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No. 787

Since he is cognizant of Your Lordship's official letter of October 3rd of last year relative to your well-founded desires to punish the Carancahuaz Indians, the governor of the province of Texas reveals all measures he has taken to accomplish [said goal].

My dear sir:

Since I am cognizant of Your Lordship's official letter of October 3rd of last year and of everything contained therein relative to your well-founded wishes--conceived with all due justice--that the Carancaguaz Indians be punished and exterminated (as they deserve), I

must inform Your Lordship that I did everything that you advised me to do in order to accomplish this important goal. I wrote to the captain at Camargo, enclosing for him the [order] from that Most Excellent Señor, your predecessor, with regard to the construction of canoes. At the same time, I encouraged him to tell me if he could gather some people together for me // ^{lv} from the settlements on the banks of the Rio Grande. I did this ~~I-also-wrote-to~~ on the date of last September 24th.

I also wrote to the cavallero commander of the post at Natchitoches and to the [caballero] governor of Louisiana in official letters dated September 20th and 21st of last year and separate from [letters] regarding other matters so that they might deign to speed to me the paddlers and hunters who could be supplied from the settlements

of Natchitoches, Orcoquiza, Apuluzas, and Atacapas, and from the villa of New Orleans. I revealed to them the purpose of this request. I reported this to Your Lordship in my official letters 670, 678, and 700. In all this it is proven that I have not lost sight of all the orders issued to me relative to this matter. But because I have received no reply to any of my before-mentioned official letters to date ² nor learned what Don Nicolás de la Mathé has done, // it is impossible to answer or to categorically reply to Your Lordship's previously-cited [letter]. Consequently, I will be very diligent in making known to Your Lordship whatever is appropriate with regard to this subject when I receive the aforesaid replies. In the meanwhile, I do not cease reiterating to the commandant at La Bahía del [Elsp[íritu S[an]to] that he should direct whatever sorties that presidio's troops make against the before-named Carancaguaz [Indians]. This has been done, as Your Lordship can see in the detailed daily report I enclose for you in my official letter numbered 774.

Since Your Lordship promises me in the third paragraph of the official letter I am answering that I can count on assistance from fifty men from the troops at the Cohahuila presidios, it would be helpful if Your Lordship would deign to send the order in advance so that when I ask for them, [said troops] may be summoned to this presidio or to [the presidio] of La Bahía de el [Elsp[íritu S[an]to], where the gathering of the expeditions to be formed against the above-named Carancaguazes will be. ^{2v} // Meanwhile, Your Lordship, rest assured that I am not forgetting or neglecting to set in motion whatever means may lead to the accomplishment of this plan. And I pray to God

to protect Your Lordship's life many years, as is my desire. [San
Antonio del Béxar, January 20, 1784.]

Your Lordship's most devoted
and faithful servant kisses
your hand.

Lord Commandant General }
Don Phelipe de Neve }

Dom[ing]o Cabello

[MS: Signature is not in Cabello's
handwriting]

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