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No. 791:

The governor of the province of Texas explains to Your Lordship that it has not been possible for him to answer the official letters he received in this monthly [mail]. He was unable to do so due to the severe freezes of snow and ice which have occurred, as he reveals along with everything else he is reporting to Your Lordship for your information. [MS: Summary not in Cabello's handwriting.]

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My dear sir:

The snows and freezes which have occurred since the middle of the previous month have been so extraordinary and severe that those born in this area have not witnessed similar inclemency [of the weather]. [MS: one word blotted out] Because [MS: one word blotted out] of these events, many mounts and a great deal of bovine cattle have perished. Not a fruit tree remains

that has not been a victim of the weather's fury.

This has reduced me to the ^{lv}// unfortunate situation of being unable to answer the correspondence I received in this monthly [mail] or to relate several other matters which I leave for future mail--if God condescends ~~ef~~ to relieve me from the [state of] inactivity in which I find myself.

I have not received the slightest news from New Orleans,

Natchitoches, or Nagcodoches [in spite of] how often I have written to said places.

Nor have I had a reply from Camargo to my official letters. For although Don Nicolás de la Mathé has returned from that spot, he has remained at La Bahía [del Espíritu Santo] because of bad weather (as is shown [MS: one word blotted out] in the [letter] I am attaching [MS: several words blotted out]), without having sent me the letters which [MS: one word blotted out; change in handwriting] // ² the captain of that settlement wrote to me. According to several notices which have been furnished to me, it appears that the plan to execute the construction at that location of the canoes which the before-named [de] le Mathé proposed [to use] in the previously-conceived expedition against the Carancahuazes was implemented, but not without incurring many expenditures. I will advise Your Lordship of everything in the future mail. In the meanwhile, I continue praying to Our Lord to protect Your Lordship's life many years, as is my desire. S[al]n Ant[onilo] de Béxar, February 20, 1784.

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

Lord Commandant General }
Don Phelipe de Neve }

Dom[ing]lo Cabello
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Cabello's handwriting]

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