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[M. N.]

Number 35"

The Governor of the Province of Texas is answering Your Lordship concerning the five points contained in [Letter] dated the 15[th] of September of the proximate, past year. [These points concern] that which has [been] comprehended concerning the making of war against the Carancaguaze Indians from the coast of the North Sea and other matters which are related in it. And [also made reference to was] the important manner of in-

My Dear Lord. The [Letter] from Your Lordship dated the 15[th] of the proximate, past September leaves me advised [that] Your Lordship has [received] little benefit from the excursions made by the troops of the Pres[idi]o of La Bahía which they have completed [Document illegible] in order to contain the hostilities executed by the Carancaguaze Indians from that coast. As also, [I was advised] of the flight committed by the Indians of Rosario Mission. I am approving the measure [by which] my

cluding or apprehending the apostate Indian from Rosario Mission named J[ose]ph Maria and his companion, Matheo. [They are] refugees among those Indians by [reason of] the fatal consequences which are resulting from their living on the coast.

predecessor, the Colonel
 // ^{ly} Barón de Ripperdá
 had placed the women and the children in the Mission of S[a]n Ant[oni]o so that [they] would not be able to follow the fugitives. [This] first point contained in the cited [Letter] from Your Lordship is [made] in order to enable them to contain [these Indians] categorically according to the order [Document illegible] which [was] transmitted to them.

It is the second [point] which [Document illegible] with representation to the sixth and the seventh measures [is] from the contents of the Confidential Instructions issued by Your Lordship on the 24[th]

of January of the proximate,
 past year. Time should
 not be lost in preparing
 one's self to execute
 the repeated expeditions,
 which my predecessor pro-
 posed, by the troops from
 the Pres[idi]o of La Bahia.
 [These ought to be executed]
 in order that, by this
 method, the Caranca(guazes
 will not maraud.

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// I wanted to be
 able to have [these points]
 approved so that my mani-
 festations would obtain
 an acceptance in the
 thought of Your Lordship
 to whom I beseech to dis-
 regard the diffuse [parts]
 of this statement. With
 regard to [this statement],
 I have prevailed upon no
 other object than the desire
 to comply with the orders

from Your Lordship. And
 [I have no other motive
 than] to realize as in-
 dispensable my copious-
 ness in making evident
 [Document illegible] the
 reason upon which I have
 based my judgments.

May Our Lord protect
 the life of Your Lordship
 for many years. S[a]n
 Ant[oni]o de Béxar. March
 the 15[th] of 1779.

I kiss the hand of Your
 Lordship.
 Your most attentive and
 devoted servant,

Lord Commandant General
 Cav[aller]o De Croix

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Dom[ing]o Cabello

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