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Answered with no. 787

I am fully informed of the lack of advantages secured on the last expedition against the Carancahuaces, and I expressed this idea to Your Lordship under date of the 1st of the past September in reply to your letter of the 18th of June, [letter] number 43.

Your Lordship assumes in another, [dated] the 16th of August, number 668, that the only means to realize the punishment of this depraved race is the one indicated in paragraphs 53 to 56 of Don Nicolás la Mathé's project, as soon as it is possible to bring about the assembling of the hunters and paddlers of Louisiana. But at the same time in your letter number 670 Your Lordship expresses the uncertainty of where to find any means capable of bearing the expenses of this expedition.

If in fact Your Lordship does not discover and conceive it to be just as difficult (as it seems to me) and quite troublesome to cause that aid to come from such a long distance, I believe it would be more appropriate for you to use all means available in your province and only to ask for some paddlers from Louisiana. You could, when they arrive, rely on the assistance of fifty men ^{lv} // from the troops of Coaguila.

In case Your Lordship considers this thought useful and practicable, you should immediately make your decisions that the canoes which are necessary as agreed be built in Camargo and that some suitable individuals who can be gathered in your province be equipped and trained to maneuver them, not failing to request immediately from

Louisiana those that may be necessary with respect to [the number] that are in [your] country.

Your Lordship will notice that, in a word, my intention is that the expedition be made by one means or another and that it be successful. [But I] leave it to Your Lordship's will and deliberation to dictate means and to make all decisions [which are] most appropriate, utilizing those assistants who are made available to you and consulting me on all other [matters] that you deem essential. [I so advise you] on the assumption that, while attempts are being made to put this project into effect, by no means should maneuvers against those enemies, under condition permitted by circumstances, be suspended. [This is] in exact compliance with the royal order of the 27th of June, [17]82, and those [orders] that as a consequence thereof have been communicated to Your Lordship.

I hope that Your Lordship will advise me of provisions //² to be made for the necessary construction of canoes and the rest of what you decide in view of this order, so that I, for my part, given the opportunity, may supply you the aid of troops and other things you adjudge necessary. I assure you that all will be furnished to you with such anticipation and in such proportion as you request, since I definitely desire to see that coast rid of the vile pack that infests it.

God keep Your Lordship many years. Arispe, 3rd of October, 1783.

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Señor Don

Domingo Cabello

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