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No. 840

The governor of the province of Texas, consequent to Your Lordship's official letter of the 2nd of the past March, encloses two letters from the governor of Louisiana and the commander at Natchitoches showing that the expedition against the Carancaguazes will not be as easy as has been asserted by Don Nicolás de la Mathé in his proposal. The governor is awaiting the reply to his letter number 799, which he sent to Your Lordship, in order to state what occurs to him on this matter. [MS: Summary is not in Cabello's handwriting.]

My dear sir:

~~The-effects~~ The causes which I disclosed to Your Lordship in my letter number 787 were not proportionate to the effects they produced to form the expedition against the Carancaguazes. This makes it essential that other provisions be thought of that may be adapted to the system which must be observed for the success of Your Lordship's well-founded intentions pursuant to what you advised me of in your official letter of the 2nd of the past ^{lv} March. // The first [change must be made] because of the difficulties experienced in the construction of canoes, as mentioned in my letter number 799.

The second is due to the scarcity of persons to maneuver the said canoes, as also is demonstrated in the letter from the captain at Camargo, which I enclosed for Your Lordship in the afore-mentioned

number 799.

To verify all this and the steps I have taken with the governor of the province of Louisiana and the commander at Natchitoches in seeking paddlers and hunters, which in the proposal made for this purpose by Don Nicolás de la Mathé are shown to be so easy [to obtain], I am enclosing for Your Lordship with numbers 8 and 9 the replies that they have given to me, the tenor of which clearly gives a perfect idea // ² that [MS: four lines struck through] the success of what has been claimed so easy by the afore-mentioned [de] la Mathé is not so feasible. But nevertheless, as soon as Your Lordship replies to my letter number 799, I shall disclose what seems to me most appropriate to do in order to put into effect this important matter. Meanwhile, parties of troops from the presidio of La Bahía do not cease to make scouting expeditions against the said Carancahuazes to see if they can obtain the object which so holds the interest // ^{2v} of Your Lordship, for whose life I continually pray God may protect, as is my desire, many years. Béxar, June 10, 1784.

Your Lordship's most attentive
and true servant
kisses your hand.

Lord Commandant General }
Don Phe[il]ippe de Nebe }

Dom[ing]lo Cabello

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