinces, which are currently being threatened by a significant number of insurgents, I have decided to call for a conference of the Junta. This Junta will be composed of various segments of society and I hope that Your Lordship will appoint a completely trustworthy subject who is knowledgeable about such and important matter so that he will assist the members of this conference by voting and taking part in the committee.

May God [Page 2] guard Your Lordship for many more years. Monterrey. March 27, 1817.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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Venerable Mr. President and Chapter of the
Vacant See of this Diocese

[Page 1] On May 6, the Most Excellent Viceroy sent me a letter informing me of the plausible news concerning the marriage of our beloved monarch, Ferdinand VII and his august brother, the Most Serene Prince Carlos to the Most Serene Ms. Maria Isabel Francisca, our Queen and Lady and Ms. Francisca de Asis, respectively, both Portuguese princesses. Inserted into this proclamation is the [Page 2] royal decree in order that it may be published throughout the Provinces under my command while also desiring that such an opportune and pleasant event should result in the continued succession of the current royal family, our beneficial government and the enduring influence of the Catholic religion. I hope that the dissemination of this information will be carried out with utmost solemnity and decorum possible. Therefore, I include Your Lordship for your deserved satisfaction and so that you may dispose of this [Page 3] verification without doubting the entrenched patriotism that has always been evident. You may dispose of all those manifestations You deem most appropriate for the celebration of this jubilee. The rest of the Province will need to take note of the events in the Capital, which is known for its spirit. Your Lordship will determine the measures he believes to be most flexible in order that this jubilee may be carried out with the greatest possible luster and, in connection with achieving this end, he may take into account the scheduled [Page 4] solemn festivities to unveil a statue of our Gracious King in the center of this city. In order that Your Lordship may have proper edification with regard to this event, I am requesting that the Municipal Government of this city will call upon your participation.

May God guard Your Lordship for many more years. Monterrey. August 19, 1817.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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Venerable Mr. President and Chapter
of the Vacant See of
this Holy Cathedral
Church

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This city's lack of communication with the Mexican capital as well as the great distance between the two cities may explain why I have not received from the Most Excellent Viceroy of this kingdom the monetary aid that I have repeatedly requested of that superiority in order to sustain the troops of this Province.

Because all means have been exhausted, there are few remaining resources with which to support the troops, due to the chaotic situation of [Page 2] not offering assistance around all of the frontiers on the first of this month, as is verified by the official decrees that I enclose for Your Lordship and I ask that you will return these to me at a later time.

Due to the increase in annual costs of up to seven hundred thousand pesos and the monies from rents not reaching one hundred fifty thousand pesos, it has been necessary to warn some Administration offices regarding the resources that they may have consumed during the past month and, if at present, the necessary seeds at Coahuila are not gathered and stored for its troops as well as those in Mexico, afterwards no [Page 3] aid will be sufficient to eliminate hunger and shortages of supplies.

All of these matters have placed me in a position to direct myself to Your Lordship so that the end result of the current unhappiness is that these most loyal and valiant troops are reduced and, therefore, the treasury of this Holy Church is offering me aid consisting of forty or fifty thousand pesos, and whatever part may correspond to the Sovereign in the allotment of tithes or with respect to any other funds with which it may be equipped.

I am quite satisfied with the efforts that Your Lordship has made in order to assist me in my greatest afflictions corresponding to [Page 4] those interests of the Holy Church, with its example and energy for the destruction of enemies that have entered the Provinces under my purview and, in the same manner, I have expressed this to the Esteemed Viceroy for the satisfaction of your corporation, whose patriotism I hope will remedy the current situation.

May God guard Your Lordship for many more years. Monterrey. January 19, 1818.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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Venerable Mr. President and Chapter of the
Vacant See of this Holy Church

[Page 1] However, because of the small amount of money in the treasury of this Holy Church, the disbursements have not been executed and, fearing anticipated fortune in the Royal Exchequer relating to the ninth Real, tithes and minor vacancies pierced by a vivid sentiment due to the situation in which the troops under the command of Your Lordship find themselves as the original decrees show, Governors and Assistant Controllers have been directed so [Page 2] that, in like manner, we make contributions with the aim of providing seeds for the current harvests for the equipment for the great expedition that Our Lordship has planned against the barbarous

Indians, who are destroying the Provinces, so there is hardly a place for them and the resources on which the Royal Exchequer relies. Therefore, we offer you the amount of thirty thousand fifty pesos, which will include one thousand fifty pesos furnished to the Governor of the Colony as corroborated by the testimony of the accountant that accompany Your Lordship.

Immediately after the Paymaster of the [Page 3] Army arrives with the certifications from the Treasurer of Saltillo or whoever appears in his stead, we will turn in the expressed amounts and we believe that Your Lordship will not be surprised by this situation because of the orders that we have from the Viceroyship to adjust all of the accounts in said treasury, as a result of having come to our attention by way of Your Lordship. Therefore, we reply to the official communication dated the 19th of this month.

May God guard Your Lordship [Page 4] for many more years. Capitular Hall of the Holy Church Cathedral of Monterrey. January 20, 1818.

Unsigned

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Leave corresponding to—

14 to the ninth tithe?

14 to the two new reals?

and the 800 ones remaining

to Minor Vacancies

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Mr. Brigadier Joaquín de

Arredondo, General Committee of

the Western Provinces

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Decrees relating to honors in the Cathedral on behalf of General Arredondo.

[Page 1] Yesterday, in an official capacity, I received from Your Lordship the royal decree of His Majesty dated the first of September. I have been advised that Your Lordship will submit to the Viceroy, His Excellency the aforementioned decree.

May God guard Your Lordship for many more years. Monterrey. February 26, 1818.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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Mr. President and
Vacant See of the Chapter
of this Holy Church

[Page 1] Being imbued with the deepest feeling as a result of the early passing of Our Beloved and August Queen Mrs. María Isabel Francisca while she was undertaking her works and desiring to cooperate with the relief and the repose of the soul of such a virtuous Queen, we have agreed to make an announcement of her death at four-thirty in the afternoon by ringing the bells every six minutes for a total of a hundred times. At the conclusion of this ceremony, there will be a corresponding knell reserved for such occasions fitting the celebration of the funeral rites for which we have adopted measures and so that these may be carried out with the solemnity corresponding to the dignified event with which they coincide, at least with respect to those measures that are under our control.

May God guard Your Lordship for many more years. Capitular Hall of the Holy Church of Monterrey. April 21, 1819. Commanding General of these Provinces Brigadier Joaquín de Arredondo.

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For the Director Mr. José
Leon, General Deputy Governor
Providential? and canonical dignity
of the Holy Church
Cathedral, of
With my very own? Monterrey

[Page 1] Having been advised of the contents of Your Lordship's decree dated the 21st of this month, we have determined to celebrate tomorrow, on the 23rd, a mass and a Te Deum, with the greatest solemnity in gratitude to The Almighty due to the plausible motive for the marriage ceremony between Our King and the Most Serene Princess María Josefa Amalia de Saxonia.

God & etc. April 22, 1820

Unsigned

[Page 1] Dear Sir:

On the 11th of the current month, Mr. José Bernardino Cantú, who was Magistrate of the Canon, took possession of the dignity of this Holy Church, the details of which we disclose to Your Excellency for your superior knowledge.

May God [Page 2] guard Your Lordship for many more years. Capitular Hall of the Holy Cathedral at Monterrey [?].

Unsigned

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We remain informed regarding the various Royal Decrees that Your Lordship sent to us in Your official communication dated the 18th of this month, to which we replied for Your edification as well as with respect to the one that accompanies us will have the same satisfaction as Your Lordship.

May God & etc. July 24, 1820.

Brigadier Joaquín de Arredondo

[Page 1] With deepest regrets, I have learned of the passing of the Most Esteemed Bishop Jose Ignacio Anamzivia? of this city. By the will of God, his passing occurred yesterday evening according to what Your Lordship has communicated in the official decree of today, the acknowledgement of which I shall make known to His Majesty for the announcement of this vacancy according to his pleasure.

May God [Page 2] guard Your Lordship for many more years. Monterrey. May 3, 1821.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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Venerable Mr. President and Ecclesiastic
Chapter of the Holy
Cathedral Church
of this city

[Page 1] I have been notified that in this Holy Church Cathedral there is a suppressed canon, whose rent was being applied to the Inquisition. The decree in question is dated March 8, 1820 and it refers to those of the courts that convened on February 22nd and September 13, 1813, which ultimately resulted in a decree being implemented on the 20th of March. Subsequently, these

earnings will be relinquished in order to pay for the public credit. Meanwhile, the letters that have been collected will not resolve [Page 2] any other matter. Lacking arbitration powers, the Most Excellent Provincial Disputation, in order to assist the secretary in his most precious and indispensable desires, not being able to free itself from its obligations regarding the public funds as a result of its generally known poverty, has agreed to meet Your Lordship along with my mediator, in the manner in which I find him. In light of these circumstances and in response to the dispositions that remain indicated, Your Lordship will dispose of whatever the referred canonry will be at the disposition of the Most Excellent Disputation in condition of reintegration to [Page 3] cover its affairs, as I expect will be the case with the well established zeal of Your Lordship in connection with the public cause.

May God guard Your Lordship for many more years. Monterrey. May 18, 1821.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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Venerable Mr. President and Ecclesiastic

Chapter Governor of the Vacant See

[Page 1] The superior orders are narrow and repetitive and so we have to introduce into the Treasury of Saltillo however many interests may be related to public housing in the sale of tithes. Some of ~~[them]~~ the other ones dated May 2, 1816 and December 2, 1817 may be transferred to Your Lordship to this Chapel so that ~~[crossed out word]~~ we, ourselves, cannot dispose of any quantity that may belong to You.

Our wishes for the common good of the country as well as our aid to Your Lordship during times of urgency have suggested to us the egalitarian arbitration of clearing from impediments and adding previous Certifications of the Treasury Ministry to remain informed about the quantity that has been requested and ~~[and whatever means]~~ on whatever terms you may be able to dispose of the ~~[crossed out word]~~ 2356 pesos [illegible numerical values] coinciding with the canonry debts granted for the aid of the Most Excellent Disputation of these Provinces [with which we dealt in the decree dated the 18th of this month]: with the view that our resources are spent due to the fatal condition of the Provinces and the attending decrease in the sale of tithes. If the previous applications become prevalent once again, we shall not have any resources to live on and this will be the case for the ministry as well so that never again ~~[crossed out word]~~ will the 118,177 pesos debt be paid off [illegible numerical values] owing to the national interest as we owed the debt to Your Lordship, with the certification that was issued on May 17 [which copy we

are also forwarding to the Most Excellent Viceroy], 1820 [against 20 of the -- illegible word] in the same manner, reminding Your Lordship of our reply dated March 26, 1819, that we maintain the same and even a worse condition [crossed out word] the cause of our indignation. [Crossed out sentence].

God & etc. May 21, 1821.

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The Venerable Mr.

President and Ecclesiastic

Chapel of the Holy

Cathedral Church

of this City

[This may be a seal or an emblem]

Commanding General

[Page 1] I remain informed by yesterday's official decree from Your Lordship where it was determined that the Eighth Procession of the Corpus and that of the following years should take place after the conventional mass, of which I advise Your Lordship based on said official decree.

May God guard Your Lordship for many more years. Monterrey. June 17, 1821.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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Venerable Mr. President and Ecclesiastic

Chapter of the Holy Cathedral

Church of this city

[Page 1] The continuing urgencies currently experienced by the government of this capital and the insignificant recourses in the military accounts strongly urge me to remember Your Lordship's zealousness for the good of the country and this is what I hope will happen with the substantial tithes and the payments given to Mr. Melchor Nuñez de Esquivel, whatever quantities may be necessary [Page 2] with the objective of issuing the corresponding receipts that may serve as protection.

May God guard Your Lordship for many years. Monterrey. July 5, 1821.

Signed by Joaquín de Arredondo

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Venerable Mr. President and
Ecclesiastic Chapter of this
Holy Cathedral Church