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Answered with Number 36:

[c. in h.]

The predecessor to Your Lordship, Colonel Barón de Ripperdá, has informed me, in an official letter of the 23[rd] of the previous July, about the flight which the Indians from Rosario Mission, aided by their compatriots, the Carancaguaces [sic], made on the night of the thirteenth of the same [month]. [He also informed me] of the hostilities which these barbarians made in the immediate vicinity of the Presidio of La Bahía [and] of their arrangements to repress them. And having decided what to do, a small number of women and

children, who had remained at the said Rosario Mission, were transferred to the San Antonio Mission in order ^{ly} // to prevent [their] fleeing, following the example of your [Indians].

I answered everything on the date of the 15[th] of September of the preceding, past year. I advised him [of] what I estimated [to be] convenient to protect [them] from threats, [since] the Presidio of La Bahía de[1] Espíritu Santo, the Mission by this name and that [Mission] of Rosario had been suddenly and violently attacked by the Carancaguzes [sic]; and [I advised him] about the chastisement and punishment of of [sic] these Indians. And afterwards, having received another official letter of the 31[st] of October in which the mentioned Barón de Ripperdá reported to me that the Indians gathered here had abandoned

their Rosario Mission, I realized that several ²// malicious [Indians] had persuaded them that they would be hanged in revenge for the dangers which the Carancaguazes [sic] had caused on the coast. It seemed convenient for him to defer to the solicitude of the Reverend Father F[ray] Joaquín de Escovar [in] arranging that the women and the children, who had been found at the [Mission] of San Antonio, return with him to their old Mission. He granted a pardon to the fugitives [with] the sole exception of the leaders J[oseph] [sic] María and Matheo, the principal agents in the cited flight. Founded in these measures [is] the hope for the prompt restitution of the Indians. And I believe that they [the measures] are the only ones which can be undertaken so that they [the Indians] will

return to their Mission and be
pacified. ^{2v} // I am transferring
them to Your Lordship, advising
you to put into practice
the others which will contribute
in assuring this concern. Advise
me of the results.

May God keep Your
Lordship for many years.
Chihuahua [sic], the 14[th] of
January of 1779.

El Cav[alle]ro De Croix

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Lord Don [bracket]
Domingo Cavello

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