

Answered on the 20th }
 of January, 1785 }

This Royal Governing Audiencia has resolved, in view of the death of Brigadier Don Felipe [de] Neve, Commandant General of the Interior Provinces, and of the grave considerations that have come to mind concerning the filling of this post, that the Commandant Inspector, Colonel Don Josef Ant[oni]lo Rengel, is to continue the interim civil and military command of the aforesaid provinces. We declare that his powers are to be the same as those held by the commandants general proper ^{lv} // with respect to the royal treasury, the filling of posts, the vice patronate, and other [duties], always recognizing the superiority of and express dependency on this government and captaincy general, until His Majesty, to whom an account of all [this] has been ordered given, determines otherwise, [but] without recrimination to the aforesaid Don Josef Ant[oni]lo Rengel for proceeding and acting independently in all urgent cases, taking counsel and advice therefor, whenever the state of things permits it, from the able, practiced, and experienced officers who serve and ² // are in command in the territories under the jurisdiction of the commandery general which has been placed in his care. We advise Your Lordship [of this] for your due notice and compliance to the extent that it pertains to you.

God keep Your Lordship many years. [City of] Mexico, 20th of November, 1784.

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 Herrera
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Señor Governor }
of Tejas }

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