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Number 77

The Governor of the Province of Texas is explaining to Your Lordship that the commander of the Pres[idi]o of La Bahía del [E]sp[í]ritu S[an]to has [been] informed [of] that [mission] concerning the reconnaissance of the mouths [of] the Colorado and the Braz[o]s-de-D[i]os Rivers to the sea. And he is able to punish the Carancaguazes according to the report made by the Indian J[ose]ph Luis whose

My dear Lord. Consequent to that which I [have] explained to Your Lordship in my official [letter], Number 52, concerning the proceedings which I have executed in order to determine the certainty of that plan which, formulated by Captain Jil y Barbo, indicated the entries of the Colorado and the Brazos-de Dios-Rivers to the Sea of North, I [have] sent my official [letters] to the commander [Document illegible] of the Pres[idi]o of La Bahía del [E]sp[í]ritu Santo. [This was done] in order that, for his part,

letter [was] transferred to Your Lordship in a legal copy authorized by myself such as that [letter to] which I have responded in order not to be able to concur in the said expedition due to the lack of troops. To this end, I am including an account for Your Lordship in order that he may acknowledge what has been disclosed.

he would be informed concerning this matter with respect to that he would designate it for the execution//^{lv} of this charge. And [I] have made several inquiries in order to facilitate its success. A report has been prepared for him which the Indian prisoner J[ose]ph Luis (companion to the other who is named Antonio about whom I have also [Document torn] has compiled for Your Lordship in my official [letter],

Number 34) as Your Lordship may most extensively observe from the legal copy which, authorized by me, [was] transferred to your hands.

In the contents of this letter, Your Lordship shall observe the route and the itinerary through which the said Indian J[ose]ph Luis proposes to conduct the reconnaissance of the expressed areas, and, at the same time, to learn the [area] in which the Carancaguazes are [located]. [Document Illegible] That idea has been

mentioned to the predated commander in order to //²
 //^{2.} be able to punish them. To this end, I have
 proposed to personally travel to execute this maneuver
 for that which 150 men are needed of which he ap-
 propriated 75 from among the troops, citizens, and
 Jaraname Indians from the Mission of [E]sp[íri]tu
 S[an]to. And correspondent to me, I should con-
 tribute with the other 75. [However], it has been im-
 possible for me to be able to dispatch them for the
 reasons which I have [Document Illegible] manifested
 to him. Since [I] have been of such consideration, I
 have not wanted to forget to include for Your Lordship
 a copy of the letter which he answered in order that,
 in the same manner, Your Lordship may arrive at the
 knowledge of the deplorable state in which the forces
 //^{2v} of this Pres[idi]o are found. And with respect
 to that which I have varied his system of that date to
 this one, I am including for Your Lordship an account
 which I have compiled in order that he may finish [Docu-
 ment Illegible] learning it. It is not possible to
 function with the limited number of troops with which
 I find myself. Nor, [is this possible] in the situa-
 tion of the actual system of this Presidio. [This
 situation is] that of being able to defend it in the
 case of any surprise whatever or an outbreak by [Document

Illegible] the Lipanes [or] the Apaches, according to the notices which [Document Illegible] have, in reality, arrived from Río Grande and [Document torn] those which I explained to Your Lordship in my official [letter], Number 67. By these //³ incidents, he is to remain knowledgeable concerning the one disgrace [Document Illegible] which I did not think was capable of having already occurred [since I am] established at the level and the employment at which I find myself. To this [end], I should correspond to possess other powers with which to sustain those [powers] which originate against the many insults of those which are able to occur in such a location as abandoned and primitive [Document Illegible] as this one.

May Our Lord protect the life of Your Lordship for many years. Béxar, July the 18[th] of 1779.

I kiss the hand of Your Lordship.

Your most attentive and devoted servant,

Dom[ing]o Cabello.

Lord Commandant General
Cav[aller]o De Croix [bracket]

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