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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

of the

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

from

1815 to 1820

SPANISH MINUTE BOOK ONE

"TRANSCRIPTION"

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AÑO DE 1815

Libro de Cabildo hecho por este Cuerpo Capitulár, las que tubo a bien nombrar el Señor Gov. Coronel Don Benito de Arminan como consta por los nombramientos que cada uno mantienen en su poder y aprobacion de dho. Jefe que consta al pie de este libro.

Notamos la eleccion de los empleos de Alcaldes de 1^o y de 2^o voto por los Sres. Jose Maria Samb^o para de 1^o Don Jose Antonio de la Garza para segu^o regidores llanos Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Francisco Flores y Jose Maria de la Garza, y para Sindico Procurador Don Agustin Ruis y concurrido en ellos las circunstancias meritos y patriotismo que exige el desempeo de tan sagrados deveres, apruebo esta propuesta que me exigieron los actuales Sres. Alcaldes y Procurador sindico para que desde luego se les emplace a los nuevos elegidos citandosele pase a los Archivos de este Gov^{no} la propuesta para que obra a los fines de formalidad

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y Costumbre, Arminan. Es Copia de la original que queda asentada en el Archibo de Gov^{no} y pa constancia lo firmamos, (en dho.) (dia y mes) el dia 1^o de En^o de 1815, qual Señor dio posesion de que damos fee,

Jhp Maria Sambrano

Jose Ant^o de la Garza

SMI-1. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los cinco dias del mes de Enr^o de Mil ochocientos quince años de presentaron a cabildo ordinario los Señores del Ayuntamiento, precedidos del Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Srl Don Jose M^a Sambrano, y despues de colocados en sus respectivos asientos se trato que pa el vuen exito y ordⁿ de los moradores de esta ciudad el nombrar cuatro comisarios de Varrío, lo que se verifico y dandola entrada a Don Ygn^o Villa Señor Don Jose Ant^o de la Garza, Dn. Eugenio Flores, D. Gregorio Arciniega los que aciendolos ver el Empleo de dho. comisarios juraron a D. y una senal de crus el desempeñar con exactitud las funciones que les toque y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos y mandamos un oficio al Señor Gov Coron^l Don Benito de Arminan para la aprobacion de estos individuos lo que decreto le parecio

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bien lo fuesen los Nombrados lo que Damos Fee.

Jose Maria Sambrano

Jose Antonio de la Garza

En 12 de En^o del año de mil ochocientos quince no se trato nada de lo ocurrido por haberse enfermado el Alcalde de Primer voto, D. Jose M^a Sambrano que el precedia de lo ocurrido

y habiendose pasado la ora se puso esta razon que rubricamos el Alcalde de 2^o voto y los Sres Regidores Sor. Fran^{co} Flores, Dn. Jose Flores, D. Domingo Bustillos, Dn. Jose Man^l de la Garza y sindico procurador de que damos fee.

En dies y nueve de En^o del ano de 1815 no hubo accion alguna por haverse pasado la ora y para constancia se puso esta Diligencia que rubricamos el Alcalde de primer voto y sindico procurador

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los viente y cinco dias del mes de En^o del ano de mil y ochocientos quinse se juntaron a cabildo ordinario en su casa de las de Gov^{no} precedidos del Alcalde

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1^{er} voto D. Jose M^a Sambrano los Sres. Regidores D. Fran^{co} Flores Dn. Jose Flores, D. Domingo Bustillos Dn Jose Man^l de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral Dn. Agustin Ruis y despues de colocados en sus respectivos asientos se ha cordo de la funcion de Ntra. Sra. De Candelaria que se selebra el dia dos de Feb^o del mes entrante se cerro esta seccion que rubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio de ella al Sor Gov^{or} de que damos fee.

El dia dos de Feb^{ro} del ano de mil y ochocientos quinse no hubo accion ninguna por ser un dia de Oracion en la Parroquia q^e se celebros Nuestra Sra. De Candelaria como esta expresado arriba y p^a constancia se puso esta dilig^{en} q^e rubricamos el Alcalde de primer voto y sindico procurador.

En la Ciudad de Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar a los nueve dias del mes de Feb^o de mil ochocientos quinse se juntaron a cabildo ordinario en una casa de las de Gov^{no} precedidos del Alcalde de 1^{er} voto Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano los Sres Regidores Dn Francisco Floress Dn Jose Flores Dn. Domingo Bustillos, Dn. Jose Man^l de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral Dn. Agustin Ruis y despues de colocados en sus respectivos acientos se acordo de solicitar

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a los Criadores de Ganados p^a el abastamiento de carne al publico en el Rastro y habiendo quedado todos los indiv^{os} en esta Inteligencia manifestamos a Vds. en una lista los obligados y no habiendo otra cosa q^e tratar se concluyo esta accion q^e rubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio de ella al Sor Gov^{or} de q^e damos fee

El 16 de Feb^o del Ano de Mil y ochocientos quinse no se trato nada por haverse pasado la ora y para constancia se puso esta diligencia q^e rubricamos el Alcalde de Primer voto y sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar a los viente y tres dias del mes de Feb^r del ano de mil y ochocientos quinse se juntaron a Cabildo en una Casa de las de Gov^{no} precidido del Alcalde de Primer Voto Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano los Sres Regidores Dⁿ Fran^{co} Flores Dⁿ Jose Flores Dⁿ Domingo Bustillos Dⁿ Jose Man^l de la Garza y Sindico Procurador Gral. Dⁿ Agustin Ruis y despues de colocados en sus respectivos acientos se ha cordo entre unos de los asuntos que el Cuerpo Capitular ha tratado en junta del dia de hoy ha tenido mui presente la necesidad q^e tiene esta Capital de un Maestro q^e instruya a la Juventud en los rrudimentos de Ntra. Sta. Religⁿ y primeras letras.

Hace algunos dias q^e con bastante dolor sentia esta falta pero lanecesidad de carecer absolutamente de medios pro-

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porcionados p^a la susistencia de un Maestro entre el mismo infelis vecindario, nos detenia

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para tomar la Providencia que demanda aquella falta. Entre lo mas posible hallamos de comun acuerdo hacer una macita todos los pudentes en terminos que hacienda a quinientos pesos para pagar al Maestro anualmente cuya determinacion no presenta dificultad ninguna entre los vivientes se prestaren con mucho gusto a fin de que no carezcan los ninos de esta tan util como provechosa ensenanza

Para conseguirlo solo nos falta Sr. Gov^{er} que mereciendo la aprovacion de Vd. se sirva elevar esta a la Superioridad Sr. Com^{te} Gral. ha quien suplicamos inmediatamente tenga la bondad de senalar una de las Casas que se reconocen que los rebeldes ynsurg^{tes} en favor de esta obra de piedad para que en ella pueda estar la escuela, pues Nstras, Facultades i las de este pobre vecindario no pueden alcanzar para hacer una fabrica que demanda el costo de dos mil pesos y no habiendo otra cosa que tratarse concluyo esta accion que rubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio de ella al Sr. Gov^{or} de que damos fee.

SML-2. En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y ocho dias del mes de Feb^{ro} del ano de mil ochocientos quince se juntaron a cabildo extraordinario en una Casa de las de Gov^{no} precididos del Alcalde de Primer voto Dⁿ Jose M^a Sambrano los Sres. Regidores Dⁿ Fran^{co} Flores Dⁿ Jose Flores Dⁿ Domingo Bustillos

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Dⁿ Jose Man^l de la Garza y el Sindico Procurador Gral. Dⁿ Agustin Ruis y despues de colocados en sus respectivos asientos se acordo hacer una Junta de Vecindario y estando todos presentes se les hizo saber que el Senor Gov^{or} Coronel Dⁿ Benito de Arminan facilitaba la Tropa que fuese necesario para el destacam^{to} del Puerto del Redacto siempre que el dho. Vecindario hacediese a hacer un Jacal grande para la Tropa otra para el oficial Com^{te} de otro punto una estacada y dos Barriles para la Provicion de Hagua, y habiendo hacedido hacer dhas. obras con respecto ha que resulta de vien Comun, para precavernos en lo posible de las continuas incurciones de las naciones Barbaras que nos ostilizan y por tanto lo pasamos por acta y queda archivado con esta Pha. y pasamos testimonio de ella al Sr. Gov^{or} lo firmamos los que damos fee.

SML-3. En la Ciudad de Sn Fernando de Bexar a los dos dias del mes de Marzo de mil ochocientos quince se juntaron a cabildo ordinario en una Casa de las de Gov^{no} precididos del Alcalde de Segunda Eleccion Dn Jose Antonio de la Garza por estar ausente el de Primera Eleccion Don Jose Maria Sambrano los Sres. Regidores Dn Francisco Flores, Dn. Jose Flores Sr. Domingo Bustillos Dn. Jose Man^l de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral Dⁿ Agustin Ruis, y despues de colocados en sus respectivos asientos, se acordo que para mayor cumplimiento del abasto de carne del Rastro determinamos poner en los mismos terminos que estava un pion o matancero para que este destase y venda segⁿ el costumbre sinando-

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le ocho pesos mensuales para la susistencia del mismo fondo, y hasi mismo nombramos y encargamos para su mas Cumplim^{to} de este proximo mes al Regidor Dⁿ Domingo Bustillos, el terminado y igualmente los demas Regidores segun les toque y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta accion que rrubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio de ella al Sr. Gov^{or} de que damos fee.

El nueve de Marzo del ano de mil ochocientos quince no se trato accion ninguna por haverse pasado la hora y para que conste por Diligencia lo Rubricamos el Alcalde de Segunda Eleccion y sindico procurador.

El dia 16 de Marzo de mil ochocientos quince no se trato ninguna Eleccion por no haver ocurrido ninguna accion y para que conste por Diligencia lo Rubricamos el Alcalde de primer

voto y sindico procurador.

El dia 30 de Marzo de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna por no haver ocurrido cosa que tratar y para que Conste por Diligencia lo Rrubri-

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camos el Alcalde de primer voto Dⁿ Hose Maria Sambrano y sindico procurador Dⁿ Agustin Ruis.

El dia 6 de Abril de mil ochocientos quince anos no se trato ning^a accion por estar ausente los Sres. Regidores y p^a que Conste por Dilig^a lo rubricamos el Alcalde de Primer Voto y sindico Procurador.

SMI-4. En la Ciudad de San Fern^{do} de Bexar a los trese dias del mes de Abril de mil y ochocientos quince se juntaron ha cabildo en una casa de las de Gov^{no} los Sres. Regidores Dⁿ Fran^{co} Flores, Dn Domingo Bustillos y sindico procurador Gral Dⁿ Agustin Ruis, precidido del Alcalde de primer voto Dⁿ Jose M^a Sambrano, no asistiendo los Senores Regidores Dⁿ Jose Flores y Dⁿ Jose Man^l de la Garza y despues de colocados en sus respetivos acientos se trato que por las muchas quejas q^e hace el Pueblo de que los duenos de solares q^e se hallan en las orillas del Rio y Arroyo no les dexen amplitud p^a el uso comun estando mandado por el Anterior Gov^{no} se dexen libres, mandamos q^e p^a la hepoca presente en q^e se hallan estos Individuos se dexen mas de las ocho varan q^e deve tener cada un callejon de los q^e llegⁿ al Rio, Cuatro varan en cuadro en la orilla p^a la parte de arriba y cuatro abajo lo que les enterara ha estos el Sindico Procurador y un Regidor que se comisione, y no haviendo otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta accion.

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Lo que Rubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio al Sor Gov^{or} de que damos fee.

El dia viente de Abril de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna p^r haverse pasado la hora y p^a que Conste p^r Dilig^a lo Rubricamos el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto y sindico procurador.

El dia viente y siete de Abril de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna p^r no haver ocurrido cosa que tratar y p^a que conste p^r Diligencia lo Rubricamos el Alcaldo de 1^{er} voto y sindico Procurador.

El dia cuatro de Mayo de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna p^r haverse pasado la hora y p^a que Conste por Diligencia lo Rubricamos el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dⁿ Jose Maria Samb^o y Sindico Procurador, Dⁿ Agustin Ruis

El dia 11 de Mayo de 1815 anos no hubo accion por no haver habido que tratar y p^a que Conste por Dilig^a lo Rubricamos el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto y sindico procurador.

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El 18 de Mayo de mil y ochocientos quince anos no se trato accion ninguna por no haver ocurrido cosa que tratar y p^a que Conste por Diligencia lo firmamos el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto y sindico procurador.

El 25 de Mayo de mil ochocientos quince anos no se trato accion por haver sido un dia tan selebre el dia de Corpus y haverse pasado la ora y p^a que Conste p^r Diligencia lo Rubricamos el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto y sindico procurador.

El dia 2^o de Junio no se trato accion ninguna por haverse hallado el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto enfermo y el de Segunda hallarse ausente y p^a que Conste p^r diligencia lo Rubricamos un Regidor

y Sindico Procurador.

El dia 9 de Junio de 1815, no hubo accion ninguna p^r no haver ocurrido cosa que tratar y p^a que Conste p^r Diligencia lo firmamos el Alcalde 1^{er} voto- sindico procurador.

El dia 16 del mes de Junio de 1815 no hubo accion ninguna por haverse pasado la ora y p^a que Conste p^r Dilig^a lo Rubricamos un Regidor por estar ausente el Alcalde 2^o y el 1^o enfermo y con el Regidor lo firmo el sindico procurador.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los diez y nueve dias del mes de Junio de Mil ochocientos quince años se reunieron a Cabildo Extraordinario en una Casa de las de Gov^{no} por Disposicion del Sor. Gov^{or} Coronel Dⁿ Benito de Arminan precedidos del Alcalde de Primer Voto Dⁿ Jose Maria Sambrano los Sres. Regidores Dⁿ Domingo Bustillos Dⁿ Jose Manuel de la Garza, y Sindico Procurador Gral. Dn. Agustin Ruis, hallandose ausente el Regidor Dⁿ Fran^{co} Flores y Dⁿ Jose Flores estar enfermo, y despues de colocados en sus respectivos acientos, nos manifesto Berbalm^{te} no le quedara recurso alguno para la susistencia de las Tropas, que guarnecian esta Prov^a en cuja virtud mandamos congrega los principales vecinos que en parte pudieron auxiliar esta indigencia y que manifestacen los teneres que podian proporcionar, a que contestaron con lo que manifiesta la Presente Lista de su unico Tener necessarissimo para la subsistencia de sus familias, y que recurrir a estos escasissimos aberes para los fines que indicamos, sera constituirlos, al doloroso estado de necesidad; deviendo conciderar estos vienes como imaginarios, y espuestos a que no sumitan de un dia a otro por las vigorosas hostilidades que diaram^{te} cometen las Naciones Barbaras; con lo que impiden que los duenos puedan estos intereses; es constante la nececidad en que se halla este miserable pueblo, y que el menor donativo, o contribucion le sera un doloroso sacrificio, pues la Agricultura, ramo principalisimo de la felicidad temporal de los pueblos se halla en este suelo tan estanciada de los mismos que se dedican a ella escasamente cosechan para su presisa mantencion, no porque las campanas no lo permitan pues estas son fertilicimas, pero si porque se carese de sugetos pudientes que la protejan, y no habiendo otra cosa de que exponer se concluyo esta cesion que rubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio de ella al Sor. Gov^{or} de que demos fee.

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SML-5. En la Ciudad de Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar a los viante y dos dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos quince años se juntaron a cabildo ordinario en una casa de las de Gov^{no} precedido del Alcalde de Segunda Eleccion los Senores Regidores D. Domingo Bustillos Dⁿ Jose Man^l de la Garza, y sindico procurador Gral. Dⁿ Agustin Ruis no habiendo asistido el Regidor Dⁿ Fran^{co} Flores por estar ausente y Dⁿ Jose Flores enfermo, y despues de colocados en sus respectivos acientos se havio un oficio cerrado del Sor. Gov^{or} Coronel Dⁿ Benito de Arminan donde nos hizo presente la escases de numerario para socorro de las Tropas que Guarnesen esta Capital, y que hicieramos todos los esfuerzos posibles con los vecinos que concederen con mas proporcion hicimos comparecen y darles entrada a Dⁿ Ign^{co} Perez; Dⁿ Manuel Barrera, Dⁿ Andres Chenlo, Dⁿ Fran^{co} Collante y otros vecinos que no van comprendidos por conciderarlos inabiles de poder contribuir con ningun numerario, y habiendoles echo presentes el contenido del oficio de dho. Sor. Gov^{or} respondieron que por lo que hace a numerario, no pueden contribuir con ninguno por el destermio que han tenido en este suelo y escases de ellos; que por lo que hace abienes de campo estan pronto hacer ministrar segun sus proporciones de cada Yndiv^o en cuanto posible a podido hacer este Cuerpo Capitular esforzando los que el prestamo que hisieran luego que las circunstancias del real Diario lo permitan seran satisfechos por su valor por ser un pedimento tan justo por no tener con que sustentar las tropas y puede contar Vd. con ciento

viente veces incluidas cincuenta que ofrecio Dⁿ Ign^o Peres y no habiendo otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta accion que rubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio al Sor. Gov^{or} de que damos fee.

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En la Ciudad de Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y nueve dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos quince años no hubo accion ninguna por no haver ocurrido que tratar y para que Conste por Diligencia lo firmamos el Alcalde de primer voto Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador Gral. Dn. Agustin Ruis de que damos fee.

En la Ciudad de Sn Fernando de Bexar a los seis dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos quince años el Alcalde Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano comboco al Sindico Procurador Gral, Dn. Agustin Ruis esponiendole si convenia el que se diese un poder para este Ayuntam^{to} al subdiacono Ten^{te} Coronel Dⁿ Juan Man^l Sambrano pues se hallava proximo para hacer un viaje a la Capital de Mexico asuntos particulares a lo que respondio el Dho. Procurador que se el poder que se le conferia al Dho. Subd^{no} trataba asuntos a favor de la Prov^a prestaria su Boluntad siempre que el referido Subd^{no} no se comprometiera exaciosam^{te} en los gastos que se originaron por el referido poder no gravando en lo mas minimo a los moradores de dha. prov^a alo que se comprometi vojo su palabra hera responsable a los indicados gastos el mencionado Ten^{te} Coronel Dⁿ Juan Man^l Sambrano, y en este concepto solicito el sindico procurador, el parecer del Alcalde de Segunda Eleccion, Dⁿ Jose Ant^o de la Garza los Sres. Regidores Dⁿ Jose Flores, Dⁿ Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Man^l de la Garza a los que les parecio bien

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lo tratado por el Alcalde Dⁿ Jose M^a Sambrano y sindico procurador D. Agustin Ruis, hallandose ausente el Regidor D. Fran^{co} Flores entendiendo la copia del orden que se confirio al Apoderado y es el Sig^{te}

En la Ciudad de Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar a los seis dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos quince años los alcaldes de Primero y de Segundo voto, Regidores y sindico procurador que forman el Ayuntamen^{to} de dha. Ciudad en junta que selevraron el dia de hoy resolvieron dar todo el poder y facultad que se requiere en dho. y necesario sea, mas pueda y valordeve al Subd^{no} Ten^{te} Coronel D. Juan Manuel Sambrano p^a que en virtud de el, y representando los dhos, y acciones de todos y cada uno de los moradores de esta referida ciudad pueda parecer ante el Rey N^{tro} Senor que Dios Guarde que sinnecesario fuese en sus reales audiencias de estos Reinos y demas Tribunales, asi pribativos como gales que le paresca combiniente y segun los conovimientos que tiene esta referida pro^a tanto por ser originario de ella como p^r los que adquirio mientras tubo las riendas de su Gov^{no} represente todo lo que jusgele combiniente al fomento de ella y alivio de sus moradores con cuanto considere oportuno al logro de la mayor felicidad de este suelo que a causa de las Reboluciones que ha parecido ffrecuentes ostalidades de los Ynd^{os} que se circunadan y falta de las Comp^s Veteranas de su Guarnicion esta reducido al estado de la mayor miseria que se pueda imaginar y sus habitantes generalmente confundidos conla infame nota de rebeldes en que incurrieron mucho desnaturalizados compatriotas y de lo que en virtud se (pradeticare-?) pedir a los testimonios necesarios para cuidar de su

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cumplimiento pues para todo lo dho. su enridento y dependiente anejo y consirniente le otorgamos este poder amplio y vastante con todas facultades en dho. necesario en cuio testimonio asi lo otorgamos y firmamos en dho. dia mes y año.

El dia trese de Julio de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna por haverse pasado la ora y para que Conste por Dilig^a lo rubricamos el Alcalde de Primer voto Dⁿ Jose M^a Samb^o y sindico Procurador D. Agustin Ruis de los que damos fee.

En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los quince dias del mes de Julio de Mil ochocientos quince anos comboco Junta extra-ordinaria de cabildo el Sr. Gov^{or} ynterino de la Prov^a Coron^l D. Benito de Arminan que la precedio a la que asistieron el Alcalde de Primer voto Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano y el de segundo Sr. Jose Antonio de la Garza y el Regidor Dn. Domingo Bustillos y Sindico procurador Sr. Agustin Ruis no habiendolo los Regidores Dn. Fran^{co} Flores p^r estar ausente y D. Jose Flores y Jose Man^l de la Garza por enfermos y colocados p^r su orden en sus respectivos acientos manifesto verbal-

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El dia 23 de Julio no hubo accion ninguna por haverse pasado la hora y para que Conste por Diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de Seg^a eleccion Don Jose Ant^o de la Garza y el Sindico procurador Don Agustin Ruis de que damos fee.

El dia 3 del ano de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna por haverse pasado la hora y para que conste por dilig^a lo rubricamos el Alcalde de primera eleccion Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador Dn. Agustin Ruis de que damos fee.

El dia 10 no hubo accion ninguna por haverse pasado la ora y para que Conste por Diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de Segunda eleccion Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garza y sindico procurador Dn. Agustin Ruis de lo que damos fee.

El dia diez y siete de Agosto no hubo accion ninguna por no haber ocurrido cosa que tratar y para que Conste por Diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de Segunda eleccion Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garza,

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y sindico procurador Dn. Agustin Ruis de que damos fee.

El 24 de Agosto no hubo accion ninguna por haverse pasado la ora y para que Conste por Diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de Segunda Eleccion y el Sindico procurador de que damos fee.

En 31 de Agosto no hubo accion ninguna por haverse pasado la hora para que Conste por Diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de 2^a Eleccion y sindico procurador de que damos fee.

El dia 7 de Sep^t del ano de mil ochocientos quince no hubo accion ning^a por haverse pasado la ora y p^a que Conste por Diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de 2^a Eleccion y sindico procurador de que damos fee.

SML-6. En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los catorce dias del mes de Sep^t de mil ochocientos quince anos se juntaron a cabildo ordinario en una casa de las del Gov^{or} precedidos del Alcalde de Primer voto Dn. Jose Ma. Sambrano los Sres. Regidores Dn. Fran^{co} Flores Dn. Domingo Bustillos Dn. Jose Man^l de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral. Dn. Agustin Ruis no asistiendo el Regidor Dn. Jose Flores por estar ausente, y despues de colocados por sus ordenes en sus respectivos acietos hizo presente el Regidor encargado del Rastro que la Casa se halla mui deteriorada y que si no se componia pronto que (derribados?) a lo que convenimos y determinamos que se compuciera con lo que el fondo tubiese existente y p^a su cumplim^{to}

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de la recomposicion de Cha. casa se comisiono al Alcalde Dn. Jose Ant^o de la Garza por tener

mas conocim^{to} en esta obra aci mismo le ynteresa por deverle dho. fondo dos cientos y mas pesos desde su edificacion que fuese comicionado p^r el dñado Sor. Gov^{or} D. Man^l de Saucedo, como Consta por las cuentas exijidas que precento dho. D. Jose Ant^o de la Garza al Alcalde D. Ygn^{co} Peres en el ano anterior las que paso al Alcalde de primer voto de este Ayuntamiento D. Jose M^a Sambrano y pa que en lo sucesivo conste que dhas. cuentas xirados contra dho. fondo deven estar reunidas al libro de este Ramo y p^a que el comicionado de esta Venta este en la Diligencia que se le deve al referido D. Jose Ant^o de la Garza la cantidad que dhas. cuentas manifiestan para la devida constancia de todo lo expuesto lo ponemos p^r acta lo firmamos y mandamos se pase testimonio de ella al Sor. Gov^{or} Capⁿ D. Mariano Varela de esta Ciudad de que damos fee.

Jose Ant^o de la Garza

Jose Maria Sambrano

Fran^{co} Flores

Jose Man^l de la Garza

Domingo Bustillos

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte un dia del mes de Sept de mil ochocientos quince anos se juntaron a cabildo ordinario precedidos porel Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a Capⁿ D. Mariano Varela, el Alcalde de Segundo voto D. Jose Antonio de la Garza, los Regidores D. Fran^{co} Flores D. Domingo Bustillos D. Jose Man^l de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral. D. Agustin Ruis no haciendolo el Alcalde

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de primer voto D. Jose Maria Sambrano que pidio ser excluido por ser el asunto que se iba a tratar sobre su Ermano el dicho Dn. Juan Man^l Sambrano; ni el regidor D. Jose Flores por estar enfermo y colocados lo precentes en sus respectivos acientos se abrio un pliego dirigido a este Ayuntamiento^{to} por el mismo D. Juan Man^l Sambrano y enterados de su contenido se trato y descurri sobre el con la madures y acuerdo que corresponde, y en consecuencia se determino estar para el dia de mañana en junta extra-ordinaria a los principales vecinos de esta Ciudad para acerles ver, el contenido de dho. pliego que resolviesen lo que (allamaron?) por conveniente con lo que se concluo esta accion que pucimos p^r Acta que rubricamos en dho dia mes y ano con testigos de ass^a rubricamos con sus rubricas de que damos fee.

Mar^{no} Varela

Jose Man^l de la Garza

Domingo Bustillos

Fran^{co} Flores

Jose Ant^o de la Garza

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y para que Conste por Dilig^a lo rubricamos el Alcalde de Seg^{da} Eleccion y sindico procurador Gral. Dn. Agustin Ruis.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los cinco dias del mes de Octubre de mil ochocientos quince anos se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario en una Casa de las de Gov^{no} precedidos del Alcalde de 2^a Eleccion D. Jose Antonio de la Garza los Sres. Regidores D. Fran^{co} Flores D. Jose Flores D. Domingo Bustillos D. Jose Man^l de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral. D. Agustin Ruis no haciendolo el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion por estar ausente y despues de colocados los precentes en sus respectivos acientos, se acorde de la funcion jurada de Nsra. Sra. De Guadalupe que se celebra el dia 12 de Dic. del que ria(?) y p^a el debido cumplim^{to} combocamos al Sor. Baron de Bastrop y D. Gaspar Flores p^a que estos individuos como Capt. de esta funcion recoleten la limosna se juntose en los terminos prevenidos en los anos anteriores, igualmte. nombramos para ayudante de esta funcion a los vecinos D. Ygnacio de Lion D. Bicente Gortary D. Pedro Arebalo y D. Ant^o Belano p^a que reunidos todos desempeñen con la maior credito y cumplim^{to} que corresponde y no abiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar

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se concluyo esta cesion que rubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio de ella al Sor. Gov^{or} de

esta provincia de que damos fee

El dia 12 de Otub^e de mil ochocientos quince anos se juntaron a cabildo, ordinario el Alcalde de 2^a Eleccion los senores Regidores, D. Fran^{co} Flores, D. Jose Flores, D. Domingo Bustillos, D. Jose Man¹ de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral. D. Agustin Ruis, no aciendolo el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion, por estar ausente y despues de colocados los precentes por sus ordenes en sus respectivos acientos, se le dio entrada a D. Jose Salinas, quien no^s manifesto un escrito de varios individuos de este lugar solicitando corredurias de mestenas, lo que tubimos abien elevarlo al Sor. Gov^{or} p^a que Conste por Dilig^a lo rubricamos hoy dia de la fha.

En 19 de Octubre del ano de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna por no haver ocurrido que tratar y p^a que Conste por Diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de 2^a Eleccion Dn. Jose Ant^o de la Garza y sindico procurador Dn. Agustin Ruis.

En 26 de Oct^e del ano de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna por no haver ocurrido que tratar y para que Conste por Diligencia lo

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rubricamos el Alcalde de Segunda Eleccion D. Jose Antonio de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral. Dn. Agustin Ruis.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dos dias del mes de Nov^e del ano de Mil ochocientos quince anos se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario los Senores Regidores precedidos del Alcalde de Segunda Eleccion D. Jose Ant^o de la Garza, los Regidores D. Jose Flores D. Domingo Bustillos D. Jose Man¹ de la Garza y sindico procurador Gral. Dn. Agustin Ruis conel objeto de concluir los asuntos pendientes que se hallan precedidos por el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion D. Jose M^a Sembrano, el que en esta fha. no hacistio por estar enfermo ni el Regidor D. Fran^{co} Flores por estar ausente y no habiendo otra cosa que tratar se concluiu esta accion, que rubricamos y mandamos se pase tesetimonio al Sor. Gov^{or} de que damos fee.

El dia 16 de Nov^e no hubo accion ninguna por haberse pasado la ora y p^a que Conste por Diligencia

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lo rubricamos el Alcalde de primer voto y sindico procurador de que damos fee.

En 23 dias de NOV. del ano de mil ochocientos quince anos no hubo accion ninguna por haberse pasado la ora y p^a que conste por dilig^a lo rubricamos el Alcalde de 2^e Eleccion y Sindico Procurador de que damos fee.

El dia ³⁰ de Nov^e no hubo accion ninguna por haberse pasado la ora y p^a que conste por diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de 2^a eleccion y Sindico Procurador de que damos fee.

A los 7 dias del mes de Dis^e de mil ochocientos quince no hubo accion ninguna por haberse pasado la hora y p^a que conste p^r diligencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de 2^a Eleccion y Sindico procurador de que damos fee.

El dia 14 de Dis^e de mil y ochocientos quince no hubo accion ninguna por haberse pasado la ora y p^a que conste por dilig^a lo rubricamos el Alcalde de 2^a eleccion y sindico procurador de que damos fee.

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SML-7. En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y un dias del mes de Dic^e de

mil ochocientos quince años se juntaron a cabildo ordinario precedidos del Alcalde de primer voto D. Jose M^a Sambrano, los Señores Regidores Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, Dn. Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Man^l de la Garza, Dn. Jose Flores y sindico procurador Gral. Dn. Agustin Ruis, y despues de colocados en sus respectivos acientos se trato de nombrar los Señores que ejercen estos empleos corresp^{tes} y siendo combenien^{te} segⁿ lo previnimos para año entrante de 1816, la Eleccion de los cuatro Regidores a pluralidad de votos, y para Alcalde de 1^o y 2^o voto y sindico procurador hemos tenido a bien nombrar y nombramos para Alcalde de 1^o a Dn. Domingo Bustillos 2^o a D. Gaspar Flores, para Regidores llamamos a Dn. Man^l Salinas D. Francisco Montes D. Jose Angel Navarro, D. Ygnacio Chaves y para sindico procurador a D. Jose Man^l de la Garza, y en todos los cuales concurrieron a las circunstancias necesarias para el exacto desempeño de sus respectivas obligaciones y no haviedo otra cosa que tratar se concluo esta accion que rubricamos y mandamos p^a que se pase testimonio al Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a p^a su aprovacion de que damos fee

Jose Maria Sambrano

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar el 29 de Dic^e del año de 1815, no hubo accion ninguna por haverse pasado la ora, y para que Conste por Dili-

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gencia lo rubricamos el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y sindico procurador D. Agustin Ruis de q^e damos fee.

SML-8. En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar el dia 1^o de Enero del año de mil ochocientos dies y seis se juntaron a cabildo ordinario precedidos del Alc^e de 1^{er} voto D. Jose Maria Sambrano y D. Jose Ant^o de la Garza los señores Regidores, D. Fran^{co} Flores, D. Jose Flores, D. Domingo Bustillos, D. Jose Manuel de la Garza, y sindico procurador D. Agustin Ruis, y despues de colocados en sus respectivos acientos se les dio entrada en la Casa Capitular a los Alc^{es} de 1^o y 2^o voto, regidores y sindico procurador nuebam^{te} nombrados y aprobados por el Sor. Gov^{or} Capⁿ D. Mariano Varela lo q^e por officio accedio al Alc^e de 1^o voto D. Jose Maria Sambrano p^a que pudiese en posesion a los Alc^s D. Domingo Bustillos D. Gaspar Flores a los Señores Regidores D. Manuel Salinas D. Fran^{co} Montes, D. Jose Angel Navarro D. Ygn^o Chaves y sindico procurador D. Jose Man^l de la Garza lo que se efectuo y se tomo juram^{to} de fieddad, patriotismo del buen orden y desempeño de sus obligaciones lo que asedieron prometieron guardar a acer guardar todo lo justo y q^e por a cada uno desempeñar la parte que les toque; y congedam^{te} acistieron a la Misa Mayor y segun costumbre; y para que Conste por diligencia lo firmamos y mandamos se pase testimonio al Sor. Gov^{or} de que damos fee.

Jose Maria Sambrano

Francisco Bustillos

Jose Ant^o de la Garza

Francisco Flores

Francisco Montes

Gaspar Flores

Manuel Salinas

Ignacio Chaves

Jose Man^l de la Garza

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los quatro dias del mes de En^o de mil ochocientos dies y seis años se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario que precidio el Alcalde de Primer voto, Dn. Domingo Bustillos por ocupacion del Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a los Sres Alcalde de 2^o Voto, Dn. Gaspar Flores, Regidores llanos Dn. Man^l Salinas, Dn. Francisco Montes, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, Dn. Ign^o Chaves y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Jose Man^l de la Garza, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos propuso el Sor. Procurador, aberle dicho verbal^{te} el Sor. Gov^{or} que los Comisarios de los Barrios de esta Ciudad se le havian presentado pidiendo se les relavasen de estos empleos p^r aberlos servido mucno tiempo ase y q^e en virtud nombrase

este Ayuntamiento los sujetos que allacen mas a propocito para el efecto, y abiendo refelxionado con la madures que corresponde resultaron electos a pluralidad de votos para Comisario Del Barrio del Sur a Dn. Ygn^o VillaSenor, p^a el de Valero, Dn. Alejos Ararle, para el del Norte, Dn. Patricio, y reelecto para el del Aredo, Dn. Jose Ant^o dela Garza de cuyos nombram^{tos} se mando pasar la correspondiente noticia al mencionado Sor. Gov^{or} para su aprovacion con lo que quedo concluida esta accion que rubricamos con los testigos de asistencia a falta de todo escrivano en le termino de la ley de que damos fee.

Domingo Bustillos

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los onse

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dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y seis se juntaron a Cabildo ordinaria que precidio el Alcalde de Primer Voto Dn. Domingo Bustillos en la pieza determinada para las cesione Capitulares, los Sres. Alcalde de 2^o voto Dn. Gaspar Flores regidores llanos Dn. Manuel Salinas Dn. Francisco Montes Dn. Jose Ang^l Navarro Dn. Ygn^o Chaves y Sindico Procurador Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, quienes colocados por sus ordenes en los respectivos asientos propuso el Sor. Procurador la necesidad que ebia de recojer los libros de Gov^{no} que tenian los Comisarios de Barrio para que sirviesen de norma a los Nuebam^{te} electos, y por ser asunto que no tubo que descutir se mando poner en ejecucion y entregarlos al Sor. Gov^{or} para que sentase en ellos las ordenes y mandos espedidos en su tiempo a efecto de que los dhos comisarios cuidanse de su Cumplim^{to} con lo que se concluyo esta accion que rubricamos con testigos de asistencia a falta de todo escrivano en el termino de la ley de que damos fee.

Domingo Bustillos

En 17 de Feb^o de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos abrio las puertas de la Casa del Ayuntamiento el Sindico Procurador Dn. Jose Man^l de la Garza

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y por aberse pasado la ora acostubrada sin que asistieran los Sres. Regidores las volvio a ser- rar y p^a constancia lo puso por Dilig^a q^e rubrico.

En veinte y seis dias del mes de En^o de Mil ochocientos dies y seis anos abrio las puertas de la Casa del Ayuntam^{to} el Sindico Procurador Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garzay por aberse pasado la ora acostubrada sin que asistieran los Sres. Regidores las volvio a cerrar y p^a constancia lo puso por Dilig^a q^e rubrico.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar en primero de Feb^o de mil ochocientos dies y seis asistieron a junta extraordinaria de Cabildo que precidio en la pieza destinada para el efecto el Alcalde de primer voto Dn. Domingo Bustillos los Sores. Alcalde de 2^o voto Regidores Dn. Man^l Salinas Dn. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca Dn. Jose Ang^l Navarro Dn. Ygn^o Chaves y sindico pro- curador Dn. Jose Man^l de la Garsa y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos acientos expuso uno de los Sres. Regidores lo mui cargado de fatigas que se allaba este Pueblo tanto por la exaciones de reces para la mantencion de las

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tropas como por otras fatigas relativas al servicio de las mismas tropas frecuentes hostili- dades que recibian de los Indios y la necesidad en que se hallava el pueblo de remediar estas necesidades y abiendo disputado con la madurez y acuerdo que corresponde sobre estos particu- ares se resolvio a pluralidad de votos a serlo presente por medio de un oficio al Sor. Gov^{or}

de la Prov^a para que elevandolo a la superiordad del Sor. Com^{te} Gral. se aciese esta pencion con lo que se concluyo esta accion que rubricamos con testigos de ast^a a falta de todo escribano en el termino de la ley de que damos fee.

En nuebe de Feb^o de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos abrio las puertas de la sala de Ayuntamiento el sindico procurador y por haverse pasado la ora acostumbrada sin que asistieran los Sres Regidores volvio a serrarlas y p^a constancia lo puso por Dilig^a que rubrico.

En dies y seis dias del mes de Febrero de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos abrio las puertas a la

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veinte uno de Marzo de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos no se senalo junta de cabildo porque no hacistieron los Sres. que lo componen y para Constancia lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En veinte y ocho dias del mes de Marzo de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos no hubo accion ning^a por aberse pasado la ora y para que Conste p^r Dilig^a lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar en cuatro de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y seis se selebro junta ordinaria a Cabildo en la pieza determinada para el efecto precidida por el Sr. Alcalde de primer voto Don Domingo Bustillos; a la que asistieron los Senores Alcalde de 2^o voto Dn. Gaspar Flores, Regidores Dn. Manuel Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, Dn. Ignacio Chaves, y Sindico procurador Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, quienes colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, lo abrio pliego del Sor. Gov^{or} en que ofrece escolta para los labradores, y por no haber ocurrido otra cosa que tratar quedo concluida esta seccion que rubricamos con testigos de asistencia a falta de escribano en el termino de la Ley, de que damos fee.

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En once de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y seis no se celebros junta a Cavildo por no haver ocurrido los Senores, que lo componen y para constancia se puso por Diligencia que rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En dies y ocho de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos, se juntaron a Cavildo ordinario en la sala determinada para el efecto, precedidos del Alc^e de primer voto Dn. Domingo Bustillos, los Senores Alc^e de segundo voto Dn. Gaspar Flores, Regidores Don Manuel Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, y Sindico Procurador Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, quienes colocados por sus ordenes en sus respectivos asientos, mandamos abrir y leer un oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} interino de la Prov^a en que inserto un Real despacho de S.M. en que manda que el dia viente y quatro de Marzo de cada ano se cante una solemne "Te Deum" en accion de gracias por su restitucion al Trono; y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratarse concluyo esta seccion, que rubricamos con testigos de asistencia a falta de todo Escribano en el Termino de la ley de que damos fee.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos, comboco junta extraordinaria de Cav^{do} el Sor. Gov^{or} Ynterino de la Prov^a Capitan Dn. Mariano Varela quien la precidio, y asistieron a ella, Don Domingo Bustillos Alcalde de Primer Voto, Dn. Gaspar Flores, Alcalde de Segundo, Dn. Manuel Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, Dn. Ignacio Chaves, Regidores llenos, y Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, sindico procurador, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, expuso

el Sor. Presidente la necesidad de carnes que padecia el Gov^{no} para mantener la Division del Regimiento de Estremadura que hace el Servicio en esta Capital y los ningunos recursos que tenia para proverla: en cuya virtud pidio lo combecaran los pocos vecinos Criadores de ganado que hay en esta Ciudad, para que sustienen esta falta, y habiendo comparecido y propuestos el objeto para que eran solicitados, respondieron que a causa de no haberseles pagado las reses que desde fin del ano de 1813, hasta el presente tienen dadas a las tropas de esta guarnicion; y otras frecuentes hostilidades que han recibido, en sus ganados, sin poderlos menorar bajo cuidado, concideraban que yales hubiese quedado unicamente lo muy limitado para la subsistencia de sus familias, acordo una, y otra vez a la necesidad del Publico, y por esta

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rason no podian ya abolutamente suplir las carnes necesarias para mantencion de las Tropas; en cuya concecuente les suplico y pedio de favor el mencionado Sor Presidente les hiciera la gracia de proveerle a proporcion de lo que cada uno conociera poder tener, con treinta o treinta y cinco reses, protestandoles, no le volveria a molestar para este fin, por que conocia las finas causas que exponian; y en seguida contribuyeron los expresados vecinos con treinta reses de lo que se pasara la correspondiente nota al Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a para que disponga su resolucion cuando combenga; con lo que quedo concluida esta Seccion, y lo firmamos con testigos de asistencia a falta de todo escrivano que no lo hay en el termino de la ley de que damos fee.

Domingo Bustillos

Ignacio Chaves

Manuel Salinas

Mar^{no} Varela

Francisco Montes de Oca

Jose Angel Navarro

Gaspar Flores

Jose Manuel de la Garza

En la Ciudad de Sn Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y dos dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos se juntaron a Cav^{do} extraordinario que precedio el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Domingo Bustillos, en la sala acostumbrada, los Senores, Alc^e de segundo voto, Dn. Gaspar Flores, Regidores Dn.

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Manuel Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, Dn. Ygnacio Chaves y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, quienes colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, manifesto el Sor. Procurador una representacion que hizo sobre las necesidades del Pueblo, al que se le dio el giro correspondiente, y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta Seccion que rubricamos con testigos de asistencia a falta de todo escrivano en el termino de la ley de que damos fee.

Domingo Bustillos

Jose Ant^o Saucedo

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

En veinte y cinco de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y seis, no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por que no asistieron los Senores que lo componen, y para Const^a lo puso por diligencia que rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En dos de Marzo de mil ochocientos dies y seis no hubo junta por la misma razon expresada arriba, y para constancia lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

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En nueve de Marzo de mil ochocientos dies y seis se abrieron las Casas de Ayuntamiento y por haveirse pasado la hora acostumbrada sin que asistieran los Snres. que lo componen, se volvieron a cerrar, y para constancia se puso por diligencia que rubrico el Sindico Procurador

En dies y seis de dho. no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por la misma razon arriba expresada, y para constancia se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e de primer voto, y Sindico Procurador.

En veinte y tres del mismo abrio la Sala de Cav^d el Sindico Procurador y por haberse pasado la hora senalada sin que asistieran a ella los Senores que lo componen las bolvio a cerrar, y para constancia lo puso por Dilig^a que rubrico.

En treinta de dho, se juntaron a Cav^d los Senores que lo componen, para asistir a la Funcion del Santo Patrono, sin haber ocurrido cosa urgente que tratar, y para constancia lo rubricaron.

En seis de Junio de mil ochocientos dies y seis no se celebros junta de Cav^{do} por no haber concurrido

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los Senores que lo componen, y para constancia se puso por Dilig^a que rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En trece del mismo no hubo junta de Cavildo por la misma razon expresada arriba y para constancia lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En veinte de dho, no hubo junta de Cavildo por la razon expresada arriba, y para constancia lo rubrico el Sindico procurador.

En veinte y siete del mismo abrio las puertas de la Sala de Cavildo el Sindico Procurador y por no haber asistido a ella los Senores que lo componen, las volvio a cerrar y para constancia lo puso por diligencia que rubrico.

En cuatro de Julio no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por la razon expresada arriba, y para constancia lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En onse del mismo abrio las puertas de la Sala Capitular el Sor. Procurador, y por no haber ocurrido ninguno de los Senores las volvio a

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serrar, y para Constancia lo rubrico.

En dies y ocho de dho. no hubo junta de Cav^d por la razon arriba expresada, y para Const^a lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En veinte y cinco de dho. no hubo junta de Cav^d por la causa amencionada, y para Constancia lo rubrico el Sor. Procurador.

En dos de Agosto de Mil ochocientos dies y seis abrio las puertas de la Sala de Cav^d el Sindico Procurador, y por haverse pasado la hora senalada sin que asistieran los Senores que lo componen las volvio a serrar, y para Constancia lo rubrico.

En nueve de mismo, no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por la razon amen^c y para Constancia lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En dies y seis de dho. no hubo junat de Cav^d por la razon expresada arriba, y para Constancia lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

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En veinte y tres del mismo no hubo cesion alg^a por que no asistieron a Cav^{do} los Senores

que lo componen y para Const^{ca} lo puso por Dilig^a que rubrico el Sor. Procurador.

En treinta del mismo no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por la misma razon amencionada y para Constancia lo rubrico el Sor. Procurador.

En siete de Sep^t de mil ochocientos dies y seis abrio las puertas de la Sala de Cav^{do} el Sindico Procurador, y por haverse pasado la hora acostumbrada sin que asistiesen los Senores que lo componen la bolbio a cerrar, y para constancia lo rubrico el Sor. Procurador.

En catorce del mismo no hubo junta de Cav^d por la razon expresada arriba, y para const^a lo rubrico el Sor. Procurador.

En veinte y uno de dho. no hubo junta de Cav^d por la misma causa, y p^a Constancia lo firmo el Sindico Procurador.

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En veinte y ocho de Sep^t de mil ochocientos dies y seis abrio las puertas de la Sala de Cav^{do} el Sindico Procurador, y por haverse pasado la hora acostumbrada sin que asistiesan los Senores Regidores, las bolbio a cerrar y lo rubrico.

En cinco de Oct^e no hubo junta de Cav^o por la razon expresada arriba, y lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador, para que Conste.

El doce de Oct. no hubo junta de Cav^d por la misma causa, y para que Conste lo rubrico el Sor. Procurador.

En dies y nuebe del mismo mes no hubo junta de Cavildo por la causa expresada antes, y para que conste lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En veinte y seis de dho. no hubo junta de Cav^d por no haber asistido los Senores que lo componen, y pa que Conste lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar a los treinta

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y un dias del mes de Oct^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos, se celebrou junta ordinaria de Cabildo, a la que asistieron los Senores Alc^e de primer voto Dn. Domingo Bustillos, de Segundo Dn Gaspar Flores, Regidores Dn. Manuel Salinas; D. Jose Angel Navarro, Dn. Ygnacio Chaves y Sindico Procurador Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, y colocados en sus respectivos asientos propuso el Sor. Alc^e de primera eleccion, la necesidad que havia de elegir ayudantes para las proximas juntas de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, y tratado el asunto con la madures y acuerdo que corresponde, resultaron electos a pluralidad de votos Dn. Jose Flores de Abrego, Dn. Fran^{co} Rivas, Dⁿ Salvador Carrasco, y Dn. Fran^{co} Arevalo, quienes fueron advertidos de la Contribucion asistencia, y gastos que les tocan con lo que se concluyo esta cesion, y para Constancia lo rubricaron.

En siete de Nov^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis abrio las puertas de la Sala de Cav^{do} el Sindico Procurador, y por haverse pasado la hora acostumbrada sin que asistieran los Senores Regidores los volvio a serrar, y para que Conste lo rubrico.

En catorce de dho, no hubo junta de Cav^o por la razon expresada arriba, y para que Conste lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

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En veinte y uno de Nov^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos abrio las puertas de la

Sala Capitular, el Sindico Procurador, y habiendose pasado la hora acostumbrada, sin que asistieran los Senores Regidores las bolbio a serrar y para que Conste, por Diligencia lo rubrico.

En veinte y ocho del mismo, no hubo junta de Cav^d por la razon emencionada y para que Conste por Diligencia lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

En cinco de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis abrio las puertas de la Sala de Ayuntamiento el Sor. Procurador, y pasada la hora acostumbrada sin que asistieran los Senores Regidores, las volvio a cerrar, y para que Conste por Dilig^a lo rubrico.

En doce de dho. se juntaron a Cav^{do} los Senores que lo componen, para asistir a la funcion de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, y para que Conste lo rubricamos.

En dies y nueve de dho. no hubo junta de Cavildo por que no asistieron los Senores Regidores, y para que Conste lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

SML-9. En la Ciudad de Sn Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y

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un dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos, se juntaron a Cav^{do} extraordinario los Senores Don Domingo Bustillos, Alcalde de Primer voto Dn. Gaspar Flores, Alcalde de Segundo Dn. Manuel Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, Sindico Procurador, no haciendolo el Regidor Dn. Ygnacio Chaves, por estar enfermo y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se propuso la Eleccion de sugetos, que el ano entrante exersan los Empleos de Alcaldes, Regidores, y Procurador, y tratado este asunto con la reflexion, y acuerdo que corresponden resultaron electos a pluralidad de votos, para Alcalde primero Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, para Segundo, Dn. Felipe Neri Baron de Bastrop, para Regidores llanos, D. Jose Manuel Granado, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Jose Ygnacio Flores y Dn. Juan Manuel Montes, y para Sindico Procurador Dn. Santiago Seguin, en quienes concurren las circunstancias necesarias para el desempeno de sus deveres y para constancia lo firmamos en esta Sala Capitular, em los propios dia, mes y ano.

Domingo Bustillos

Jose Angel Navarro

Fran^{co} Montes de Oca

Manuel Salinas

Gaspar Flores

Jose Manuel de la Garza

SML-10. En dha. Ciudad a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos se juntaron a Cav^d extraordinario los Senores Don Domingo Bustillos, Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Gaspar Flores de Segundo Dn. Manuel Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca, Dn. Jose

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Angel Navarro, Dn. Ygn^o Chaves Regidores llanos, y Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, sindico procurador, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos se abrio y leyo un oficio del Senor Governador Interino de esta Provincia fha. el dia de aller en que reprueva la eleccion hecha en Dn. Felipe Neri, Baron de Bastrop, para Alcalde de Segundo voto, en Dn. Jose Ygnacio Perez y Dn. Juan Manuel Montes, para regidores llanos por las causas que asienta, las que estimadas justas, se procedio a reformar la expresada Eleccion, y a pluralidad de votos resultaron nombrados para Alcalde de primera Eleccion Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, para de Segunda Don Jose Manuel Granados, para Regidores llanos, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Arevalo y Dn. Patricio de Torres, y para Sindico Procurador Dn. Santiago Seguin, en quienes concurren las circunstancias y requisitos necesarios para el desempeno desus deveres, y con esto se concluyo esta session que firmamos en el propio dia, mes y ano.

En veinte y seis de dho no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por que no asistieron los Senores Regidores y para que Conste lo rubrico el Sindico Procurador.

SML-11. En

PAGE 45: La Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos, se juntaron a Cav^{do} extraordinario, que precedio el Alcald^e de primer voto, Dn. Domingo Bustillos, los Senores Dn. Gaspar Flores, Alcald^e de Seg^{do} voto, Dn. Manuel Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, Dn. Ygnacio Chaves, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza sindico procurador, quienes colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos saco el Sr. Presidente, y abrio un pliego que contenia un oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} interino de la Prov^a Ten^{te} Coronel Dn. Ygnacio Peres, al que dio lectura en alta y iuteligibles voces el mismo Sr. Presidente, y enterados todos por su contenido de ser reprovada la Eleccion que este Ayuntamiento hizo en Dn. Felipe Neri Baron de Bastrop, para Alc^e de Segundo Voto, y en D. Jose Ygnacio Peres, y D. Juan Manuel Montes para Regidores llanos se disputo el asunto con la madures y acuerdo que corresponde, y en consecuencias se procedio a nueva Eleccion solo por lo que respeta al Sor. Dn. Juan Manuel Montes por ser muy joben y no en cuenta a los otros dos Senores que son utiles para los Empleos que son propuestos, y lo verifico la citada eleccion a pluralidad de votos en la forma siguiente: para Alc^e primero Don Fran^{co} Flores, para segundo Dn. Felipe Neri Baron de Bastrop, para Regidores llanos D. Jose Man^l Granados, Dn. Vicente Gortari, D. Jose Ignacio Peres, y Dn. Jose Maria Escalera y para Sindico Procurador Dn. Santiago Seguin; cuya eleccion se mando pasar al mencionado Sor. Gov^{or} para su aprova-

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cion; y con esto se concluyo esta cesion que rubricamos y de ello damos fee.

SML-12. En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y siete dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos, se celebrou junta extraordinaria de Cavildo, que precedio el Sor. Gov^{or} Interino de la Prov^a Teniente Coronel Dn. Ignacio Perez y a la que asistieron los Senores Dn. Domingo Bustillos Alcald^e de primer vot, Dn. Gaspar Flores de Segundo y Dn. Manuel Salinas, D. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro y Dn. Ignacio Chaves, y el sindico procurador Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, y despues de colocados por el orden regular en los asientos correspondientes, manifesto el indicado Sor. Gov^{or} la Eleccion de Alcaldes, Regidores y Sindico Procurador hecha por este Ayuntamiento el dia veinte y tres del Corriente juntam^e con el oficio que se le acompaño, diciendo en claras y perceptibles razones, Senores no quiero haiga descontento alguno, aqui traigo la Eleccion para que se elija otro Sugeto para Alc^e Segundo en lugar de Don Felipe Neri Baron de Bastrop, que carese de las luses necesarias para el desempeno de sus deveres, con el agregado de no saber escribir, y advirtiendo el Sor. Dn. Jose Angel Navarro que el Sor.

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Gov^{or} no expresava las causas por que Dn. Felipe Neri, no podia ejrser el empleo para que hera propuesto, expuso que cuando el Ayuntam^{to} lo elijio para aquel empleo lo concidero a cuidar tanto por los servicios publicos que ha hecho como por el tiempo que tiene de vecino, y respondiendo el Sor. Gov^{or} que se hallava con ordenes reservadas para que no pudiera serlo y no devia comunicar a este Cuerpo produjo el citado Sor. Regidor que este Ayuntamiento no pretendia saber las ordenes reservadas del Gov^{no} y solo ci que por medio de un oficio expuciera aquello mismo, a que contesto el Sor. Gov^{or} que bastaria con su palabra y haviendose concluido esta accion se procedio acto continuo a nueva eleccion firmado esta acta todos los Sres. que asistieron a ella con el Sor. Precidente de que damos fee.

Domingo Bustillos
Manuel Salinas
Jose Angel Navarro

Ygnacio Perez
Gaspar Flores

Juan Montes de Oca
Ygn^o Chaves
Jose Man^l de la Garza

SML-13. En continenti estando juntos en la Sala Capitular, los Sres. D. Domingo Bustillos Alcalde de primer voto, D. Gaspar Flores de Seg^{do}, D. Man^l Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca, D. Jose Angel Navarro, Dn.

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Ygn^o Chaves, Regidores llenos, y Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza, sindico procurador, se procedio a reformar la eleccion de Alcaldes, Regidores y sindico procurador p^a el ano entrante en virtud de los individuos que se representan de la hanterior y a pluralidad de votos, resultaron electos p^a Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, para segundo Dn. Jose Man^l Granado, para regidores llenos, Dn. Vicente Gortary, D. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Arebalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres y para sindico procurador Dn. Santiago Seguin por concurrir en todos los requisitos necesarios p^a este fin y mandamos se pase esta Eleccion al Sor. Gov^{or} para los fines que convenga y para constancia lo rubricamos y de todo damos fee.

En el propio dia mes y ano antes de desmembrarse la junta anterior expuso el Sor. Dn. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca que Dn. Bartolome Peres le havia dho, que en su tendajo profirio el Sar Man^l Delgado que todos los miembros de este cuerpo a excepcion del Sor. Don Domingo Bustillos eran unos picaros estando presentes el Alferes Dn. Fernando Rodriguez y

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Dn. Jose Antonio Bustillos, y sucesivam^{te} produjo el Sor. Dn. Jose Angel Navarro lo mismo diciendo que lo havia sabido por boca del citado Alferes Dn. Fernando Rodrigues en cuya consecuencia se hizo comparecer en esta sala al expresado Dn. Bartolome Peres, y preguntado que expreciones fueron las que en su casa virtio, el Sarg^{to} Manuel Delgado, contra este Ayuntamiento y delante de quienes, dijo: que entre otras cosas que el referido Sarg^{to} Man^l Delgado hablo, delante del Alferes Dn. Fernando Rodrigues y Dn. Jose Bustillos le hoyo decir que todos los del cabildo a excepcion del Sor. Dn. Domingo Bustillos eran unos picaros; y mandandole se retirase el citado Dn. Bartolome Peres se disputo sobre este asunto, y por conclusion se resolvió elevarlo por medio de un oficio al Sor. Gov^{or} interino de la Prov^a Teniente Coronel Dn. Ygn^o Peres para que se sirviese acer la aberiguacion correspondiente, y en caso de resultar como esta informado este Ayuntam^{to} prevenir al Citado Delgado la satisfacion que este insulto debe dar y corregirle la lijeresa con que ha obrado, y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos dando a todo fee.

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la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los veinte ocho dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y seis anos se juntaron a cabildo ordinario que precidio el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto Dn. Domingo Bustillos, los Sres, Dn. Gaspar Flores Alcalde de Segundo voto, Dn. Man^l Salinas, D. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, Dn. Ignacio Chaves Regidores llenos D. Jose Man^l de la Garza sindico procurador y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos acientos, saco del bolcillo el Sor. Precidente un pliego cerrado rotulado para este alluntam^{to} el que se mando abrir y leer y contenia un oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} interino de la Prov^a en que aprueba la Eleccion de Alcalde Regidores y sindico procurador para el ano entrante sobre lo que no ocurrio cosa alguna que tratar quedo concluida esta accion que rubricamos y de ello damos fee.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a primero de Enero de Mil ochocientos dies y siete

anos, se juntaron a cabildo

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extraordinario que precedio el Sor. Gov^{or} interino de esta Prov^a Ten^{te} Coronel Dn. Ygn^o Peres, los Senores Dn. Domingo Bustillos, Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Gaspar Flores de Segundo Dn. Manuel Salinas, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes de Oca, Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, y Dn. Ygn^o Chaves regidores llanos, y Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garza sindico procurador, en el ano que acabo, y seguidamente se presentaron Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, Dn. Jose Manuel Granados, Dn. Vicente Gortary, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Arevalo, Dn. Patricio de Torres, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, electos para Alcaldes, regidores y sindico procurador en el ano de la fha. y colocados por el orden regular en los acientos respectivos hicieron delacion de sus empleos en manos del Sor. Presidente, los Alcaldes Regidores, y sindico procurador del ano pasado entregando las respectivas ynsignias y tomadas por mano propia del citado Sor. Presidente, recibio a Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, y Dn. Jose Man^l Granado el Juran^{to} de estilo correspondiente y haviendolo otorgado en forma de dho. y ofreciendo justicia con desinteres, y defender hta. el ultimo

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termino los sagrados dros de la Religion el Rey y la patria les entrego las correspondientes ynsignia de justicia y practicada la misma Dilig^a con los senores regidores y sindico procurador quedaron en posesion de sus respectivos empleos y en su brebe discurso dio las debidas gracias a los salientes y con esto se concluo este asunto dirijiendose todos en Cuerpo a Misa Mayor de la Parroquia y lo firmo dho Sor. Presidente con los Sres. poseccionados y testigos de asistencia a falta de todo escribano en le termino de la ley de que damos fee.

Fran^{co} Flores

Pedro Ant^o Arevalo

Patricio de Torres

Vicente Gortari

Jose Maria Granados

Ygnacio Peres

Santiago Seguin

En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los nueve dias del mes de Enero del ano mil ochocientos dies y siete se juntaron a cabildo ordinario en una casa destinada p^a la cesion Capitular

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precididos del Alcalde de Primera Eleccion Dn. Fran^{co} Flores los Senores Regidores Dn. Bicente Gortari y Dn. Jose Maria Escalera y Dn. Pedro Ant^o Arevalo y Dn. Patricio de Torres y sindico procurador Dn. Santiago Seguin y despues de colocados por su orden en sus respectibos acientos se acordo que para la ensenanza de los Ninos se solcitara de los padres de familia aber con cuanto contribuian graciosamente para pagar de pronto al Maestro de Escuela y no abiendo otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta cesion que rubricamos y mandamos se pase testimonio al Sr. Gov^{or} de esta Provincia de que damos fee.

En la Ciudad de Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar a los dies y seis dias del mes de En^o de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos se juntaron a cabildo ordinario que precidio el Sr. Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, los Senores Dn. Jose Man^l Granados Alcalde de Segundo boto Dn. Bicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Ant^o Arevalo, Dn. Paticio de Torres Regidores llanos y Dn. Santiago Seguin sindico procurador y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectibos asientos propuso el Sr. Dn. Bicente Gortari lo grabozo que hera a este Becindario en la infelis citucion que en el dia se haya la continua fatiga de tener que salir pie abierto en persecucion de los enemigos que ostilisan esta frontera con el agregado de otras muchas penciones que en el dia tienen en redificacion de puentes y otras semejantes con notable atraso de Agricultura

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sobre cuyos particulares abiendo tratado con la madures y acuerdo que corresponde resolbio

pasar al Sr. Gov^{or} un oficio cuyo tenor es el Siguiete: Siendo portavos este Ayuntamiento de la extrema necesidad del pueblo, las continuas fatigas a que esta expuesto el corto numero de Becinos que tiene la Poblacion, y la urgencia con que en el dia se ayan de acudir al amparo de sus labores, limpias de acequias y otros trabajos tan preciso como indispensables para lograr los frutos de que depende la susistencia publica; acordado en Junta Ordinaria del dia de hoy; que en obio de todos los inconbenientes que puede sobrevenir en perjuicio de los ynfelices siempre que continue la grabosa pencion de obligarlos a salir pie a tierra en persecucion de los enemigos que nos ostilisan, tenga V. la concideration de suspenderles cuando no sea evidente el riesgo que nos amenase por estar inmediato el Enemigo pues en este caso ninguno esta exento y tan poco lo estar pa aser el serbicio de plasa y guardias de cabayada cuando no haiga tropa por ayarse empleada en percecucion de los enemigos y menos se escusaran p^a serbir de guia a la Tropa que no sepa los terrenos, aqueyos que tengan cabayos en que poder aser este Servicio i no sean perjudicados con el abandono de sus labransas y trabajos personales y que unicamente extriba su susistencia DIOS GUARDE A V. y no abiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta cesion que rubricamos con testigos de acistencia a falta de escribano en el termino de la ley de que damos fee.

Jose Ant^o Saucedo

Ygn^o Chaves

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veinte y tres de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se celebrou junta ordinaria de Cav^{do} en la Sala designada para este fin a la que asistieron los Senores Dn. Vicente Gortari Regidor mas antiguo y actual Alc^e de primer voto por la ausencia de Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, Dn. Jose Manuel Granado, Alc^e de 2^o voto, D. Jose Maria Escalera, y Dn. Pedro Antonio Arevalo, y Don Patricio de Torres Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, y no habiendo ocurrido cosa interesante que tratar, se retiraron a sus casas, rubricando esta Diligencia para la devida Constancia.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y ocho dias del mes de En^o de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se juntaron a Cabildo extraordinario, los Senores Dn. Vicente Gortari, regidor mas antiguo y actual Alc^e de primer voto por ausencia del propietario Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, D. Jose Manuel Granados Alcalde de Segundo Voto, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Antonio Arevalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, sindico procurador, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, puso sobre mesa el Sor. Dn. Vicente Gortari un pliego serrado, que se mando abrir, y leer, y su contenido se reducía a pedir el

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Sor. Gov^{or} interino de esta Prov^a Ten^{te} Coronel Don Ygnacio Peres, dies vestias caballares, y mulares para montar una partida de veinte, y con hombres que deben de salir el dia sig^{te} a asuntos importantes del Real Servicio, ofreciendo pagarlas que fallecieran, siempre que sus duenos lo pedieran; y tratado sobre el particular se contesto lo siguiente: Apesar de lo muy escaso que estan los caballos, y mulas entre los vecinos de esta ciudad, se tomaran las providencias mas activas, para haser que se puedan conseguir a fin de que se monten los veinte y cinco hombres que deben salir el dia de manana, segun indico V. a este Ayuntam^{to} en oficio de hoy que le contesta: (Dios que es Vuestra Merced Santisima) Sn. Fernando de Bexar 28 de En^o de 1817. Y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta seccion, que rubricamos al que damos fee.

En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a treinta de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos se juntaron a Cav^{do} ordinario que presidio el Sor. Regidor mas antiguo Dn. Vicente Gortari actual Alc^e de primer voto, por ausencia del Sor. Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, los Senores Dn. Jose Manuel Granado Alcalde de Segundo Voto, D. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Arevalo, Dn. Patricio de Torres Regidores llanos y Dn. Santiago Seguin, sindico procurador, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos se dio lectura a un oficio que con fha. veinte y dos del que acaba dirigieron a este Ayuntamiento los Senores que lo componian

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anterior cuyo asunto se (Note: Badly washed and faded) este cuerpo (not legible) que entregaron corria el Sargento Manuel Delgado (not legible) su carta se resolvió remitirlo al Sor Gov^r Interino de la Prov^a Ten^e Coronel Don Ignacio Perez y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta sesion que rubricamos con testigos de ass^a de que damos fee.

En seis de Febrero de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, abrio las puertas de la Sala de Cav^o el Sindico Procurador Don Santiago Seguin, ala que asistieron los Senores que lo componen y por no haber ocurrido cosa alguna que tratar se retiraron rubricando esta Dilig^a para la constancia necesaria.

En trese de Febrero de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, concurrieron a la Sala de Cav^o los Senores que lo componen, y por no haber ocurrido que tratar se retiraron rubricando esta Dilig^a para la devida constancia.

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Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte dias del mes de Febrero de Mil ochocientos dies y siete anos asistieron a la sala de Cav^{do} los Senores que lo componen y por no haber ocurrido cosa alguna que tratar, se retiraron rubricando esta diligencia, para que conste.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y siete dias del mes de Febrero de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se juntaron a Cav^{do} los senores que lo componen, y por no haber ocurrido que tratar, se retiraron, rubricando esta diligencia, el Alc^e primero y sindico procurador, para la constancia que corresponde.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los seis dias del mes de Marso de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se juntaron a Cav^{do} ordinario los Senores Don Francisco Flores, Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Jose Manuel Granado, de Segundo, Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera Don Pedro Arevalo, y Don Patricio de Torres Regidores llanos, y Don Santiago Seguin, sindico procurador, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, propuso el Senor Don Francisco Flores como Presidente de dha junta devia hacerse la eleccion de Capitanes y ayudantes para que en el presente ano hagan la funcion jurada de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe y tratado sobre este asunto con la reflexion que corresponde resultaron elec-

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tos para Capitanes de dhas, primos, Jose Antonio de la Garsa, y para sus ayudantes, Don Vicente Zepeda, y Dn. Juan Jose de Soto, quienes habiendo admitido este encargo recibieron las correspond^{tes} gracias, y no habiendo otra cosa que tratar, se concluyo esta sesion, que mandamos se pase el termino correspondiente al Sr. Gov. de la Prov^a lo que rubricamos, con testigos de Ass. a falta de Escrivano en el termino de la ley de que damos fee.

En trese de Marzo en mil ochocientos dies y siete anos abrio las puertas la Sala de Cavildo y por aberse pasado la hora acostumbada sin que ocurrieran los senores que lo componen, las volvio a cerrar y lo puso por dilig^a que rubricamos el Alc^e primero y Sindico Procurador.

En veinte de Marzo de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, no hubo sesion por haberse pasado la hora acostumbada sin que asistieran los senores Regidores, y para Const^a se puso por Dilig^a que rubricaron el Alc^e primero y Sindico Procurador.

En veinte y siete de Marzo de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos se abrieron las puertas de la Sala de Cabildo y por no haber concurrido los Senores que lo componen se volvieron a cerrar, y se puso por dilig^a que rubrica-

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ron el Alc^e de primera eleccion, y Sindico Procurador para la constancia.

En tres de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, no hubo seccion alg^a por ser dia Santo y para que Conste por Dilig^a lo rubricaron todos los Senores que asistieron a la Funcion.

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dos, y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar mandamos que a esta acta se pase el correspondiente testimonio al mansionado Senor Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a y para constancia la rubricamos con testigos de Ass^a de que damos fee.

En la ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los dies y siete dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos se juntaron a Cavildo Ordinario en la Sala destinada para este fin, los Senores Francisco Flores, Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Manuel Granados, de Segundo Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, sin que asistieran los Regidores Dn. Pedro Arevalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, por estar enfermos; y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, comparecio en dha. junta el comisario del Barrio del Sur, Don Ygnacio Villasenor, y dijo que ne las cosas de tres Soldados, de los de esta guarnicion, nombrados Jesus Flores, Fernando Lopez, y un tal Castro, havia advertido lasos de carne fresca sesin y tasajeada; y persuadiendonos, tanto por la suma escasez de este efecto que hay en el lugar, como por la frecuencia con que en el campo estan resultando bacas muerta, y por haberse introducido esta carne a parte de noche segun se infiere, que esta sea de las reses que

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estan resultando muertas sin saber por quien y habiendo tratado sobre este asunto con la madures que corresponde, se determino hacerlo presente por medio de un oficio al Sr. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar, quedo concluida esta seccion, que rubricamos con testigos de ass^a de que damos fee.

En veinte y quatro de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos no se celebrou junta de Cav^{do} por haberse pasado la hora acostumbada, sin que asistieran los Senores que lo componen y para Const^a lo rubricaron el Alc^e primero, y Sindico Procurador.

En primero de Mayo de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos no se celebrou junta de Cav^{do} por no haber asistido los Senores que lo componen y para Constancia lo rubricaron el Alc^e primero y Sindico Procurador.

En ocho de Mayo de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, concurrieron a la Sala de Cav^{do} los Senores Vicente Gortary, Alc^e de primer voto por ausencia del propietario, Dn. Jose Manuel Granado, Alc^e de segundo voto, Dn. Pedro Antonio Arevalo, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, sin-

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dico procurador, y por no haber ocurrido cosa urgente que tratar lo pusieron por diligencia que rubricaron.

En quince de mayo de mil ochocientos dies y siete fue dia festivo y por eso no hubo junta y para Const^a lo rubricaron el Alc^e primero y Sindico Procurador.

En veinte dos de Mayo de mil ochocientos dies y siete asistieron a la Sala de Cav^{do} los Senores que lo componen y por no haber ocurrido cosa alguna que tratar se puso por dilig^a que rubricaron.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar en los veinte y nueve dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos se juntaron a Cav^l ordinario en la Casa destinada para este fin que presidio el Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, por ocupacion del Sr. Gov^{or} Yn^o Ten^e Coronel, Dn. Ant^o M^a Martines, los Senores Dn. Manuel Granado Alc^e de segundo voto, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Pedro Antonio Arevalo, Dn. Patricio de Torres, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos se abrio y dio lectura a un oficio del Sor. Ten^e Coron^l Dn. Manuel Pardo, en que manda

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se reconosca por Gov. de esta Prov^a en virtud de orden del Sor. Com^e Gral, al Ten^e Coron^l Don Ant^o Maria Martines, y no habiendo ocurrido cosas que tratar se puso por Diligencia que rubricamos, de que demos fee.

En cinco de Junio de mil ochocientos dies y siete no hubo junta de Cavildo por ser dia festivo y para constancia lo rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto y Sindico Procurador.

SML-15. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los doce dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se juntaron a Cav^d Ordinario q^e presidio el Sr. Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Flores, los Senores Dn. Jose Manuel Granados, Alc^e de segundo voto, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, y Dn. Pedro Ant^o Arevalo, Regidores llanos y Dn. Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador, a la que concurrio el Sor. Regidor Dn. Patricio de Torres sin expresion de motivos, y despues de colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos espusieron los dos Senores Alcaldes, que de poco tiempo a esta parte les demandan los oficiales comandantes de guardia, orden del Sor. Gov. para recibir y poner en los presos que les ocurran, anadiendo que sobre no haber sido costumbre, es esa demasiado gravoso, se trato con la reflexion que corresponde, y despues de un maduro

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acuerdo, se determino pasar al Sor. Gov^{or} un oficio del tenor siguiente habiendo manifestado a este ayuntamiento los Senores Alcaldes, el perjuicio que seles origina cada ves que se les

ofrece castigar algun reo, o ponerlo en libertad por que los comandantes de guardia exhijen orden de V^d para uno, y otro caso; cuya regla, no se habia obserbado nunca y llegandonos a la consideracion de q^e este pueda ser motivos para que muchos delitos queden improvisos, exijimos que para evitar estos inconvenientes, tenga V^d la bondad de mandar a los referidos Comandantes admitan, y pongan en libertad los presos que ocurran a los citados Senores Alcaldes, sin aquel requisito; y quando esto no sea compatible con las ordenes que V^e estime conducentes al arreglo de dha. guardia, esperamos tenga a bien se mande desocupen las dos piezas consiguadas a la secretaria del gobierno que son las construidas, para carsel de esta Ciudad, y por necesidad que tubieron de ella los Senores Antecesores de V^d que las pidieron prestadas franqueando en su equivalente los celabosos de dhas guardia, para los reos que tubieron que castigar los Alcaldes, sin las circunstancias que ahora exigen los comandantes de ella, DIOS GUARDE a VD, y no habiedo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar, se concluyo esta sesion que rubricamos, con testigos de Ass^a de que damos fee.

En dies y nueve de Junio de mil ochocientos dies y

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siete anos, no hubo cosa que tratar y para constancia lo rubricaron el Alc^e de primer voto y Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y seis dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos se juntaron a Cav^{do} Ordinario que precidio el Senor Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Flores, los Senores Alc^e de Seg^o voto, Dn. Jose Manuel Granado, Regidores llenos, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose M^a Escalera, Dn. Antonio Arevalo, y Sindico Procurador Dn. Santiago Seguin, sin que asistiera el Regidor dn. Patricio de Torres por enfermo y colocados los presentes por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, se abrio y dio lectura a su oficio del Sor. Gov. de la Prov^a Ten^e Coron^l Dn. Ant^o Martinez en que pide una noticia de los vecinos duenos de ganado mayor y menor, con espresion de los que tengan cavallos, y mulas; pidiendo asi mismo el padron de las familias de esta Ciudad, sober cuyo particular sele contesto incluyendole una noticia de los duenos de ganado mayor y menor, cavallos, y mulas, diciendole que el Patron, sele remitira luego que se concluya; y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta Secion que rubricaron para constancia y de que dan fee.

En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bejar a los tres dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos se abrieron las puertas de la Sala de Cavildo y por

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no haber asistido los senores que lo componen se bolvieron a serrar, y para Const^a lo rubricamos, el Alc^e primero, y Sindico Procurador.

En dies de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y siete no hubo junta de Cav^d por que no asistieron los Senores que lo componen y para Const^a lo rubricaron el Alc^e de primer voto y Sindico Procurador.

SML-16. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los dies y siete dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se juntaron a Cav^d ordinario que precidio el Alc^e de primer voto Dn. Francisco Flores, los Senores Dn. Jose Man^l Granado, Alc^e de Seg^d voto, Dn. Vicente Gortary, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Arevalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, Regidores llenos y Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, acordo por algunos de los Senores Regidores que el comisario del Barrio del Sur, Senor Don Ygnacio Villa Senor mortifica tanto a los becinos de su barrio, con intrepides y violencia de su genio, que puede exponerlos a su total ruina, y que a mas de esto se ha ad-

vertido la falta de respecto con que se presenta en esta Sala quando se la manda comparecer y que para precaver las resultas que esto pueden sobrevenir, propusieron seria combeniente proveer este empleo, en sujeto idone y de mas cordura; y despu-

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es de haber tratado este asunto con la madures que le corresponde, nombraron para dho, empleo de Comisario del Barrio del Sur a Dn. Jose Fran^{co} de Sosa, en quien concurren las circunstancias necesarias para el desempeno de este encargo y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar, mandamos que de esta Acta se pase el Correspondiente termino al Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a para la resolucion que combenga, y para constancia lo rubricamos con testigos de Ass^a a falta de escribano de la ley de que damos fee.

SML-17. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los veinte y cuatro dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y siete se selegro junta ordinaria de Cav^d que precidio el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Flores, a la que asistieron los Senores Dn. Jose Man^l Granada, Alc^e de Seg^d voto, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose M^a Escalera, Dn. Pedro Antonio Arevalo, Dn. Patricio de Torres, Regidores llanos y Don Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador y estando colocados por la orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, se reflecciono previa advertencia del Sor. Gov^{or} de la Provincia, que el nombramiento para Comisario del Barrio del Sur, hubo en el Sr. Dn. Jose Fran^{co} Sosa, era defectivo por nota de jugador; y combeniente que este Empleo recaeria un sujeto de arreglado proceder, se determino despues de un maduro acuerdo, que estos nombramientos recaian en Dn. Felipe Martinez,

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Sujeto en quien en nuestra estimacion concurren los requisitos y referencias necesarios para su desempeno y cumplim^{to} y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta sesion de la que mandamos se pase el correspondiente testimonio al Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a para la resolucioⁿ que corresponde, y para constancia lo rubricamos con testigos de Ass^a a falta de Escrivano en el termino de la Ley, de que damos fee.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los veinte y seis dias del mes de Julio de Mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se celebreg junta extraordinaria de Cav^d en la Sala destinada a este fin, la que precidio el Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores; a la que asistieron los Senores Dn. Jose Manuel Granada, Alc. de Segundo voto, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Ant^o Arevalo, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador, sin que asistieran los Senores Regidores, Dn. Vicente Gortari y Dn. Patricio de Torres, sin expresion de motivos y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, se abrio y dio lectura a un oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a q^e comunico la aprovacion del nombram^{to} hecho de Dn. Felipe Martinez para Comisario del Barrio del Sur; de cuyo encargo se ha separado a Dn. Ygnacio Villa Senor; y en consecuencia se mandaron comparecieran estos individuos en esta Sala Capitular, y habiendo verificado, se puso el primero en posesion de su Empleo bajo las formalidades de estilo, entregandole su respectivo nom-

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bramiento, y al segundo hizo saber que se separo del empleo de Comisario que obtenia; y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se puso por diligencia que rubricamos con testigos de Ass^a de que damos fee.

En la ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los treinta y un dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, no hubo junta de Cav^o porque no asistieron los Senores que lo componen y para constancia lo rubricaron el Alc^e de Segundo Voto y Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de S. Fernando de Bexar a los siete dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos

dies y siete años, se juntaron a Cav^o ordinario que presidió el Sor. Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, los Señores Dn. Jose Manuel Granados, Alc^e de Seg^d Voto, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera y Dn. Patricio de Torres, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin Sindico Procurador, y no asistio el Sor. Reg^{or} Dn. Pedro Arevalo, sin expresion de motivos, y colocados los presentes por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, se propuso por el Sor. Presidente la necesidad que habia de solicitar los papeles del Archivo de Ayuntamiento que se extraviaron en la ultima revolucion, sobre lo que fueron de comun acuerdo se solicitase saber si acaso existian en el Archivo de Gov^{no} a cuyo fin se resolvió pasar al Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a el oficio del tenor siguiente. Havien-

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dose extraviado, en la ultima revolucion que padecemos en esta Capital, todos los papeles del Archivo de este Ayuntamiento; y ignorando su paradero, suplicamos a V^d se sirva reconocer el Archivo de su cargo, con el fin, de averiguar, si en el existen los papeles que solicitamos, y en este caso tenga la bondad de entregarnoslos, para que formalizado otro Archivo, tenga en todo tpo. las constancias necesarias DIOS AVA. y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta sesion, que rubricamos y de todo damos fee.

En trese de A^{to} de mil ochocientos dies y siete años no hubo junta de Cav^o por que se paso la hora sin que asistieran los Señores que lo componen, y p^a Const^a lo firmamos el Alc^e de primer voto, y Sindico Procurador.

En veinte de Agosto de mil ochocientos dies y siete años, no hubo junta de Cav^o por que no asistieron los Señores que lo componen, y para Const^a lo rubricaron el Alc^e de primer voto, y Sindico Procurador.

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La Ciudad de Sn Fernando de Bejar a los veinte y cinco dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos dies y siete años, se celebrou junta extraordinaria de Cav^{do} que presidió el Alc^e de Seg^{do} Voto, Dn. Jose Manuel Granado a la que asistieron los Señores Regidores llanos, Dn. Pedro Arevalo, Dn. Patricio de Torres, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Santiago Seguin, y no asistieron los Señores Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, Alc^e de primer voto, y Regidores Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, el primero por enfermo, y los segundos sin expresar los motivos, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, se dio lectura a un oficio del Sor. Cura Parroco de esta Ciudad, de Bejar, Dn. Jose Cayetano Morales, en que anuncia la Salida de esta Prov^a del Mayordomo de Fabrica que fue de la Parroquia de esta sobredha. Ciudad, Dn. Mariano Lopes, avisando el descubierto que en dho, fondo le resulta, la obligacion extrajudicial que este le otorgo; pidiendo que sus padres otorgaron juridicamente la satisfaccion de otra deuda en defecto de que el criado mayordomo no la verifico en el termino señalado en su obligacion y en efecto comparecieron el Alferes Dn. Juan Fran^{co} Collantes y Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garza quienes enterados, otorgaron la correspondiente escritura de fianza, que quedo archivada en el Archivo de esta Ciudad, y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar, la rubricamos con testigos de asistencia, a falta

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de escrivano en el termino de la Ley, de que damos fee.

En veinte y ocho de Agosto de mil ochocientos dies y siete años no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por que no asistieron los Señores que lo componen, y para Const^a lo rubricaron el Alc^e de Seg^o Voto, y Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de S. Fernando de Bejar a los dos dias del mes de Sep^e de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos se celebrou junta extraordinaria de Cav^{do} que presidio el Alc^e de Seg^{do} vot, Dn. Jose Manuel Granada, a la que asistieron los Senores Dn. Vicente Cortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Arevalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador, a la que no asistio por enfermo el Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores por enfermo, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, la abrio y dio lectura a un oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a en que inserta otro del Sr. Com^e gral, fecha dies y nueve de Agosto ultimo, el que acompaña un exemplar del Bando mandado publicar por el Exmo. Sir Virrey de esta N.E. en que inserta la Real Cedula de S. Magestad de dies y siete de Oct^{re} del ano proximo pasado, que

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anuncia las felices enlaces del Rey de Nuestro Sor. que DIOS GUARDE, y su augusta Hermano, el Sor. Ynfante Dn. Carlos Maria con las Serenisimas Senoras Ynfantes de Portugal, y para solemnizar con la pompa correspond^{te} tan suntuosas se dispuso lo conveniente y con esto quedo concluida esta sesion, que rubricamos y de esta damos fee.

En quatro de Septiembre de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por que no asistieron los Senores que lo componen, y para constancia lo rubricamos el Alc^e de Segundo Voto, y Sindico Procurador.

SML-18. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los dies y ocho dias del mes de Sep^e de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se juntaron a Cav^d Ordinario que presidio el Sor. Alcalde de Segundo Voto, Dn. Jose Manuel Granada, por enfermedad del de primero; los rexidores llanos, Dn. Vicente Cortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, que exerce las funciones de primer voto, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Santiago Seguin, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, manifesto el

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dho. Sor. Alc^e de Segundo Voto, un oficio que con fecha nueve del presente le paso el Sor. Gov^r de esta Prov^a Coronel Dn. Antonio Martinez, en que hace ver la necesidad que tiene de continuar el trabajo de la Garita y la ayuda que necesita de los vecinos para su edificacion y haviendolo tratado con la madurez y acuerdo que corresponde, se resolvió pasarle el oficio del tenor siguiente: Por el oficio de V.S. que con fecha 9 del Corr^e paso al Alc^e de segundo voto, Dn. Jose Manuel Granada, que en junta ordinaria del dia de hoy, lo ha manifestado a este Ayuntamiento se ha impuesto de la continuacion de la obra de la Garita y otras realengas que V.S. pretende hacer a expensa del vecindario; ha acordado en la misma junta manifestarle a V.S. que a mas del infeliz miserable estado en que se halla, como a V.S. es constante, esta empleado en la recomposicion de las casas de Gobierno, a pesar de las intolerables funestas consecuencias que ocurría el total abandono de sus cortos sembrados, y privacion de solicitudes personales, unico arbitrio de que depende la subsistencia de sus familias, con el fin de enterado V.S. de las miserias en que generalmente estan todos estos dhos, vecinos se sirva suspender pensionarlos de fatigas que no les correspondiera en el concepto de que por ahora solo deven recomponer las piezas que puramente corresponden a la casa de Gobierno y de ningun modo los dos de este Ayuntamiento y los de que se compone la Carcel que todos estan pendientes a la citada orden de Gobierno y se recompondran cuando el publico

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este mas desahogado DIOS GUARDE A UETED , en la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar, 18 de Sep^e de 1817, y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar, se concluyo esta sesion que rubricamos y de todo damos fee.

En veinte y cinco de Sept^e de mil ochocientos dies y siete años, se juntaron a Cavildo ordinario que presidió el Alc^e de Segundo Voto, Dn. Jose Manuel Granado, por enfermedad del de primer Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, los Señores Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Arevalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, Rexidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, se propuso lo excesivo del trabajo que este vecindario esta emprendiendo en la recomposicion de la casa de Gobierno, y lo muy gravoso que les es este trabajo, sobre cuyos particulares despues de haver tratado con la madures y acuerdo que corresponde se resolvió pasar al Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a el oficio del tenor siguiente: Calculados los costos imprevistos hasta ahora en la recomposicion de la casa de Gobierno, y los que aun se causavan en lo que resta comunicandole como V.S. solicita los encontramos muy excesivos, y demasiado gravosos al Publico; por lo que para minorar-

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le esta fatiga tan pesada, que no sabemos si deve sufrirla como carga consegil, se ha resuelto en junta del dia de hoy que concluidas las asoteas de las piasas que se les ha gravado el techo; solo se haga a las restantes la urgente recomposicion de algun descalabro que tengan, y animan ruina, lo que avisamos a V.S. para sus diligencias DIOS G^e a V. San Fernando de Bejar y Sep^e 25 de 1817, y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos con testigos de ass^a de que damos fee.

En dos de Octubre de mil ochocientos dies y siete años no hubo junta de Cav^{do} por que no asistieron los Señores que lo componen y para constancia se puso por Diligencia que rubricaron el Sor. Alc^e de Segundo voto y Sindico procurador.

En nueve de Oct^e de mil ochocientos dies y siete años no asistieron a Cav^{do} los Señores que lo componen por que no hubo cosa que tratar y se puso por Dilig^a que rubricaron el Alc^e de Segundo voto y Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los

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dies y seis dias del mes de Oct^e de mil ochocientos dies y siete años, se celebrou junta ordinaria de Cavildo en la Sala destinada para este fin, la que presidió el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, y asistieron a ella los Señores Dn. Jose Manuel Granado Alc^e de segundo voto, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escallera, Dn. Pedro Antonio Arevalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, Rexidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador, y colocados todos por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos se manifesto y dio lectura a la Gasete Extraordinaria del Gov^{no} de Mexico del Miercoles dies y seis de Julio de este año, y reflexionando que algunas expresiones de su contenido son contra el honor y buena reputacion de los habitantes de este Suelo, se resolvió despues de un maduro examen, y larga discusion, representarlo al Sor. Com^e Gral, de esta Prov^a en los terminos siguientes. Sor.Com^e Gral, El Cavildo, Justicia y Regimiento de esta Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar, Capital de la Prov^a de Texas en junta ordinaria que celebrou el Jueves dies y seis del Corr^e en la Sala Capitular, como lo tiene de uso y costumbre, acordo hacer presente a la superioridad de V.S. que habiendo llegado a sus manos la Gasete Extraordinaria del Gobierno de Mexico, del Miercoles 16 de Julio del presente año, ha visto por ella dado al publico el parte que en oficio de 23 de Junio del mismo año, dirigió el Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a Coronel Dn. Antonio Martinez al Exmo Sor. Virrey de esta N.E. de la destruccion del perverso Coronel Perry, Mayor Gorton y quarenta y quatro Americanos que componian su gavilla incluso un Espanol; y reflexionando en algunos puntos de verdad que dho, parte contiene admira el horroroso desahogo con que su Autor estampa las expresiones siguientes: y combiniendome poner a la vista de estos malos vecinos

de esta Ciudad algun exemplos, aguerdo la

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llegada de aquellos para que luego que asisten se preparen Christianamente pasarla por las armas

Esta generalidad de voces el saber que iguales corren, en cartas particulares que dho. Sr. Gov^{OR} dirige para distinto puntos, y al estar todos satisfechos de que en sus conbersaciones, no produce otra cosa que palabras denigrativas e indecrosas, que respiran sus desconfianzas sobre el Pueblo, han llegado de amargura, y veneno, los corasones de los buenos, honrados y fieles vasallos de S. Majestad que lo habitan, y a medio de las terribles veybenes de ala revolucion han servido conservar la memoria de su antiguo heredado patriotismo; en tal conformidad que unos estan resueltos a abandonar sus hogares, sino se les satisface de un agravio tan publico, y otros mitigan sus sentimientos, manifestando su ofensa a este cuerpo con el fin de que se represente a la superioridad; que todos estan persuadidos que desde el ano de 1813, que V.S. tubo la gloria de destruir a los rebeldes que ocupavan esta Prov^a solo quedaron havitandola aquellos que en fuerza de un riguroso examen, resultaron ilesos del feo crimen de la revolucion y algunos de los absueltos en quienes se encontro menos males.

Hallandose la Prov^a en tal estado emprendio V.S. su marcha para la Ciudad de Monterrey dejando por su Gov^{OR} al Sor. Coronel Dn. Benito de Arminan, a quien sucedio en el mando el Capitan retirado Dn. Mariano Varela, a este de Ten^e Coronel Dn. Manuel Pardo, quienes podran decir si en esta Ciudad hay hombres honrados, de buen proceder, y acreditado modo de pensar, si con sus cortos intereses han contribuido para la subsistencia de las Tropas de esta Guarnicion,

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y con voluntad se han prestado, ya con sus personas, ya con sus caballos para los servicios que se han ofrecido sobre especulaciones de la frontera sin el mas minimo estipendio; y finalmente referido Sor. Gov^{OR} Coronel Don Antonio Martinez podra tambien decir si a poco tpo. de haber tomado posesion de su gobierno emprendio la obra de la Garita para la que han contribuido los Vecinos consus buelles para el acarreo de materiales sin recibir ningun jornal, y si sucesiva^{te} emprendio la costosa redificacion de la casa de Gov^{NO} a la que asi mismo han construido los citados Vecinos facilitando, cal, arena, tablitas, caniales, y ha personal trabajo hasta la conclusion de esta obra; y qual es la retribucion de estas fatigas? Senor los publicos agravios que de su boca han recibido; y resibiran en lo sucesivo, si con oportunidad no se pone remedio a estos exesos; pues como de la integridad de los Gefes, Depende la felicidad el sosiego y buena orden de los Pueblos, y el acierto de las superiores determinaciones claro esta que faltando aquella le aventuran estas; de tanto A.V.S. rendidam^{te} suplicamos se digne tomar la providencia que en el particular estime justa. S. Fernando de Bexar y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos, y de esto demos fee.

En veinte y tres de Oct. no hubo junta

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de Cavildo por que no asistieron los Senores que lo componen y para constancia lo rubricaron el Alc^e 2^o y Sindico Procurador.

En treinta de Oct^e no hubo junta de Cavildo por que no asistieron los Senores que lo componen, y se puso por Dilig^a que rubricaron el Alc^e 1^o y Sindico Procurador.

En seis de Nov^e no hubo junta de Cav^d por que no asistieron los Senores que lo componen y se puso por Dilig^a que rubricaron el primer Alc^e y Sindico Procurador.

En trece de Nov^e no hubo junta de Cav^d por la rason expresada arriba, y se puso por dilig^a que rubrico el primer Alc^e y Sindico Procurador.

En veinte de Nov^e se juntaron a Cav^d los senores que lo componen, y no ha-

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biendoles ocurrido cosa que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por Dilig^a que rubrico el Alc^e de primer voto, y Sindico Procurador.

En veinte y siete de Nov^e no asistieron a Cav^d los senores que lo componen y se puso por Dilig^a que rubricaron el Alc^e de primer voto y Sindico Procurador.

En cuatro de Dic^e de mil ocho cientos dies y siete no se celebrou junta de Cav^d por que no asistieron los Senores que lo componen y se puso por dilig^a que rubricaron el Alc^e de primer voto y Sindico Procurador.

En onse de Dic^e asistieron a Cav^d los Senores que lo componen y no habiendoles ocurrido cosa que tratar lo pusieron por dilig^a que rubricaron el Alc^e de primer voto y Sindico Procurador.

En dies y ocho de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y siete asistieron a Cav^{do} los Senores que lo componen, y no habiendoles ocurrido que tratar se retiraron

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poniendolo por dilig^a que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto y Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de S. Fernando de Bejar a los veinte y un dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se juntaron a Cavildo extraordinario que presidio el Sr. Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, los Senores Dn. Jose Manuel Granado Alc^e de Segunda eleccion, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Antonio de Arevalo y Dn. Patricio de Torres, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin Sindico Procurador, quienes colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, les propuso el citado Sr. Pres^e que esta junta era celebrada para haser las elecciones de Alcaldes, Regidores y Sindico Procurador, para el ano entrante de mil ochocientos dies y ocho, y despues de haber precidido un maduro examen se procedio a ella, y resultaron electos a pluralidad de votos, para Alcalde de primero Dn. Luis Galan, para de segundo Dn. Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, para Regidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, y Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y para Sindico Procurador, Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano, en todos los que concurrieron las circunstancias y requisitos necesarios para obrar y desempenar dhos. empleos, y para su devida constancia lo mandaron poner por diligencia y dijeron que de esta acta se pase testimonio cordial al Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a para los efectos que combengan, firmandola con testigos de Ass^a a falta de Escribano en el termino de la ley, de todo lo q^e damos fee.

Fran^{co} Flores

Jose Man^l Granado

Vicente Gortari

Jose Maria Escalera

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

Patricio de Torres

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Santiago Seguin

De Ass^a
Jose Ant^o Saucedo

De Ass^a
Jose Ant^o Bustillos

SML-20. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los veinte y cinco dias del mes de Dis^e de mil ochocientos dies y siete anos, se juntaron a Cav^d extraordinario que presidio el Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, en la sala Destinada para este fin, los Senores Dn. Jose Manuel Granado, Alc^e de Segundo Voto, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Antonio Arevalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, Sindico

Procurador, y colocados todos por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos abrio el Sor. Presidente y dio lectura a un officio del Sor. Gov^{OR} cuyo contenido era aprobando la eleccion del Segundo Alc^e Regidores, y Procurador, y no la del Alc^e primero por escusa que puso Dn. Luis Galan, respecto al empleo que obtiene, y enfermedades que padese, en virtud de las cuales se le admitio, y fue removido para el citado empleo de Primer Alc^e Don Jose Maria Sambrano y para el de Sindico Procurador Don Jose Manuel Salinas, quienes acto continuo fueron aprobados para dhos, empleos y con esto se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos con testigos de ass^a a falta de Escrivano en el Termino de la Ley de que damos fee.

De Ass^aDe Ass^aJose Ant^o Bustillos.PAGE 85:

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a primero de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y ocho asistieron a la sala de Cav^d el Sor. Coronel Dn. Antonio Martinez, Gov^{OR} Politico y Militar de esta Prov^a Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Jose Manuel Granado, Alc^e de Segundo Voto, Dn. Vicente Gortary, Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Pedro Ant^o Arevalo, y Dn. Patricio de Torres, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Santiago Seguin, Sindico Procurador y Sucesivam^{te} se presentaron Dn. Felipe Enrique Neri Baron de Bastrop, electo para Alc^e de Seg^d voto, Dn. Jose Flores Don Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Ant^o de la Garza, y Dn. Alvino Pacheco para Regidores llanos, y Dn. Manuel Salinas para Sindico Procurador, y colocados todos por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos que les estaban preparados, menos Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, electo para Alc^e de primero voto, por hallarse ausente: Les propuso el citado Sor. Gov^{OR} a los que huvieron los empleos de Republica en el ano que ha fenecido la formalidad con que devian hacer dejacion de ellos para proveerlos a sus sucesores recibir las insignias de justicia de los senores que exercieron los de Alcaldes en el citado ano, para entregarlas a los que deben serlo en el presente, y habiendolo asi verificado aquellos, hizo poner en pie a Dn. Felipe Enrique Neri, y le resibio juramento que hizo ante Dios Nuestro Senor, y la Senal de la Santa Crus; y practico la misma dilig^a con Don Jose Flores, respecto que como Regidor mas antiguo debia recaer en el la vara de Primer Alcalde por ausencia de el que debe serlo en propiedad; y habiendo jurado y prometido a cumplir y desempeñar sus cargos con toda integridad, administrando justicia con impar-

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cialidad, y defendiendo los deveres publicos segun combenga; le entrego las respectivas insignias de Justicia que a cada uno correspondia, reservando practicar igual dilig^a quando el Alc^e propietario se presento; y habiendo executado lo mismo con los senores Regidores, y Sindico Procurador, electos, los entro en posesion de sus respectivos empleos encargandoles en cumplimiento de sus deveres, y concluido esta acta se dirigio a los Senores Alc^{es} Regidores y Sindico Procurador salientes, a quienes por un breve discurso les dio las gracias por la exactitud conque han desempeñado sus obligaciones y luego inmediatamente se dirigieron todos en cuerpo a oír la Misa Parroquial, quedando concluido el asunto de esta Junta, que hisieron poner por diligencia, que firmo dho, Sor. Governador, y poseccionados, con testigos de Ass^a a falta de escrivano en el termino de la Ley, de que doy fee,

Antonio Martinez

Manuel Salinas

El Baron de Bastrop

Jose Flores

Agustin Ruis

Jose Ant^o de la Garza

Alvino Pacheco

De Ass^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

De Ass^a

Jose Antonio Bustillos

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En

la Ciudad de Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar a los ocho dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y ocho años se juntaron a Cavildo ordinario que precidio el Coronel Don Ant^o Martines el Alc^e de Segundo Eleccion Don Felipe Enrique Meri, Baron de Bastrop, en la sala destinada para este fin; los Senores Regidores Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Ant^o de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, Regidores llanos, y Don Santiago digo Don Manuel Salinas, Sindico Procurador; y colocados por el orden en sus respectivos asientos se procedio a poner en la posesion de su empleo al Alcalde de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano que se hallava aucente; lo que verificado se hizo poner por Dilg^a que firmo dho, Sor. Gov. y los senores del Cuerpo con los testigos de ass^a a falta de escribano en el termino de la Ley, de que damos fee.

Antonio Martines

De Ass^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Ass^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los dies dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y ocho en Junta Extraordinaria que precidio el Alc^e de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano El Baronde Bastrop, de segundo voto, los Senores Regidores, Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Ant^o de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, Regidores llanos, y Don Manuel Salinas Sindico Procurador; y

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colocados por la orden en sus respectivos asientos se abrio un oficio del Sor. Cura Parroco de este Lugar q^e contenia la rebeldia del mal Estado de M^a de la Crus, alias la Talapus en seguir escandalozam^{te} biviendo en esta Capital a la qual habia regresado del destierro que la tenia impuesta fuera de la Prov^a el Sor. Gov. Coronel Don Ant^o M^a Martines, y con el objeto de que le tomara la providencia que exijia el caso. Al efecto se hizo compreser la demandad e impuesto de este cuerpo Capitul^{ar} de que el regreso de aquella fue con lisencia del Com^{te} de Rio Grande Ten^{te} Coronel Don Man^l Pardo en la jurisdiccion de la Prov^a de Coahuila dispuso este Cuerpo Capitul^{ar} se le pusiere en deposito como en efecto se puso dandole cuenta de ello al Sor Gov^{or} p^a reconocim^{to} a fin de q^e pusiere el remedio q^e pedia el sobredicho Parroco de esta Ciudad por su inobediencia y escandalosa vida pasandosele a uno, y otro Sor. el correspondiente oficio de la deliberacion q^e sobre este asunto se tomo. Con lo que dimos fin a esta cesion y firmamos en la referida Ciudad este dia mes y año con los testigos de ass^a en falta de Escribano q^e no hay en el termino que prebiene la Ley de que damos fee.

De Ass^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Ass^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En quince de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y ocho asistieron en Junta ordinaria los Senores del Cavildo de esta Ciudad y no habiendoles ocurrido cosa que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Don Jose M^a Sambrano y Sindico Procurador, Don Manuel Salinas.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y dos dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y ocho en junta ordinaria que precidio el Alcalde de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano, el Sor. Baron de Bastrop, Alc^e de segundo voto, los Senores Regidores, Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Ant^o de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, regidores llanos, y Don Manuel Salinas, Sindico Procurador; y colocados por la orden en sus respectivos asientos se abrio un oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a Cor^l Don Ant^o Maria Martines al que acompanaba un Bando de buen Gobierno que mando publicar, y despues de impuesto de su contenido y encargados de su obserbancia y cumplimiento se le paso el correspondiente oficio; en el mismodia a

peticion de dho. Sr. se convocaron los Senores Prinsipales vesinos de esta Ciudad para Tratar con ellos de una contribucion voluntaria en calidad de reintegro para proporcionar a las Tropas que le guarnesen alguna subsistencia en virtud de no tener de que subsistir a falta de los recursos que tiene impetrados al Sor. Com^{te} Gral, de esta Prov^a Brigadier Don Joaquin de Areondo y en su consecuencia se le paso una lista de lo que cada uno podia facilitar anotados sus nombres con su correspondiente oficio; y no ocurriendo otra cosa que tratar, se concluyo esta cesion que rubricamos con los testigos de asistencia en falta de Escribano de que damos fee.

De Ass^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Ass^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En veinte y nueve de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y ocho de juntaron a Cavildo los Senores que lo componen; y no habiendo ocurrido

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cosa alguna que tratar se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador Don Manuel Salinas.

SML-21. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los cinco dias del mes de Febrero de mil ochocientos dies y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo los Senores Alcaldes, Don Jose Maria Sambrano de primer voto, y el de segundo el Sor. Baron de Bastrop; los Senores Regidores llanos, Don Jose Flores, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, y el Sindico Procurador Don Manuel Salinas, y colocados por la orden en sus respectivos asientos, el Senor Alc. de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano que precidio la junta dio principio con la lectura de un escrito presentado por el Sor. Regidor Don Agustin Ruis, Don Ygn^o Chaves, que insolido y deman comun por si; y a nombre de los demas personas de la Lavor de Abajo que se riega con la agua de la fuente de San Pedro que contiene la demanda de que se toma providencia para cercar la referida lavor que se insendio, del mejormodo que se encuentre para que no padesca atraso la agricultura y perjuicio los interesados; Respecto a que habiendole reclamado a la Casa del Teniente Cor. Don Ygnacio Peres o lo que es mas bien a su Sra. Esposa Dona Clemencia Ernandes para q^e repusiere la serca que le corresponde; y no habiendo querido havenir a ello por que dise que lo berifiquen el que la quemó, siendo asi que segun lo han aberiguado las partes es un infelis que no puede berificarlo, sin que de ello resulte un ebidente atraso dispuso este cuerpo Capituluar en obio de los males que hase presente en la referida

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instancia los subscriptos que el Senore Alcalde de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano se sirba tomar conosimiento de la dicha demanda, fiendo a su zelo y actibidad el pronto desempeno de esta comision atendiendo en justicia a los presentantes, y quedando concluido este asunto por parte de esta junta se puso por diligencia que rubricamos con los testigos de asistencia en falta de Escribano de que damos fee.

De Ass^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Ass^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En dies y nueve de Febrero de mil ochocientos dies y ocho ocurrieron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no teniendo que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador Don Manuel Salinas,

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Febrero de mil

ochocientos dies y ocho se juntaron en cavildo extraordinario el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano, que lo presidio, el de igual clase de segundo, Baron de Bastrop,

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y los Senores Regidores llanos, Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco y el Sindico Procurador, Don Manuel Salinas, colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos se dio principio a la confrontacion de un Testimonio quadruplicado que a peticion berval del Sor. Gov. de esta Prov^a Cor^l Don Ant^o Martines se legalizo con el correspondiente certificado despues de haberse leído y confrontado, el qual contenia la Ydalguia y Legitimidad de su Senora Esposa, Dona Manuel a Lorenzo y Cedron, que se les devolvio; y continuando en su ejersisio se impuso de un escrito presentado por Maria de la Crus, alias la Talapus, en que reclama su libertad de deposito en que la puso; y respecto a que se tiene dado quenta el Sor. Gov. de la Prov^a de cuyo juzgado depende se dispuso el que se le devolviera haciendosele saber para su gobierno con lo que se conclullo esta cesion que rubricamos en la referida Ciudad en dicho dia mes y ano con testigos de Assistencia en falta de Escribano que no lo hay en el termino que prebiene el derecho de que damos fee.

De Ass^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Ass^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En veinte y seis de Feb^o no hubo junta alguna de Cavildo por no haver asistido los Senores que lo componen, y se puso por diligencia q^e rubricaron el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, D. Jose M^a Sambrano y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Man^l Salinas.

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SML-22. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bejar a los cinco dias del mes de Marzo de mil ochocientos dies y ocho, se juntaron a Cavildo los Senores, Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano que lo presidio, y el de segundo, Baron de Bastrop, los Senores Regidores llanos Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y el Sindico Procurador Don Manuel Salinas; y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, dio principio a la lectura de un Escrito presentado por D. Jose Maria Sambrano, que contenia el Pedim^{to} de Calificacion de intereses, y papeles de Fabrica y otros, perdidos por haver abandonado la casa de su avitacion en el ano de 13, que se apoderaron los insurg^{tes} de esta Capital y declaraciones que deven tomarse a los individuos, que en dho, escrito mensiona; y despues de haverse impuesto de quanto en el expresa dispuso que se le librase comision del Alc^e de 2^o voto, Baron de Bastrop pa q^e tomase las informaciones de que la parte solcite, y concluidas las devolviese al cuerpo capitular p^a lo demas q^e convenga hacer; con lo que se cerro este acto poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron en dicho dia mes y ano con los testigos de ass^a en falta de escribano que no lo hay en el termino de la Ley de que damos fee.

De Ass^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Ass^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En la Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los nueve dias del mes de Marzo de mil ochocientos dies y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo extraord^o a pedim^{to} de parte, los Sores, Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano que lo presidio, el de igual clase de segundo voto, Baron de Bastrop, los Sores. Rex^{es} llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se dio principio a ler las informac^{es} que el Alcalde de segundo voto practico a instancia del Sor. Presidente dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y en virtud de la comision

que para ello se le confirió p^r este cuerpo

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Capitular en la acta anterior; y despues de vien registradas sus declaraciones y examinados conel acuerdo que pide el asunto determino que al (cabrel?) de la diligencias practicadas se le pusiere la certificac^{on} q^e la parte precentante pide con arreglo a lo q^e le consta sobre el contenido de hinstancia; con lo q^e se concluyo esta sesion que rubricamos en dicho dia, mes y ano con los testigos de Ass^a en falta de escribano que no lo hay en el termino de la Ley de q^e damos fee.

En dose de Marso de *Mil ochocientos dies y ocho, no acurrieron a Cavildo los Senores que lo componen, y se puso por dilig^a que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador Dn. Manuel Salinas.

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En dies y siete de Marso de mil ochocientos dies y ocho, se juntaron en Cavildo Extra-ordinario los Senores que lo componen, precidido por el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de Segundo voto, Dn. Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, los Sores, Rexidores llanos Dn. Jose

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Flores, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, no habiendo asistido el 2^o Rexidor, Dn. Agustin Ruis, por estar enfermo y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se hizo saber por el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el contenido de un oficio que el Sor. Gov^{or} les paso a los dos Alcaldes reclamando la formalidad y orden del Cuerpo Capitular en todos los actos que le corresponde por haver observado algun descuido en dhs. corporac^{on} entre algunos de sus individuos: En cuya atencion quedaron entendidos del justo reclamo del Sor. Gov. y de evitar en lo de adelante iguales descuidos, se le dio parte al dho, Sr. con lo que se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos en disho dia, mes, y ano con los testigos de asist^a a falta de Escribano que no lo hay en el termino dela ley de que damos fee.

En veinte y seis de Marso de mil ochocientos dies y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores que lo componen, presidido por el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de 2^o Baron de Bastrop; los Sores, Rexidores llanos Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectibos asientos, se abrio un pliego del Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a Coron¹ Dn. Ant^o M^a Martines, contenia tres reales ordenes, he impuesto de su contenido se contesto el oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} quedando en el Archivo para que en la obre las expresadas Reales Ordenes la devida constancia, encargandose de cumplirlas en la parte que le toca a este Cuerpo Capitular, Con lo que se concluyo esta Seccion que rubricamos en dicho mes, dia y ano con los testigos de

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asistencia en falta de Escribano que no lo hay en el termino de la Ley de que damos fee.

De asist^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Asist^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dos dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de 2^o Baron de Bastrop, los Sres, Rexidores llanos, Dn. Jose

Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Ant^o de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador Dn. Manuel Salinas y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se principio a tratar de del saliento que havia causado a los labradores de esta Ciudad, la noticia de recogerseles, los soldados revajados que el Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a les ofrecio franquear en junta celebrada de 22 de Enero ultimo para ayudarles en el trabajo de la labor, con el fin de que cuperan abundantes cosechas el presente ano, para desterrar las muchas ambres y miserias que padecen por falta de granos suficientes, acusa de no tener brazos que les ayude a cultivar su tierra; y en conformidad de comun acuerdo se determino se le pasara al Sor. Gov^{or} un oficio que a la letra es el siguiente: Sin embargo de q^e en Acta Capitular celebrada el dia 22 de Enero ultimo en la que se trato de las calamidades y miserias que estaban experimentando los abitantes de esta Prov^a como asi mismo las tropas de su guarnicion ofrecio V.S. (Vuestra Senoria) para comun veneficio y aumento de las labores revajar algunos individuos de tropa para que agregado a los cosecheros el trabajo de ellos, pudieran en lo sucesivo minorarse dhas, miserias, hemos visto con el mayor

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Sentim^{to} por el desaliento que ha causado a los labradores q^e habiendo V.S. cumplido con esta promesa hasta el dia 29 del mes pasado en el 30 fueron convocados y mandados incorporar a sus respectivas compan^{as} los soldados q^e se hallaron en el trabajo expresado, haciendolos entender quedavan exentos de otro revajo.

A V.S. le consta que habiendo convocado a este vecind^o el dia referido en que se celebro la expresada acta despues de haberlo V.S. enterado de la estrechesen que se hallava para atender el indispensable alimento de las tropas este en medio de sus calamidades se presto gustoso a facilitarle las pocas semillas q^e tenian y aun el ganado bacumo q^e pudieran recoger cuyo hecho aunq^e devido y propio de todo buen vasallo, parece debe merecer de V.S. los auxilios q^e les pueda facilitar en tan miserables circunstancias; en esta virtud, y la de que varios vecinos havian emprendido siembras crecidas a veneficio del aumento de brazos q^e V.S. les havia facilitado y q^e sin estos no solo no podrian atender al cultivo, y cuidado de dhas semillas, sino que las perderan indispensablemente con los demas gastos que para ellos se les avian erogado, suplicamos a V.S. como Padres de este Suelo miserable se sirva disponer continuen los revejados como lo estaban anteriorm^{te} aunq^e con la obligas^{on} de presentarse al Servicio de Armas quando V.S. los necisite: cuya gracia esperamos de su just^a y clemencia - DIOS Guarde a V. S. Ml. Sr. Gov^{or} de esta Prov^a Cor^l Dn. Ant^o Martines con lo que concluida esta sesion, la rubricamos con testigos de Ass^a en falta de Escribano que no lo hay en el termino que lo previene la ley de la que damos fee.

Sobre renglones por el desaliento q^e ha causado a los labradores

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bezar a los quatro dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y ocho en junta extraordinaria que lo componen precidido del Sor. Alc^e de primer vot, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de 2^o Baron

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de Bastrop, los Senores Regidores llanos, Don Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de al Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador, Don Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se abrio un pliego del Sor. Gov. y su contenido es como sigue: En contestacion del oficio que V.S. me pasan con fha. de ayer devo desir que es constante que en acta Capitular que yo precedi el 22 de Enero del presente ano en la que se trato de las estrecheses y miserias con que se hallaba esta Prov^a tanto su Vecindario como

Las tropas que las guarnecen p^a quienes ya no encontraba yo recursos a fin de atender a su precisa subsistencia que este Cabildo se presto voluntario a nombre de todos los abitantes para franquearme hasta los escasos recursos de su primera subsistencia que tenian para el dia y que tanto por el obsequio de estos generosos sentim^{tos} a que estoy reconocido quanto por los deseos que me animan de hacer progresar este suelo y extinguir la miseria de sus abitantes de que con dolor mio soy testigo ocular conociendo la falta de brazos y no encontrando otro arbitrio ni recurso para el logro de esta justas ydeas, que el franquearles algunos soldados para que con ellos pusieren en planta y extendieran lo posible sus senteras a fin de que el presente ano no experimenteremos las miserias que en el q^e ha finalizado, les ofresi poner en planta este proyecto, como Vs. lo han visto cumplir teniendo yo por mi parte al mismo tiempo el interes de que mantenidos estos hombres por los Labradores pudiese entre- tener la Tropa que tenia en actual servicio algun par de meses mas con el corto numero de mais que se me pudo recolectar por como que dependo de las inmediatas ordenes del Sor. Com^{te} Gral, de estas Prov^s Brig^r Don Joaquin de Arredondo, di parte a este Cefe de esta providencia para cubrirme de la devida responsabilidad y creido de que en vista de los justos motivos que le exponia haria de ellos la aprovecion que paresia su sigueinte, me halla conuna orden de dicho Sor. fecha de 2 de Marso p^o p^o en la que me prev^e

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que los citados rebajados fuesen incorporados en sus respectibas companias para que hisieran el Servicio de la Guarnicion, sin duda por halgunas causas que a mi pudieran ocultarseme a pesar de haverexaminado lo correspondiente en el particular, con lo qual pienso dejar satis- fecho a este ylustre auntam^{to} asegurandole que por razon del interes con que estoy mirando a estos habitantes se me hace mui sensible priarlos de este beneficio, y que por ellos se les arogue las perdidas q^e Vds. me manifiestan, y a mi no se me ocultan.

DIOS Gue. a Vs. muchos anos BExar 3 de Abril de 1818 Antonio Martinez - Sen. del Ayuntamiento de esta Ciudad - y habiendo tratado sobre su contenido se resolvio de comun acuerdo representar al Exmo. Sor. Virrey de este Reyno tanto sobre este particular como de los demas que labran las miserias y calamidades que agobien el Besindario de esta Ciudad para lo qual se procedio al oficio consigueinte reserbandole para el Jueves subcequente la Lectura y remicion del ya dho. Sor. Exmo con lo que se concluyo esta cesion que firmamos por ante los testigos de ass^a en falta de Escribano que no lo hai en el termino de la Ley de que damos Fee.

Joseph Maria Sambrano

Jose Antonio de la Garsa

Jose Flores

Manuel Salinas

Alvino Pacheco

Agustin Ruis

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En

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La Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los nueve dias del mes de Abril de mil ocho- cientos diez y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo el Sor. Alc^e de primer voto, Don Jose Maria Sambrano que lo precidio, el deigual clase de 2^o voto, Baron de Bastrop, los Senores Regidores, Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, y el Sindico Procurador, Don Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos se dio principio haber en cumplimiento de la anterior acta la representacion que se dispuso ha- ser al Exmo. Sor. Virrey de este Reyno, cuyo tenor ala letra es como sigue: EXMO Sor. el Cavildo Justicia y Regim^{to} de esta Ciudad Capital De Texas, juntos y consagrados como la habemos de huso y costumbre, en esta Sala Capitular, Ante V.E. con el mas profundo respecto

hasemos presente, que la constitucion de nuestro s respectivos encargos para la administracion de Justicia, la confianza que estos habitantes han depositado en nuestras personas fiados en la purssa de nuestro manejo, y que nuestro primitivo objeto seria el desterrar de la Patria las nesidades que la oprimen como ais mismo el solemne juramento que nos liga y constituye a este devido interes, nos pone en la nesidad forzosa de distraer la atencion de V.E. a fin de que enterado de los clamors y lamentable situacion de esta miserable prov^a se sirba V.E. haserla partisipe de los beneficios que ten^{te} dignam^{te} distribuido en este Reyno desde su ingreso en el.

Esta Prov^a desde los prinsipios que lo Revolucion tomo incremento el cupo en suerteser agobiada por los enemigos de la tranquilidad y de la Patria, no solo Espanol sino tambien extranjeros, que habiendo formado su reunion en los Estados Unidos de America acometieron este Reyno

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y se posicionaron de su llave principal qual es esta Prov^a por efecto de su desgracia, cuyo acaecimiento dio lugar a las mayores desordenes y necesidades que desde entonses estamos esperimentando, y son subseguintes en semejantes casos; este tenerario atentado dio lugar a que el Sor. Com^{te} Gral, de esta Prov^a Brig. Don Joaquin de Arredondo, despues de haber reunido su Exercito hubiere benido ha repelar a esta Clase de facciosos segun lo berifico a consecuencia de la vatalla que le dio en el rio de Medina, y tremolado nuebamente el Estandarte Espanol sebio respirar con la mayor satisfaccion y regosijo a los fieles abitantes que habian salido de su esclabitud; pero en el ano de mil ochocietos trese en que susedio esta acaecim^{to} y hallandose en esta plasa Dho. Sor. Com^{te} Gral. se bio afligido el Besindario a causa de que por orden de dho. Sor. les fueron extraidos y recojidos las armas que tenian de su mismo huso para defensa de los Indios Barvaros que paulatinamente han aniquilado los vienes y personas de estos Vesinos asesinandolos con demaciada frecuencia estos pesares y calamidades fueron asi mismo causa para que las dos terceras partes del Vesindario se hallan estrabiado y radicado su domicilio en otros parajes menos infelises, por lo cual hasido tanto mayor la decadencia de este pueblo quanto el que habiendo anteriorm^{te} sido la Prov^a abundante en sus producciones y cosechas, puede en el dia considerarse de las mas infelises y miserables, por la falta que padese en su cultibo a cuasa de los brazos que lan abandonado.

Las tropas que han guarnecido y guarnecen la Prov^a tienen entre si tal dependencia con respecto a los abitantes, que ni estos podran subsistir sin aquellos, ni estos sin el trabajo y fruto de las cosechas, por que la demaciada longitud y dificultades que se presentan para introducir de las fronteras los auxilios que esta nesosite, son en el dia insuperbles, de lo que se deduse que el paisano para medio de sus semillas jira con el dinero de la Trova, y esta no faltandole su aber proporciona un manejo de moneda suficiente para la poblacion, pero si el Vesino no tiene cosecha que recojer y el Soldado le falta su paga como susede en el dia es indispensable que hasi los unos como los otros, se bean en

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la necesidad mas estermada para su indispensable alimento, sin mencionar los demas auxilios que para sus personas y familias de son de primera nesosida, siendo este Exmo. Sor. el deplorable estado en que se halla la Prov^a y el mismo que presisa a sus avitantes a impetrar la Venignidad de V.E. por haverseles agotado todos sus recursos, pues hasta los numerosos ganados que alimentaba este suelo, y del qual subsistian berios Vecinos lla no existen, tanto porque los reveldes los han consumido profusamente quanto los Indios Barvaros que ocupan estas cercanias, y asi mismo las muchas nesidades que han experimentado estas Tropas, y fueron alibiadas en la parte posible por los vesinos honrrados, quienes sin embargo que en

tiempo oportuno habian intentado extraer de la Prov^a para su conserbacion y seguridad el ex-
 esido pie de Ganado Vacuno que sin embargo de lo expuesto aun les habia quedado no pudieron ber-
 ificarlo a causa de que el Sor Com^{te} Gral. lo prohibio en mil ochocientos trese hallandose en
 esta Capital lo qual fue motivo suficiente para que en el dia a mas de la falta de granos se
 entremada la de la carne, y se sean estas gentes en la ultima neseseidad de pereser.

Asi mismo desde el expresado tiempo no se an cubierto los empenos contraidos por el Gov-
 ierno para el mantenim^{to} de las Tropas, tanto de Cavalleria, quanto para el Regim^{to} de Extre-
 madura que estubo en esta guarnicion, cuio gefe despues de haber detalladolos presios delas
 semillas y ganados de un modo demaciado equitatibo ha considerado por pago el haber dejado a
 los acreedores un doquemento de seguridad, con el qual nada pueden haser en beneficio de sus
 neseseidades, antes bien se hallan persuadidos de que ni aun en largo tiempo podran ser rein-
 tegrados de este descubierto, hasi para la escasas del numerario como para la larga distancia
 de que se halla este cuerpo; y por separado (sinq^e nuestro animo sea el intentar haser critica
 de las determinaciones del Sor. Com^{te} Gral) no podemas menos que exponer a V.S. igualm^{te} que
 este Sor. hallando por conveniente el levantar en la Prov^a una Comp^a de Milicias compuesta de
 80 o 200 plajas se

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verifico a consecuencia de sus Sup^{res} Ord^{es} pero con notable perjuicio y Detrim^o del vesin-
 dario, por que ademas de que la gente que compone esta Comp^a era toda dependiente de los Cose-
 cheros y ramo de Agricultura, no solo esta padesia la falta de aquellos brazos, sino que los
 amos de estos sirbientes, han perdido los devitos que sus peones le habian contraido, cuias
 sumas son de bastante concideracion y estos danos unidos con los unos a consecuencia de los
 otros es preciso conducas a la Prov^a al proximo estado de abandono y ruina, por que no habien-
 do en ella alimento alguno es claro que las Tropas la desampararan, como ya lo hubieran echo
 muchos vesinos sino fuera que el Gov^{no} no se los permite, y porello se hallan constituidos a
 parecer como delinquentes indefensos, con advertencia de que si estos avitantes no se hallaran
 dotados del mas sincero afecto a las legitimas Autoridades que nos gobiernan y hubiesen adopt-
 ado el partido rebulucionario en los contratiempos y deastros que han padesido seguram^{te} Exmo.
 Sor. que este Reyno no podria respirar con lamisma libertad que lo hase en el dia, pues su prin-
 cipal seguridad depende presisam^{te} de la prov. de Texas, y no de otra alguna; por estas y otras
 razones parece Sor. Exmo. que los Avitantes de la Prov. se hallan segregados de la piedad de
 nuestro Soberano, y que para algun atrosecho se an reconciliado la cerie de danos que estan su-
 friendo; las gentes de medianos conocimientos no ignoran que estos males son consecuencia del
 general trastorno motivado por la hinsurreccion, pero los rusticos, y de torpe discernimiento
 no alcanzan a comprender ni se podran persuadir de esta berdad manifiesta, antes vien creen y
 entienden que quantas ordenes comunican los gefes en lo limites de sus autoridades, son dictad-
 as por el mismo Soberano como si la Piedad de S.M. no fuera distribuida con igualdad a todos
 sus basallos. Las tropas que guarnesen a la Prov^a y son destinadas para haser la guerra a
 las infinitas invasiones Barbaras que nos ostilisan, no ofresen en el dia la menor utilidad
 antes vien consumen a estos basallos la infima po-

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bresa que les a quedado por que a mas de hallarse desnudos, como cargados de miserias y sin so-
 corro, estan pie a tierra sin que por esta rason puedan haser el activo y pronto servicio que se
 nesésita en Poblaciones de esta locacion, de suerte que esto mismo da lugar aque quando salen
 los labradores a cultivar sus tierras se sean en la neseseidad de que manejando con una mano el
 arado, al poner a los buelles con la lanza que cargan en la otra, sin dejar de llevar a la
 espalda su escopeta (el que la tiene) y aun de esta manera experimentamos con el mallor dolor
 que suelen ser hasesinados por los indios quando menos se lo prometen: las armas que manejan

algunos de estos trabajadores son adquiridas por medios de costosos gastos y además sin las precisas municiones, por no haberlas en el estanco desde el año de mil ochocientos trece lo que es causa para que la mayor parte estén indefensos y se entreguen por medio de su necesidad a las garras de sus enemigos, como el cordero que saliendo ha pastar es hasechado por el lobo que consigue su presa, siendo de advertir, que estos Vecinos han sido en todo tiempo hombres verdaderos soldados, no solo para la defensa de la Población sino para las campañas contra los Indios a las que se han prestado como lo hacen Spre. que se les llama, lo mismo que dio margen a q^e anteriorm^{te} se les facilitase su armamento por el Gov^o con lo que se conseguía el que teniendo cada uno su fucil fueron tantas las abanzadas que tenía en el campo esta Ciudad quantos eran los trabajadores de las tierras y posesiones; estos perjuicios con otros varios que son consiguientes, son bien sabidos por las demas Prov^s fronterizas lo que es causa para que ninguna persona quiera venir a esta a constituirse un legitimo esclavo teniendo su existencia pendiente de los acontecimientos que can referidos, cuyos principios demuestrⁿ evidentem^{te} que este Pueblo ha de ser tanto mas pronto, quanto mayor sea la prolongacion de semejantes males, pues miramos que frecuentemente son asesinados los trabajadores, y que la tropa por las razones dhas. no ha castigado hace largo tiempo a estos enemigos, y mas de esto el hallarse los pocos habitantes sufriendo contribuciones y recargos para la subsistencia de

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ella, son unos tramites capaces de conducir a la ultima desesperacion el mas despejado entendimiento, agregandose a lo expuesto que mas del citado perjuicio que por su miserable estado proporcionan las tropas a este vecindario, no lo esmemos el que motivan el erario por los creditos a que lo conducen.

La Prov^a de Texas es la llave principal de esta N.E. tanto respecto de las Naciones Barbaras quanto de los estados Unidos de America y de consiguete^{te} en donde se necesita una guarnicion bastante capaz, para atender a los distintos objetos que puedan llamar la atencion de la Armas, pero esa Tropa deve estar montada segun su instituto, y asistida conforme a lo que mejor permitan las circunstancias para de este modo hacer el servicio del Virrey con el fruto que S.M. se ha propuesto en su establecimiento, con lo qual se consiguiera ygualm^{te} el que los habitantes disfruten de su pronto auxilio en las labores, y que las cosechas vayan sucesivam^{te} tomando el fomento que se necesitan, pues de lo contrario es indiscutible que mas bien son perjudiciales que venificiales debiendo vivir V.E. firmem^{te} persuadido que quanto llevamos expuesto es solo el darle una superficial idea de semejante situacion, sin senirnos a la referencia de otros pasajes por no incomodar la atencion de V.E.

Spre. q^e nuestras quejas fueran dirigidas contra el manejo del Sor. Gov Actual de la Prov^a seria un proceder injusto e indevido, antes bien a manifestado por distintas ocasiones los sentim^{tos} que le animan en alivio de tales necesidades, pero no cabe la desgracia de que sus determinaciones no merecen la Superior aprovac^{on} sin embargo de que son dirigidas al bien comun de estos vecinos, las miserias que se han experimentado en estos ultimos años, y el aumento que promete los futuros nos pusieron en necesidad de solisitar algun remedio de este Sor. Gov^r quien no ignorandolas por pulsar las

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de los mas cerca nos dispense la gracia de que rebajando alguno Yndividuos de las companias se aumentaron sus brazos en el cultivo de la cosecha benidera con cuio auxilio nos prometimos minorar las necesidades que nos hamenasan; y efectivam^{te} habiendolo verificado de este modo enprehendieron a profia los vecinos unas siembras mucho mayores que las pasadas, cui^a esperanza en el aumento de sus cosechas rebesaba en los semblantes aun de los mas infelises; pero, con que dolor Sor. Exmo. hemos visto que en el dia primero del corriente fueron estos rebajados

recojidos por sus compan^s para hacer el Servicios de la Guarnicion pibandonos del grande beneficio que nos fasilitaba; este echo dio lugar a que el ayuntam^{to} en Cuerpo pasase al Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a el oficio que se reconose en el numero uno y su contestacion lo es la incerta en el numero dos, en esta birtud y las razones que en el expone nos permitira V.E. el haserle presente que estos havitantes estan deseando hace largo tiempo el ver una providencia que facilite el destierro de sus necerias, pues parese que aunque las distribuidas hasta el dia sean nacidas de lso mejores sentimientos que puedan creerse en el Sor. Com^te Gral. a lo menos producen los efectos mas erroneos como si directam^{te} quisieran pibarlos del bien de que caresen por lo que aunque a esta corporacion se le hace mui sencible separar a V.E. de las atenciones que puedan redearlo, no a podido encontrar otro recurse que el de apelar a su Notieria Piedad fiado en que la distancia de quatrocientas leguas no sera suficiente para entibia los clamores de unos amantes hijos que reclaman su justicia, para cuyo logro esperan de V.E. se sirba mandar que en beneficio de el atrazo que padesen sus labores sea abolida la sitada Compania de Milicias con los Yndividuos que de ella fueron trasladados a otros de la guarnicion y se ren-

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plase conotra veterana que sea extraida de otro punto de menos atencion sin que por pretesto alguno se hagan reclutar dentro de la Prov^a pues obligandolos de lo contrario a pereser, neseriam^{te}, suplican a V.E. les ordene y senale otro establecimiento donde puedan atender a su conservacion, y la de sus familias, yse abandone este punto hasta tanto que el Gobierno se reponga de sus atrasos, mandando al mismo tiempo que para alivio de sus hurgencias, se le valla satisfaciendo los creditos que el Gobierno tiene contraido con ellos para que asi mismo puedan atender al cultivo de las tierras y pago de sus peones, no deviendo ocultarse a V.E. que siendo estos havitantes unos Soldados Voluntarios en todo evento segun queda referido mal podra contar con ellos el Gobierno si la hambre los tiene amilanados y emposibilitados para qualquiera mobimiento executivo, siendo asi mismo indispensable el que por el Gobierno se le Abilite con los fuciles y munisiones neserarias para su defensa propia, y la de la Patria, cuyo avono podran haser succesivamente con las semillas que consume la Tropa, y cargarlas a tomar en descuento a los que tengan credito pendiente con el Gobierno, siendo este uno de los primeros puntos que deven llamar la atencion de V.E. dejando a su Notieria Piedad y consideracion las demas providencias

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que estime oportunas en alivio de estos fieles vasallos de S.M. conquienes este Ayuntam^{to} ruega al Todopoderoso Que. la importante vida de V.E. muchos anos, Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar nueve de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y ocho. Exmo. Sor. Virrey de N.E. y haviendose conformado con el en todas sus partes a unanimidad de votos, lo firmaron todos y se dispuso se le despachara a Dho. Sor. Exmo. con la misma fecha; conla que se concluyo esta cesion que firmaron ante los testigos de asistencia en falta de Escribano R^l y Publico que no lo hay en el termino que previene la Ley de que damos fee.

En Margen Brig^r borrado adbertid entre linea con una mano entre linea y la de la Patria

Jose Maria Sambreno

El Baron de Bastrop

Jose Flores de Abrego

Agustin Ruis

Jose Antonio dela Garsa

Alvino Pacheco

Manuel Salinas
Sindico Procurador

De asist^a

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En

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la ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los diez y seis dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos diez y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen y no habiendo ocurrido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que firmaron el Alc^e de Primer vot, Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas

De asist^a

Jose Erasmo de Seguin

De asist^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En veinte y dos de Abril de mil ochocientos diez y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo Extraordinaria los Sores. que lo componen, presedido del Sor. Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de igual clase de 2^o vot, Baron de Bastrop; los Sores, Rex^{es} llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio dela Garsa, y Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas; y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se dio principio a leer tres certificaciones que el Sor. Cura Parroco de esta Ciudad puso a favor de la Viuda D^a. Josefa de la Garsa y que contenian partidas de entierro, de su marido e hijo con la fe de bautismo del ultimo, y habiendose registrado, con la puntualidad debida, y necesaria escrupulosidad se puso el Alcalso de ellos la certificacion de Conosim^{to} y legalidad de las firmas de dho. Sor. Cura Parroco lo qual se verifico a pedim^{to} de la parte de D^a. Josefa de la Garsa; con lo que se concluyo esta sesion, que rubricamos en la Ciudad de San Fernando de

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Bexar en dho, dia, mes, y ano, con los testigos de asistencia en falta de escribano que no lo hay en el termino de la Ley de que damos fee.

De asist^a

Jose Erasmo de Seguin

De asist^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En veinte y tres de Abril de mil ochocientos diez y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no habiendo ocurrido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por dilig^a que rubricaron el Alc^e de 1^o Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador, Don Manuel Salinas,

De asist^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Asist^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En treinta de Abril no hubo junta por ser dia festivo y para que conste se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e 1^o y Sindico Procurador.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los seis dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos diez y ocho, se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores, que lo componen presedido del Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a Coron^l Dn. Ant^o M^a Martines, el Sor. Alc^e de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano el de 2^o Baron de Bastrop, los Sores, Rex^{es} llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Ant^o dela Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador Dn. Manuel Salinas; y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, dispuso el Sor. Presidente que se leyera unescrito presentado a dho cuerpo por D. Vis^{te} Micheli, que contenia, pedim^{to} de certificado de perdida de intereses en el tiempo que los revolucionarios ocuparon esta Prov^a y su conducta observada en aquella epoca; leydo pues, y acordado por los Sores, su contenido, dispusieron que se le diera la certificac^{on} que pide, contrayendose a que la perfida de los vienes que dice, es cierta, su conducta honrrada, y su manejo en el tpo, que mandaron esta Prov^a los revolucionarios, segun noticias por no haberse hallado en este Cap^l fue adicto a las lexitimas autoridades constituidas por S.M. (Que Dios gue.) el sor. Dn. Fernando en estos sus dominios. En el mismo dia se revivio, una instancia de M^a Guadalupe Luna, hecha al Exmo. Sor. Virrey de este Reyno en que solicite una pension por haver muerto su marido Jose Alcalá en Accionde Guerra, segun S.M.

tiene concedidos a tales individuos, la qual paso el Sor. Gov^{OR} a este Cuerpo Capitular para que legalisara la firma del Sr. Cura Parroco de este Capital; lo que se verifico concluyendose esta sesion que rubricamos con los testigos de asist^a en falta de Escribano que no lo hay de que damos fee.

De asist^a
Jose Erasmo Seguin

De asist^a
Juan Martin de Beramende

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La Ciudad de Sn. Fernando de Bexar a los catorce dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos dies y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores, que lo componen presidido del Sor. Alc^e de 1^o voto, Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano, el de igual clase de 2^o Baron de Bastrop, los Sores. Rex^{es} llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Ant^o dela Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se dio principio a leer una presentac^{on} del Ten^{te} Coron^l Dn. Juan Man^l Sambrano y Comp^s Dn. Juan Beramende Dn. Vis^{te} Micheli, Dn. Man^l Nunes, Dn. Man^l Salinas, Dn. Manuel Barrera, Dn. Fran^{co} Flores, y D^a Ant^a Rodrigues, que contenia la solicitud de licencia para pasar a recoger el ganado que pudieran en los egostaderos de los individuos referidos, y en virtud de q^e el Sor. Gov^{OR} de esta Prov^a ha evitado las corredurias q^e algunos duenos de ranchos hacian sin ningun orden. y con perjuicio, segun la llegado a entender de otros p^r diferantes representaciones o quejas que se le han hecho; dispuso que en atencion a que los expresados solcitanes se han convenido con el mejor orden a recoger su ganado, ofreciendo no salir un punto de lo que se les imponga, y que de ellas resulte tantas ventajas a este publico particularmente en las circunstancias actuales, se le pasase dha. instancia al Sor. Gov^{OR} con el in-

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forme conveniente, a fin de que su Sra. impuesto de todo, sirviese dictar lo que estimase de justicia en veneficio de los interesados, y todo este publico, Con lo que se concluyo esta sesion que rubricamos por ante los testigos de asist^a en la falta acostumbrada por falta de escribano de que damos fee.

De asist^a
Jose Erasmo Seguin

De asist^a
Juan Martin de Beramende

En dies y seis de Mayo de mil ochocientos dies y ocho se juntaron a Cavildo extraord^o los Sores. que lo componen presidido del Alc^e de 1^o voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de igual clase de 2^o Varon de Bastrop, los Sores, Rexidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco y Sindico Procurador Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden de estilo, se leyo la providencia y permiso que el Sor. Governador dicto a continuac^{on} del Escrito y en su cumplim^{to} se sito a los interesados para haserseles saver, y que de la misma orden de dho, Gov^{OR} teniamos nombrado al Rex^{or} Dn. Alvino Pacheco, que havia de acompañarlos, a presenciar todo lo que se executase en la corrida, Con esto se dio fin a la sesion, devolviendole la instancia al Sor. Gov^{OR} segun nos los dice, y la rubricamos por ante

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Los testigos de asist^a en falta de Escribano que no lo hay como queda dho, de que damos fee.

De Asist^a
Jose Erasmo Seguin

De Asist^a
Juan Martin de Beramende

En veinte uno de Mayo se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no habiendo ocurrido que tratar, se retiraron, poniendolo por diligencia esta razon que rubricaron el Sor. Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas.

En veinte y ocho de Mayo se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen y no habiendo ocurrido cosa alguna que tratar se retiraron; poniendolo por diligencia esta razon que rubricamos el Sor. Alc^e de 1^{er} voto, y Sindico Procurador.

En 4 de Junio se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no habiendo ocurrido cosa alguna que tratar se retiraron poniendo por diligencia esta razon que rubricaron el Sor. Alc^e de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, y Sindico Procurador Dn. Manuel Salinas.

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En onse de Junio se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no habiendo cosa alguna que tratar se retiraron, poniendolo, por diligencia que rubricaron el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas.

SML-22.1 En veinte y cinco de Junio se juntaron a Cavildo los Sres. que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de igual clase se segundo Baron de Bastrop, los Sores, Rexidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocads por su orden en sus respectivos asientos se abrio un pliego del Sor. Governador de la Provincia que con tenia una R^l Orden para que en lo subcesibo no lleven Dros. ningunos los Alcaldes ni escribanos antequien los militares pidiesen haser diligencias para cobrar sus sueldos cuya resolucion recayo sobre instancia hecha por el gefe de Escuadra Dn. Joaqⁿ Molina en el reyno del Peru, por haver dispuesto del Virrey de Aquel Reyno la tratasen por Abogados a qⁿ Molina tuvo que pagar costos, y despues de haverse impuesto todos los Sores, de la Expresada R^l Orden y mandado que se archivase en el de Ayuntam^{to} para que obre la devida cons-

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tencia se concluyo la seccion que rubricaron por antes los testigos de as^a en falta de Escribano que no lo hay de que demos fee.

De asist^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De asist^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

En dos de Julio se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores, que lo componen, y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron, poniendolo por diligencia que firmaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, y Sindico Procurador Dn. Manuel Salinas.

En siete de Julio se juntaron a Cavildo extraordinario los Senores que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano el de igual clase de segundo voto, Baron de Bastrop, los Sores, Rexidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y colocads por su orden en sus respectivos asientos se abrio un pliego del Exmo. Sor. Virrey Dn. Juan Ruis de Apodaca, que contenia la resolucion de la instancia hecha por el Ayuntam^{to} constante en acta de nueve de Abril de este de 1818, sobre la que determino su Exa. dando al efecto la orden correspondiente al Com^{te} Gral, de esta Prov^s Dn. Joaquin de Arredondo que se entregaran las armas que fueron quitadas a este vesindario por el ult^o gefe el ano de 1813, y q^e disolviese la Comp^a de Milicias de esta Capital por convenir asi-

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al veneficio de la Provincia remplazando su fuerza si la consideraba necesaria con otra que

hubiese en punto de menos atencion. De acuerdo todo el Cuerpo dispuso que se le pasase oficio de lo resuelto para su Exe. en aquella instancia al Sor. Gobernador lo que se verifico, y despues se trato de otro oficio de dho. Sor. cuyo contenido era un informe que pedia, sobre el manejo del sugeto que en el se contiene, y acordaron haserlo, presediendo antes la averiguas necesaria y consulta de todo el Cuerpo, diferiendole para otro dia por no tener lugar en el presente. Con lo que se concluyo esta seccion que rubricaron ante los testigos de asist^a en falta de Escribano que no lo hay de que demos fee.

De asist^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De asist^a

Juan Martin de Beramende

El nuebe de Julio del ano de 1818, se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no habiendose concluido el informe de que se hablo en la acta anterior se diferio hasta la Sig^{te} mandando poner esta rason que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas.

El dies de dho. mes, y ano se juntaron a cavildo los

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Sores. que lo componen, presidido del Alcalde de primer voto, en la forma acostumbrada presente todos los individuos del Cuerpo; y habiendose hecho leer el informe que en oficio de 7 del corriente les pidio el Sor. Gov^{or} combinieron en unanimidad dirmarlo, y remitirlo con su corte resp^{te} oficio a dho. Sor. con lo que se concluyo esta cesion que rubricamos por ante los testigos de ass^a en falta de Escribano de que damos fe.

Dee asist^a

Jose Erasmo Seguin

De asist^a

Jose Ant^o Navarro

En 23 de Julio del corriente ano se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que no componen presidido del Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de segundo Baron de Bastrop, los Senores Rexidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco y Sindico procurador Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos se dio principio a leer una representacion hecha por el Teniente Coronel Dn. Juan Manuel Sambrano que contiene pedida una providencia para desterrar en parte la nesecidad de carnes que a parecido en este suelo, como asi mismo proporcionar al vesinadrio la manteca, velas y javon de que carecen, y cuya falta es tan esencial corregir para comun. A este fin, y habiendose tratado el asunto con el mayor acuerdo, y recurrido a quantos medios han parecido oportunos a este Cuerpo Capitular despues de haver tentado todos los recursos que les

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quedan para buscar el mas facil y acomodado medio, encuentra por el unico y util en las actuales circunstancias, mandar hacer una corrida de ganados por todos los agostaderos en gral. de que resultara tener las carnes que se necesitan, y demas los articulaos anexos de que ahora se carecen; y como quiera q^e por el Sor. Gobernador de esta Prov^a esta mandado por su Bando de seis de Marso del presente ano rep^e ningun dueno de rancho en el distrito de su mando senale ni hierre orejano que recojan en sus agostaderos antes que el Sor. Com^{te} Gral. lo resuelva a qⁿ dio cuenta por haverse suscitado dificultades entre barrios criadores y que de estos recogida de ganados resultaran muchas reses "Orejanas" pasase al Sor Gov^{or} noticia de lo resuelto por este Ayuntam^{to} en junta de este dia, avisandole la necesidad que nos a obligado para esta determinacion, para que en su vista conformandose con ella, se sirva proporcionarnos las escolatas de Tropa que se necesitan para la seguridad de los criadores que deben salir a recoger al ganado, y de que delo orejano que se junte, senalen hierren y reparten los interesados

en proporcion de los bienes que les resulten, sin diferencia alguna y vamos por que la rigurosa necesidad en que nos hallamos de alimentos asi lo demanda, como por que despues de largo tiempo que su Sria. dio cuenta en consulta, no ha tenido resolucio alguna sobre este asunto. Es justo no retardar por mas tiempo a este miserable Pueblo el unico arbitrio que le queda para subsistir en circunstancias tan calamitosas, ni a los criadores el que hierren el ganado que les ha producido el biente legitimo que reconocen en sus agostad^s particularm^te quando se aberdaran a no dar queja, a este ni otro juzgado, y habiendose hecho ler esta cesion se concluyo, y la rubricamos por ante los testigos

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de asist^a con quienes actuamos en falta de Escribano que no lo hay como queda dho. de que damos fe. En mendado - conseguir para el bien - nos - abendran V^e entre reglones - de esta Prov^a como - V^e Festado - En rason de que se hallan convenidos -a que -y de que -justo - tiene p^a no V^e.

De asist^a

Manuel Yturri Castillo

De asist^aPedro Ant^o ArevaloSML-23.

En veinte y seis de Julio dedho. ano se juntaron en Cavildo extraord^o los Sores. que lo componen presidido por el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y presentes los demas Sores. del Cuerpo con las formalidades de estilo, y habiendo avuerto un oficio del Sor. Governador que contiene la contestacion a la anterior acta y a la que se conforma entodas sus partes, determino este Ayuntam^{to} haser una junta de los Ves^s criadores para acordar con ellos el modo de recoger el ganado que se trata; quienes propondran los medios mas apropositos para verificarlo, haciendoseles presente la urgente necesidad que tiene el Pueblo de Carnes y sus anexos para que en su vista faciliten el pronto remedio que se solcita. Al efecto se convocaron a los dhos, Sores. Criadores, y siendopresente se les impuso de la resoluc^{on} de este Cuerpo para abastecer el Pueblo de carnes, manteca, jabon y belas, pidiendoles en consulta su conocim^{to} p^a facilitar con prontitud y seguridad la resolucio de este punto, y despues de haver dho. y propuesto lo que les parecio, convinieron de man-comun a q^e el Ayuntam^{to} determinara como mejor le pareciera con arreglo al conocim^{to} q^e algunos de

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sus individuos tenian en el asunto, y que a lo dispuesto se sugetavan entodas sus partes. Con lo que se concluyo esta seccion y retirandose los Sores. Criadores, se dispuso continuar al siguiente dia, para determinar el modo de orden de las partidas que saliesen, las condiciones a que se devian estar los interesados de ganados, advertidas por articulos y por que parte devian comensar las corridas, y lo rubricaron por ante los testigos de asist^a como queda dho. de que damos fe.

De asist^a

Manuel Yturri Castillo

De asist^a

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

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En 28 de Julio de 1818, se juntaron en Cabildo extraordinario los Senores que lo componen precidido del Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, y el de igual clase de Segundo Baron de Bastrop los Sores, Rexidores llanos Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garse, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos dispucieron que se citaran los Senores Criadores que a bajo se subscriben, para imponerles de lo que este Cuerpo Capitular ha dispuesto con arreglo de lo que se trato en la junta de 26 de Julio presente, y en rason alque para disponer el modo de las corridas de ganado o junta del, se dieron su derecho conformandose con lo que en justicia dis-

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puiera este Ayuntamiento^{to} quien habiendo tratado de comun acuerdo todos los puntos que le han parecido oportunos para el mejor arreglo de las salidas y corridas que se hagan con aquel fin, combinieron dictar para su cumplimiento los siguientes articulos.

- 1^o Que recojido el Ganado que se junte en la primera corrida, se repartiara por sorteo segun el biente que caiga de cada individuo excetuando las crias que traigan al pie las vaca, pues estan deben aplicarse cada uno a quien corresponda por el fierro, y lo mismo se entendera en las demas corridas que se hagan y su repartim^{to} sera con la formalidad que queda expresado.
- 2^o Deveran senalar y marcar todo lo Orejano que les toque despues de repartidas con la proporcion lla dha, para que en las demas corridas que se hagan, si quedasen algunas dispersas, no halla discorde entre los interesados, y si sobre estas ocurriese alguna duda este cuerpo Capitular delibera lo que convenga, advirtiendole que por ningun caso resibira quejas por escrito para ebiter en la prte posible los perjuicios que de esto pueda resultar a los interesados, y que sus determinaciones despues de haver oido a las partes seran vrebres y perentorias.
- 3^o Las reses que caigan de los Yndividuos que no asistan a ninguna corrida ni tengan agostadero, se les penciona con quatro R.R. por cada cabeza de edad y biente, y por los toros, a dos reales por cada uno para alludar al costo que tengan los que salgan a buscar las reses que se aplicara con auencia de este

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- Cuerpo y conocim^{to} de los Comand^{tes} de partida a quien corresponda; Siendo del Cuid. y cargo a los Comandentes el recoger y traer las Reses que les toquen tanto erradas como orejano a aquellos individuos.
- 4^o Los Criadores y duenos de Ranchos que quieran dejar su ganado en el Agostadero por Creherle acentrado i otras combenencias particulares, podran haserlo, trallendo el restante que toque a otros para entregar a sus duenos.
 - 5^o El Ayuntamiento eligira un sujeto en conicion para que precensie las corridas que se hagan y ante quien y con su acuerdo, devera hacerse el repartim^{to} de ganado que se recoja dando cuenta a este Ayuntamiento de sus resultados su conocimiento.
 - 6^o Como en fin de las corridas o en cada una en particular pueda resultar un sobrante de reses que sus duenos no quieran matar, y si conerber, como asi mismo lo demas vientre que no deve matarse sino en un hurjente caso, y que solo podran disponer de nobillos o macho horraje para socorrer sus necesidades, se cuidaran en comun contribullendo cada uno en proporcion de lo que tenga para cortear los Pastores que se nesesitan; para cuyo resguardo y defensa de los Yndios Varberos, pediremos al Sor. Governador un Escolta; advirtiendole que estos pastores podran cuidar tambien de la vuellada y sus duenos cooperaran quando no tengan otras reses, con la cantidad que les corresponda en proporcion de las que sean.
 - 7^o Todos los yndividuos que reconoscan agostaderos o duenos de Rancho devera salir a las corridas

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- que se hagan y en defecto de que no lo verifiquen por no querer teniendo proporcion se les Privera a los duenos que tengan al orejano, y de lo herrado que les caiga tendran que pagar por cavesa y clase el precio senalado en el articulo tres.
- 8^o Los Comandantes de cada partida y criadores que les acompanian podran correr en todos sus agostaderos y tierra riolenga; vien entendido que los del rumbo del Poniente lo

berificaran por esta parte hasta donde alcense sus ganados, y por el Sur, por todo el Camino del Arredo hasta las Nueces, y por el Norte hasta donde puedan y quieran recoger. Los dueños de los ranchos del Salado, orillas del Rio de esta Capital, y las Calaberas haran sus juntas desde las caveseras del Salado, hasta las puntas de las calaveras, de alli linea al Oriente al Castle Capote que esta sobre el Rio de Guadalupe, y de alli al Norte, hasta las vaceseras de dicho rio y procediendo al sur hasta las caveseras del Salado, Los otros Criadores que estan sus ranchos a la vega del Rio de esta Ciudad por las Calaveras abajo hasta las puntas de Cleto podran correr de estas dhas. puntas de ambos rios, esto es de Calaveras y Cleto, hasta las puntas de los nogales con Guadalupe y desde alli asta el Capote; y los de la otra parte del Rio de esta Ciudad desde el Picoso hasta las puntas de Cleto con el, y desde alli hasta la desembocura de las Nueces, y bolviendo para arriba hasta el ojo de agua del Borrego. Los del Chayopin correran desde el paso de Costales por todo el Camino del Arredo abajo hasta las Nueces, y de alli al ojo de Agua del

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Borrego y picoso, y habiendose conformado los Senores del Cuerpo ha unanimidad de votos con los estipules en los Articulos antecedentes, y siendo presentes los Senores Criadores como se mando en la anterior acta lo firmaron los primeros y con ellos los segundos, renunciando cada uno en particular los fueros y privilegios de que gozan sometiendo en todo para el cumplimiento de lo dispuesto al ylustre Ayuntamiento; habiendolo echo tambien los testigos de asistencia con quienes actua en falta de excribano que no lo hay en el termino que prebiene la Ley de que damos fee.

Jose Flores	Francisco Garcia	Alvino Pacheco
Jose Antonio de la Garza	Juan Martin de Beramendi	Juan Manuel Sambrano
Manuel Salinas	Francisco Flores	Francisco Montes
Francisco Xavier Bustillos	El Baron de Bastrop	Juan Francisco de Collantes
Jose Manuel Granados	Agustin Ruis	Fernando Rodrig ^s

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Remigio Perez	Luis Galan	Vicente Micheli
Juan Courbiere	Francisco Faries	Jose Maria Arocha
De asist ^a	De Asist ^a	
Manuel Yturri Castillo	Pedro Ant ^o Arevalo	

En 30 de Julio se juntaron a Cavildo los Sres. que lo componen, y no habiendo ocurrido cosa alguna que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas.

SML-25. En seis de Agosto se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el de igual clase de 2^o Baron de Bastrop, los Sores. Rexidores llanos Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garza, Dn. Alvino Pacheco y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos se abrieron dos officios del Sor. Gov^{or} el uno que contenia la aprovac^{on} y excolta que facilitara para las corridas indicadas en la acta de 28 del mes pasado y el otro que per-

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tenecen a los Alcaldes y contiene recolecc^{on} de Mais entre el Vesid^o para atender a las necesidades de la division de tropa que de ordⁿ sup^{or} debe marchar sobre los facciosos que se hallan sobre Galveston, y que ha arribado a esta Capital sin los necessarios bestim^{tos} de que subsistia,

poniendosele en acuedo con este Cuerpo Capitular; quien enterado de la necesidad que el Gov manifieste e interesado al C umplimiento de disposic^{on} tan venefica al mejor servicio del Rey y de la Patria, solicitaron a los cosecheros pudientes de esta Capital, entre quienes se facilito en num^o de fanegas de mais que se pide por el Sor. Gov^{or} con lo que se concluyo esta cesion mandando quede lla resuelto se le de aviso al Sor. Gov^{or} y lo rubricaron con testigos de asist^a en falta de Escribano que no lo hay en el termino de la ley de que damos fe.

De asist^a
Jose Erasmo Seguin

De asist^a
Jose Antonio Navarro

En trese de Agosto se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no ocurriendo cosa alguna que tratar, se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que firmaron el Alcalde de primera eleccion, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Mahuel Salinas.

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SML-26. El veinte de Agosto se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen presedido del Alc^e de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano en las formalidades de estilo y con ellos ocupando sus respectivos asientos hicieron presente al Cuerpo los Sores Alcaldes un oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} en que les pide colecten entre el Ves^{rio} doscientas y cincuenta fanegas de Mais, amas de las que tiene pedidas segn. la acta de seis de Agosto para el mantenim^{to} de la Tropa que sale a campana, por no tener numerario con que comprarlo, y haviendolo solicitado entre los cosecheros, e impuestoles del modo con que promete el Sr. Gov^{or} pagar el mais que se necesita, y la razon que obliga y su necesidad, convinieron en dar el Mais que se procura, y de asi haverlo acordado y dispuesto los interesados se le dio aviso al S^r Gov^{or} con lo que se concluyo esta sesion que rubricaron con testigos de asist^a de que damos fee.

De asist^a
Jose Erasmo Seguin

De asist^a
Jose Antonio Navarro

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En veinte y siete de Agosto se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no haviendo ocurrido que tratar se retiraron, poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas.

En tres de Septiembre no ocurrieron a Cavildo los Sores, que lo componen y se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e 1^o y Sindico Procurador.

En dies de Sep^e se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no haviendo ocurrido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e 1^o y Sindico Procurador.

En dies y siete de Sep^e se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen y presidido del Alc^e de primer voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el 2^o Baron de Bastrop, los Sores. Rexidores Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Ant^o de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas.

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y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se mando abrir un pliego del Sor. Gov. que contenia un decreto del Exmo. Sor. Visrrey para que se corte el abuso de recibir instancias de parte en papel comun por el perjuicio que resulta a S.M. encuyo cumplim^{to} se hizo entender a los Sores. Alc^{es} para los casos que ocurran, haciendo obserbar lo dispuesto por su Exa. y procurando que se cumpla lo mandado escrupulosam^{te} mandando que se le conteste al Sor. Gov. el corresp^{te} oficio. Con lo que se concluyo esta sesion que rubricaron por ante los testigos de asist^a en falta de Escribano que no lo hay en el termino que previene la Ley de que damos fe.

De Asist^a
Jose Erasmo Seguin

De asist^a
Jose Ant^o Navarro

En 24 de Sept^e se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo ocurrido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e de 1^{er} voto, y Sindico Procurador.

Sambrano

Manuel Salinas

En primero de Octubre no ocurrieron a Cavildo los Senores que lo componen y se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde 1^o y Sindico Procurador.

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En 8 de Octubre se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo ocurrido cosa alguna que tratar, se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde 1^o Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas.

En quince de Octubre se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen presidido del Alcalde 1^o Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano el de igual clase de 2^o Baron de Bastrop; los Sores, Rexidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Albino Pacheco y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos, se abrio un oficio del Sor. Gov^{or} en el qual se pide p^r el Exmo. Senor V. Rey de este Reyno al Sr. intendente Sr. Luis Potosi una noticia de las perdidas que hayan tenido los habitantes de esta provincia causadas por expedicion del rebelde Jose Alvarez Toledo dirigida a hostilizarle en el ano 1813, el qual es tenido por agente de los Estados Unidos de America septentrional y a su consecuencia le dispuso convocar todos los vecinos para pedirles una noticia jurada de lo que cada uno havra perdido en particular con lo que se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos de ante los testigos de asist^a con quienes actuamos por falta de Escribano que no lo hay en los terminos que previene el derecho de que damos fee.

De asist^a

Jose Ant^o Navarro

De asist^a

Manuel Borrego

En veinte y dos de Octubre de dicho ano no ocurrieron a Cabildo los Sores. que lo componen. Se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde primero y Sindico Procurador.

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En veinte y nueve de Octubre de 1818, se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas.

En cinco de Noviembre de 1818, no asistieron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, y Sindico Procurador.

En doce de Noviembre de dicho ano se juntaron a Cavildo los Senores que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, el Alcalde 2^o Baron de Bastrop, los Sres. Rexidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, no habiendo ocurrido el Segundo Rexidor Dn. Agustin Ruis, por estar enfermo, y colocados en la forma acostumbrada se avrio un oficio del Sr. Governador de la Provincia en fecha dies del presente el qual haviendose leído contradijo una orden del Exmo. Senor Virrey de este Reyno comunicada por el Intendente Dr. Lc^o Luis Potosi, ordenandose el tributo de los Indios y como en esta Provincia no ai nin-

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gunos tributarios, se dispuso por lo que pudiese importar pasarle una nota de los Indios que tienen las posesiones de la comprehension de esta Capital con lo que se concluyo esta seccion avriendose librado la correspondiente orden a los Alcaldes de las Misiones para que nos diesen las noticias q^e mande lo dispuesto lo rubricamos por ante los testigos de asistencia en falta

de Escribano como dicho es de que damos fee.

De asist^a

Jose Antonio Navarro

De asist^a

Manuel Barrera

En dies y nueve de Noviembre de 1818, no asistieron a Cavildo los Sores, que lo componen y se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, y Sindico Procurador.

En veinte y seis de Noviembre de 1818, se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano el de 2^o Baron de Bastrop, los Senores Rexidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Alvino Pacheco y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel

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Salinas no habiendo asistido el 2^o Regidor, Dn. Agustin Ruis, por hallarse enfermo; y los presentes colocados en s forma de estilo mandaron avrir un oficio del Sr. Gov. de la Provincia que contenia tres bandos sobre asceo de calles buen gobierno y persecucion de los ladrones rateros habiendose determinado en cumplimiento encargar su exselensia al Sindico Procurador, Alcaldes de Barrio; y que se conteste al Sr. Gov. las providencias tomadas por este Cuerpo Capitular al efecto; con lo que se concluyo esta sesion que rubricaron por ante los testigos de asistencia por felta de Escribano que no lo hay en el termino que previene la ley de que damos fee.

Dee asist^a

Jose Antonio Navarro

De Asist^a

Manuel Barrera

SML-27. En 1^o de Diciembre de 1818, se juntaron a Cavildo extraordinario los Sores. que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose M^a Sambrano, y colocados por su orden segun estilo, se leyo un oficio del Sr. Gov. en la que encarga a los sres. Alcaldes hagan presente a el Cuerpo Capitular su contenido; y su deseo sobre reconvencion para que

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haga el puente por donde se comunica la mayor parte del Pueblo con el Barrio del Alamo, y como el asceo y limpieza de calles, y el descuido que atribuye a la falta de su obligacion justa a este cuerpo como a su Sindico procurador y Alcaldes de Barrio. Se dispuso que inmediatamente se tomaran las providencias necesarias para dar cumplimiento a lo prevenido por dicho Sr. Gov. pidiendole al mismo tiempo la asistencia de las tropas para que con su ayuda podran los vesinos redificar la ovrade que se trata y al Procurador Sindico y Alcalde de Barrio en que vellan y vigelen. Sobre el asceo y la vuena orden y quanto demanda observar por los bandos de buen gobierno. Enel mismo acto avisaron las perdidas que tubieron con motivo de la entrada de los Americanos en esta Provincia en 1812, y 1813, y habiendo firmado el estado general que se hizo de ellas se mando que sus originales se archivaran en este para devida constancia; con lo que se concluyo esta sesion que rubricaron por ante testigos de asistencia por falta de Escribano como queda dicho de que damos fee.

De asist^a

Manuel Barrera

De asist^a

Vicente Micheli

El dia tres de Diciembre de 1818, no asistieron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen y se puso por

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diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, y Sindico Procurador.

SML-28. En dies de Diciembre de 1818, se juntaron a Cavildo los Senores que lo componen

presidido por el Alcalde de 2^o voto, Baron de Bastrop por ausencia del primero y con asistencia del tercero rexidor, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, el quarto Dn. Alvino Pacheco y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, no habiendo asistido Dn. Jose Flores, ni Dn. Agustin Ruis por estar enfermos, y colocados en sus respectivos asientos se trato sobre el estado actual de la recomposicion de puente estando presente el Comisionado Dn. Vicente Gortari que in dijo que se necesitaban para su cabal compustura tres horsnes y doscientos vigas de cedro y al efecto se dispuso que se institujese un reconocimiento por los Alcaldes del Barrio de las Carretas que havia utiles entre el vesindario para que vayan a traer la madera que se nesesite con el bien entendido de que el que pudiere de los vecinos acer esta fatiga y se negase a ella baxo algun pretesto que no sea justo se le impone por la falta nueve pesos de multa por haverse regulado que es el precio de los seis mosillas que a cada una le corresponde aguantar aviendose dispuesto al mismo tiempo que indistintamente avia de llevar cada carreta un corrtador de madera que por separado hara su fatiga en el que se corresponde con lo que se concluyo esta cesion que rubricamos ante los testigos de asistencia en falta de Escribano como queda dicho de que damos fee.

Manuel Barrera

Vicente Gortari

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En dia dies y seis de Diciembre de 1818, se juntaron en Cavildo extraordinario los Senores que lo componen presidido por el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano el de 2^o Baron de Bastrop, los Senores regidores llanos, Dn. Jose Flores de Abrego, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas y colocados en la forma de estilo se resolvio ser tratado en junta representer al Exmo. Sr. Virrey reclamando el Cumplimiento de su Superior orden de 25 de Mayo p^op^s que contenia la estincion de la Comp^a de Milicias de esta Ciudad por el Sr. Comd^{te} General y devolucion de armas que de orden suya fueron quitados a estos vecinos en el ano 1813. Se verifico pr instancia que el tenor es en lo siguiente, Exmo. Senor el Cabildo de esta Capital de la Provincia de Texas, Juntos y congregados como lo hacemos de costumbre en nuestra sala Capitular ante VE con el mayor respecto exponerse a consecuencia representacion q^e este Ayuntamiento dirigio a V.E. (en 9 de Abril) ultimo solicitando algun alivio para remediar los males y necesidades de los Vecinos que componen esta Poblacion de S.F. se ha dignado la piedad de VE. haser saber este Cabildo por su oficio de 25 de Mayo Proximo pasado que enterado de cuanto se le hacia presente prevenia con la misma fecha al Sr. Comd^{te} General de esta Prov^a Brigadier Dn. Joaquin Arredondo que la compania de Milicias que por su orden havia sido creada ultimam^{te} fuese abolica, y quedarse los individuos que la componian sus dependencia del Servicio de ella para que pudieran ayudar a la labor y cultivos de las tierras de donde havian sido estraidos con notable detenimiento y perjuicio de las cosechas venideras asi por el sostenimiento del vecindario como tambien para la Tropa a al mismo tiempo se ha dignado VE ordenar al Espresado Sr. Comd^{te} General que se devolviesen a este vecindario las armas que a consecuencia de Mandato suyo les fueron estraidos en el ano 1813.

El estado y atenciones de esta Prov^a o tal ves las muchas que budiesan rodear al Sr. Comd^{te} General es de que V.E. se sirvio de dictar su librada orden para disminuir las calamidades de los habitantes de Texas sinduda no lo permitenos dar cumplimiento a lo que VE tubo bien

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por haverse cessado por ahora las espositadas atenciones y regresado a esta Capital hase mas de un mes la division que fue a desalogar los Enemigos que se havian establecido en el costo parecia que el Sr. Comd^{te} General podia ya haver verificado y dado cumplimiento a las ordenes de VE. y este Cabildo conoviendo que las circunstancias no esta a proposito para nuevamente ocupar la atencion de VE. lo suspendio creido que la principal cuasa para no haverse verificado

lo que VE se sirvió ordenar al Sr. Comand^{te} General se vio en la necesidad que hubo de las tropas para la expedición destinada a Galveston y que en regresado esto se llevaria a devida efecto sus superiores providencias ; pero en vista de que los espresados motivos que antes dio este Ayuntamiento no son los que al Sr. Comand^{te} General le han impedido a cumplir con lo prevenido por VE se encuentra por lo mismo en la necesidad de recurrirnos a la justificación de VE a quien rendidamente suplicamos que lo mandado por VE en 25 de Mayo ultimo a cerca de esta Provincia se lleva a puro y debido efecto, y que segun permitan las circunstancias subsesibas se le vaya satisfaciendo a estos habitantes los debitos que sus tropas hasta de Cavalleria quanto del Regimiento de Estremadura tienen contraidos con ellos a fin de que con semejante alivio puedan ir remediando sus primitivas necesidades de cuyas providencias resultara que en lo futuro se reanimaran para el aumento de sus sementeras y que la tropa no carezca de su indispensable alimento es indubitable que el estado en que se hallan no les permite el ser de ninguna utilidad al Rey pues ni aun para si mismos su lamentable situacion nada les desea emprender; asi mismo es de primera necesidad que el de rentas Reales de esta Capital se provia del Surtido que anteriormente y renglones avastecia el consumo de esta Ciudad por que en demas de que el Errario

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tendra algun beneficio en esta parte lograran los vecinos tener polvora y cartuchos para su defensa propia, pues de lo contrario poca utilidad le podria facilitar la devolucion de las armas; cuyos beneficios se conmemoran estos vecinos y rogaran con este Cabildo al Todo Poderoso para que guarde la importante vida de VE muchos años Sⁿ Fernando de Bexar y habiendola echo ser y reconocer por todos los individuos de este Cuerpo con la madures que le corresponde la aprobaron por buena y se dispuso que con esta fecha sele despachara a dicho SE con el objeto de alcanzar lo que se solicita y habiendose asi verificado se concluyo con esto la presente cesion que firmamos para la devida constancia con los testigos de asistencia en la forma ordinaria de que damos fe.

Jose Maria Sambreno	El Baron de Bastrop
Jose Flores	Agustin Ruis
Jose Antonio dela Garza	Albino Pacheco
De asist ^a	De asist ^a
Manuel Barrera	Vicente Gortari

En 17 de Diciembre de 1818, no ocurrieron a Cabildo los Sores. que lo componen y se puso por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^r voto y Sindico Procurador.

SML-29. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y dos dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos dies y ocho años se juntaron a Cabildo extraordinario que presidio el Alcalde de 1^o voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambreno, los Sores.

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Dn. Felipe Enrique Neri Baron de Bastop, Alcalde de la Segunda Eleccion, Dn. Jose Flores de Abrigo, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garza, Dn. Albino Pacheco y Dn. Manuel Salinas Sindico Procurador, quienes colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, les propuso el citado Sr. Presidente esta junta era celebrada para hacer el eleccion de Alcaldes Regidores, y Sindico Procurador, para el año entrante de mil ochocientos dies y nueve, y despues de haver precidido un maduro examen se procedio a ella y resultaron electos a pluralidad de votos p^a Alcalde primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes de Oca, para de segundo a Dn. Gaspar Flores, para Regidores llanos a Dn. Vicente Gortari Dn. Manuel de la Garza, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Francisco Bustillos, y para Sindico Procurador Dn. Eugenio Flores en todos los que concurren las circunstancias y requisitos necesarios para obrar y desempeñar dichos empleos

y para su debida constancia lo mandamos poner por diligencia y dijeron que de esta acta se pase testimonio actual al Sr. Gov. de esta Prov^a para los efectos que convengan firmandola con testigos de asistencia a falta de Escribano en los terminos de la ley de todo lo que damos fe.

Jose Maria Sambrano
Jose Flores de Abrego

Jose Ant^o de la Garza

El Baron de Bastrop
Agustin Ruis

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Albino Pacheco

Manuel Salinas

De asist^a

De asist^a

Pedro Ant^o Arevalo

En la Villa de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y cuatro dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos dies y ocho anos se juntaron a Cavildo ordinario que presidio el Alcalde de l^o voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano en la sala destinada para este fin, Dn. Felipe Neri, Baron de Bastrop, Alcalde de segundo voto, Dn. Jose Flores de Abrego, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garza, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, Rexidores llanos y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Manuel Salinas, y colocados todos por su orden regular en sus respectivos asientos abrio el Sr. Presidente y dio lectura a un oficio del Sr. Gov. de cuyo contenido era aprovando las elecciones hechas por el Ayuntamiento de Alcalde Regidores, y Sindico Procurador, que devia componer el Cavildo de esta Ciudad para el ano venidero de mil ochocientos dies y nueve en los Senores que se espere en el anterior acta con lo que se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos en la forma acostumbrada de que damos fee.

De asist^a

De asist^a

Santiago Seguin

Franco. Flores

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los treinta y un dias del mes de diciembre de mil ochocientos dies y ocho anos se juntaron a Cavildo ordinario que presidio el Alcalde de l^{er} voto, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano en la sala destinada para este fin, los Senores Dn. Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, Alcaldes de segundo voto, Dn. Jose Flores de Abrego, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garza, Dn. Alvino Pacheco, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Manuel Salinas, Sindico Procurador, y colocados todos por su orden regular en sus respectivos asientos mando el Senor Presidente que hiciesen el inventario de los papeles y documentos del Ayuntamiento y de los Sres. Alcaldes de l^o y 2^o eleccion que se havian girado durante este ano y los quales exexto y q^e el Sindico Procurador rendiese las cuentas de los fondos de propios q^e tenia a su cargo lo que se efectuo con lo que se concluyo esta cesion que firmamos con testigos de asistencia por falta de escribano en el termino de la Ley de que damos fee.

Jose Maria Sambrano

El Baron de Bastrop

Jose Flores

Agustin Ruis

Jose Antonio de la Garza

Alvino Pacheco

Manuel Salinas

De asist^a

De asist^a

Manuel Barrera

Ygnacio Villasenor

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a primero de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y nueve asistieron a la sala Capitular el Sr. Coronel Dn. Antonio Martines, Gov. Politico y Militar de esta Provincia, Dn. Jose Maria Sambrano, Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, Alcalde de segundo voto, Dn. Jose Flores de Abrego, Dn. Agustin Ruis, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garza, Dn. Alvino pacheco, Regidores llanos, y Dn. Manuel Salinas, Sindico Procurador y colocados todos por el orden regular en los asientos que les estaban

preparados les propuso el citado Señor Gov^{OR} a los que tubieron los Empleos de Republica en el año que ha finado la formalidad con que devia hacer defacion de ellos para proveerlos en sus sucesores recibio las insignias de justicia de los Senores que exercieron los de Alcaldes en el citado año, para entregarlos a los que deben serlos en el presente y habiendolo asi verificado aquellos, hizo poner en poseⁿ a Dn. Francisco Montes, y le recivio juramento que hizo por Dios Nuestro Benor y la Senal de la Santa Crus, y practico la misma dilig^a con Dn. Gaspar Flores; y habiendo jurado y prometido cumplir y desempeñar sus cargos

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con toda entegridad administrando justicias con enpercileidad y defendiendo los derechos publicos segun convenga; les entrego las resepectivas ensignias de justicia que a cada uno correspondia; y habiendo executado lo mismo con los Senores Regidores y Sindico Procurador electos les entro en posesion de sus respectivos empleos encargandoles el cumplimiento de sus deberes y concluido este acto se dirigio a los Senores Alcaldes, Regidores y Sindico Procurador salientes a quienes por un breve discurso les dio las gracias por la exactitud con que han desempenado sus obligaciones y luego inmediatamente se dirigieron todos en cuerpo a oir la Misa Parroquial, quedando concluido el asunto de esta Junta; que hisieron poner por diligencia que firmo dicho Señor Gov^{OR} y posecionados, con testigos de asistencia a falta de Escribano en el termino de la ley de que damos fee.

Antonio Martines

Fran^{CO} Montes

Gaspar Flores

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SML-30. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los siete dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y nuebe años se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de 1^O voto, Dn. Fran^{CO} Montes, el de 2^O Dn. Gaspar Flores, los Senores rexidores llanos Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garsa, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Francisco Bustillos, Sindico Procurador Dn. Eugenio Flores, y colocados por su orden en sus respectibos asientos se dio principio a ler un oficio del Sor. Gov^R de la Provincia su fecha 1 de Enero, que contiene reencargar la conciencia a las Justicias y recordar los sagrados deberes de este Cuerpo en el desempeno de sus funciones y las de aquellas; poniendo a la vista para el descargo de unos y otro la necesidad que hay de arreglar el servicio que toca al Vecindario, en las fatigas que se ofrecen hacer; pidiendo al efecto que se demarquen las carretas que tengan, con las mulas de silla y carga que sin nesecidad de este requicito, deberan saber el numero que sean para cuando se ofrescan nombrando al mismo tiempo un Comicionado o Jues de embargos para que corra con todo, con otras prebenciones que obligan a su Cumplim^{to} todo lo cual examinado por el Cuerpo, se dispuso en contestacion haser ber a su Exca. que en la parte posible se cumpliria el contenido de su citado oficio, haciendole por lo restante las

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reflecciones necesarias para no alterar el orden de este arreglo en las actuales circunstancias. Con lo que se concluyo esta seccion que rubricaron los senores del Cuerpo por ante los testigos de asistencia en falta de Escribano que no lo hay en el termino que prebiene la ley de que damos fee.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los honse dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos dies y nuebe, se juntaron en Cabildo extraordinario los Sores. que lo componen precidido por el Alc^E de 1^O voto Dn. Francisco Montes, y colocados por su orden segun costumbre, se abrio un pliego del Sor. Gov^{OR} de la Prov^A que contenia dos oficios, uno del Exmo. Sor. Virrey, para yeber a efecto la Real Orden de Veinte y Nuebe de Nobiembre del año anterior para la formacion de estadistica en el Reino, y el otro de acompanado en que asienta las prebenciones combiniente

para su cumplim^{to}. De todo lo que impuesto este Cuerpo Capitul^{ar} determino que se le contes-
tase su obedec^{te} y ordenes que al efecto mando des-

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tribuir para su superior inteligencia y Gov^{no}. Con lo que se concluyo esta Seccion que rubri-
camos en la forma ya dha. de que damos fee.

En catorce de Enero del ano de mil ochocientos dies y nuebe se juntaron a Cabildo los
Senores que lo componen; y no abiendo tenido que tratar, se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia
que rubricaron el Alc^e de 1^o voto, Dn. Francisco Montes, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio
Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte un dias del mes de Enero de mil ocho-
cientos dies y nuebe anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, presedido del Alc^e
de 1^o boto, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes, el de la misma clase de 2^o D. Gaspar Flores, los Senores Regidores
D. Vicente Gortari, D. Jose Manuel de la Garza, D. Jose Maria Escalera, D. Fran^{co} Bus-

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tillos, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores, y colocados por su orden debido, propuso el
Sor. Regidor, Dn. Vicente Gortari, que sabiendo que iba a salir de esta Ciudad el Armero Ant^o
Olibares, y que los vecinos nesecitaban de un sujeto que les recompusiese las armas, seria bueno
hacerlo presente al Sor. Gobernador, para que en su bista determinase suspender su salida por
la utilidad que de esto resultaba al Vecindario. Efectiv^{te} conciderando lo nesesario y util
el Cuerpo, dispuso a pluralidad de botos hasercelo presente al Sor. Gobernador, y en su bir-
tut determino dho. superior Gefe proporciono el Armero de la Comp^a de Bexar Polonio Tapia pre-
biniendole procurase a tender al Vecindario con la gracia posible en las obras que sele ofre-
cieren. Con lo que se concluyo esta Cesion que rubricaron por ante los testigos de asistencia
en falta de Escribano como dho es de que damos fee.

En veinte ocho de Enero de referido mes

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y ano se juntaron a Cabildo los senores que lo componen, y no abiendo tenido que tratar se
retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e de 1^o vot, Dn. Francisco Montes, y
Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los quatro dias del mes de Febrero de mil ocho-
cientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cavildo los senores que lo componen, precedido del
Alcalde de Primer voto, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos acientos se abrio un pliego
del Sor. Gov^{or} de la Prov^a con el que acompanaba la Real Orden de diesciceis de Mayo del ano
de mil ochocientos dies ocho en que su Majestad se sirve declarar que a los pobres selés admita
en los tribunales las ynstancias que agan en Papel Sellado de Pobres, y se les reciben sus
ynformaciones sin excigirles derechos, pero con la cantidad de que lo cean efectivamente pues
en caso contrario se les deve obligar a pagar los costos, y a indemnisar a la Real hacienda del
Papel Seyado correspondiente, y quedando este Cuerpo inteligenciado de todo lo que se prebiene
en la expresada Rial Orden, cara de su cumplimiento en la parte que le toque: Con lo que (blank)

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ino abiendo tenido otra cosa que tratar se conclullo esta cesion que rubricamos con los test-
igos de asistencia en falta de escrivano que no lo hay en el termino de la ley de que damos fe.

En onse de Fev^o del ano de mil ochocientos diesinueve, se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores
del Cuerpo i no abiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron

el Alcalde de Primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los diesiocho dias de mes de Fev^o de mil ochocientos diesinuebe anos, se juntaron a Cavildo Precidido por el Alcalde de Primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes, los Senores que lo componen, y colocados por su orden en sus respectibles acientos se mandaron dar reales ordenes que con fecha quince y diesiete de la actual nos pasa en copia el Sor. Governador desta Prov^a la una contiene la Grac^a echa por su Majestad al Exemo. Sor. Virrey de este Reyno Dn. Juan Ruis de Apodaca de titulo de Castilla con la denominacion de Conde del Venadito, en premio de su lealtad i distinguido

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servicios en las atuales circunstancias i la otra para precaber la parte que amensaa a todos los dominios de nuestro Monarca, por la que se padece en la Africa ambos dara este Cuerpo Capitulular el devido Cumplar, mandando que se haga entender aci en contestacion al Sor. Gov^{or} de la Provincia i que por lo restante para que obre la debida constancia se archibe en el que corresponde al Ayuntamiento, con lo que se conclullo este cession por no aber otra cosa que tratar, rubricandolo por ante los testigos de asistencia de que damos fe.

En veinte i cinco de Fev^o de dicho ano concurrieron en junta ordinaria los Senores del Cuerpo Capitular y no abiendoles ocurrido cosa alguna que tratar, se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que firmaron, digo, rubricaron el Alcalde 1^o y Sindico Procurador.

En cuatro de Marzo se juntaron a Cavildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo tenido cosa

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alguna que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes, y Sindico Procurador Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En 11 de Marso de 1819, se juntaron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y no habiendo tenido que tratar, se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que firmaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, Don Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dies y nueve dias del mes de Marso de mil ochocientos dies y nueve, se juntaron en Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen presedido del Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes, el de igual clase de 2^o Dn. Gaspar Flores, los Sores. Rex^{es} Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Manuel de la Garsa, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Francisco Bustillos, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores, y aviendo abierto un oficio del Del Sor. Governador de la Provincia encontramos conun Bando de buen Gov^{no} en que nos rencarga su cumplim^{to} en la que quedaron de acuerdo todos los Sores. dando para su cump^{to} las ord^{es} correspond^{tes} y disponiendo avisase asi al Sor. Governador para su Sup^{or} intelig^a y no habiendo avido otra cosa que disponer ni tampoco que tratar, se con-

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cluyo la presente que firmaron para la constancia, por ante los testigos de asistencia como queda dho. de que damos fee.

En veinte y seis de Marso no asistieron a Cavildo los Sores. que lo componen, y se puso por diligencia que firmo el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En 1^o de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cavildo los Senores que lo componen, y no abiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que firmaron el Alcalde de 1^o voto, Dn. Francisco Montes, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En 8 de Abril de 1819, anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que firmaron el Alcalde de 1^o Boto, Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar, a los quinse dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Francisco Montes, el de igual clase de 2^o Dn. Gaspar Flores, los Senores Regidores, Dn. Bicente Cortari, Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garsa, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Francisco Bustillos y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos con forma de estilo se abrio un pliego del Sor. Gobernador de la Provincia que contenia la justificacion de Dn. Erasmo Seguin, acusado antes de delito de infidencia, y para su mayor indinizacion previo el parecer del Auditor de Guerra de estas Provincias con bista de los cargos que le resultaban y docum^{tos} feacientes que presento, se conformo con el Sor. Comand^{te} Gral. mandando insertar esta noticia al Sor. Gov^{dor} para la completa satisfacion de aquel individuo, prebiniendole que se le entreguen todos sus intereses, su despacho de Capⁿ para que use del el cual corria en la sumaria, y que pueda optar todos los cargos a que se aga acredor por su merito, cuya determinacion con la de hacerlo entender a sus Sobordinados le reencargado. Cefe al Expresado Sor. Gov^{dor} y con este objeto y el de ponerlo en noticia de los abitantes, de esta Ciudad, lo

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pasa a este Cuerpo Capitular; lo que berifico en su cumplim^{to} haciendo yamar a Dn. Manuel Barrera, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Dn. Manuel Yturbe, Dn. Jose Flores, Dn. Juan Beramendi Dn. Jose Angel Navarro, dn. Francisco Arebalo, Dn. Yg^o Billaenor, todos principales vecinos de esta Ciudad, y se les impuso de la fidelidad y lealtud, del indisinizado, conforme se nos prebiene en el sitado, oficio; con lo que se concluyo esta seccion por no aber abido ninguna cosa que tratar y a precencia de todos lo rubricaron los senores del Cuerpo con los testigos de asistencia en falta de escribano que no lo ay en el termino prebenido de que damos fee.

SML-31. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los Veinte dias del mes de Abril de 1819 anos se juntaron a Cabildo extraordinario los Senores que lo componen, precidido del Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Francisco Montes, el de igual clase Dn. Gaspar Flores, los Senores Regidores Dn. Vicente Cortari, Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garsa, Dn. Jose Maria Escalera, Dn. Francisco Bustillos y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos

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se abrio un oficio del Sor. Gobernador de la Provincia que contenia la franquisia que hace el Sor. Yntendente de la Provincia de San Luis Potosi a este Ayunt^o de una casa delas secuestradas la cual pertenecia al Traidor Bicente Trabieso con el objeto de que sirba en lugar de casa R^s sin perjuicio de la Benta que pueda proporcionarse en febor de la Real Hacienda en cuya birtud y cumplim^{to} a la propuesta hecha por el espresado Sr. Gobernador para que se determinase del sujeto que abia de recibirla, dispuso este Cuerpo nombrar a Dn. Eugenio Flores, Sindico Procurador, quien asepto el encargo y tanto de esto como de lo que contenia el sitado oficio acordado en esta fecha, se resolvió, contestar al Sor. Gobernador para su Superior inteligencia; con lo que se dio fin a la Seccion de este dia firmandolo o Rubricandolo con los testigos de asistencia en falta de escribano como queda dho, de que damos fee.

En dha. Ciudad a los veinte y dos fias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y nueve se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y no abiendo tenido que tratar, se rretira-

ron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Voto y Sindico Procurador. A tiempo de retirarse los Senores acordaron teniendo presente la actade 2^o de este mes a

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hacer una solisitud al Exemo. Sor. Birrey de este Reino para que se sirbiese a beneficio de esta Ciudad de donar la casa que en aquella se hace referencia, para que sirva de casa R^s en birtud de que la gracia concedida por el Sor. Yntendente de San Luis Potosi, solo se estiende a mientras se proporciona benta de ella; y como en el dia la Ciudad carese de fondos y adbitrios para hacer unas casas R^s como las que tenia hechas a costo de su Vecindario, que se agregeron a las de Gobierno, determino de conformidad este Ayuntamiento representarselo a su Exa. como lo berifico en oficio de Deinte Uno del precente cuyo tenor es como sigue - Exmo Sor. - El cabildo justicia y Regim^{to} de esta Ciudad, en junta de 15 del Corriente, acordo de unanime conformidad arbitriarse una casa en que se celebran sus actas Capitulares, que por nesesidad se hacian en la de el Alc^e de 1^{er} Voto, en Virtud de que la que servia para este fin se agrego desde el ano de (805) a la de Gov^{no} Executivam^{te} Sor. Exmo. se pucieron todos los medios al efecto y se disputo con teson poradesbanecer los obstaculos y dificultades que se precentaron a este Cuerpo, en rason a hacer otra dedicada para aquel fin, pero cuando concidero que cualquier grabamen que se le impuciera a estos infelices abitantes con este i otros fines hera tiranizarlos y acabarlos de arruinar, no pudo menos que desistir de su empresa y premeditar otro medio menos biclento y peligroso, cual es impetrar de la justificacion de V.E. la donacion de una de las cosas secuestradas a los insurgentes, situadas en la Plaza Principal de esta Ciudad; con lo cual podra conciderarse como remunerada las casas R^s hechas a cos-

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to de estos vecinos y anexas en el dia a las de Gov^{no} Spre. que V.E. tenga la bondad de acceder a la solisitud de este Ayun^{to} quien en el interin queda rogando a la dibina Mag^d prospere las felicidades de V.E. M^s a^s Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar, 21 de Abril de 1819, Exmo. Sor. con lo que se dio fin a la Seccion de este dia firmandolo con los testigos de asistencia en falta de escribano que no lo ay como queda dho, es damos fee.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar, a los veinte y nueve dias del mes de Abril de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos, se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y no habiendo tenido que tratar se rretiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Voto y Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los seis

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dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se rretiraron, poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e de 1^{er} Voto y Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los trese dias del mes de mayo de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se rretiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde 1^{er} Voto y Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y siete dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos dies y nueve se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron, poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Voto y Sindico Procurador.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los tres dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Voto Dn. Fran^{co} Montes, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dies y siete dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen, y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a primero de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos, se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} voto, Dn. Francisco Montes, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los ocho dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cavildo los Sres. que lo componen, y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los quince dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cavildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Voto, Dn. Francisco Montes y el Sindico Procurador Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y dos dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cavildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo habido que tratar, se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y nueve dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cavildo los Sres. que lo componen y no teniendo que tratar poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los seis dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos seis y nueve anos se juntaron a Cavildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dose dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dies y nueve dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cavildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer vot, Dn. Francisco Montes y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y seis dias del mes de Agosto de mil ochocientos diez y nueve, se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, En. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dos dias del mes de Septi^{re} se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia, que rubricaron el Alcalde de primera Eleccion, Dn. Francisco Montes, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los ocho dias del mes de Sept^e de mil ochocientos diez y nueve se juntaron a Cabildo extraordinario los Senores que lo componen y se abrio un oficio del Sor. Gobernador de esta Provincia y es al tenor Sig^{te} - En atencion a la escases de Tropa en que queda la Provincia y particularmente esta Capital que tiene mas atenciones con motivo de la salida de la Tropa a la Campana se hace preciso e indispensable prolectar arbitrios para asegurar lo de las yncomodidades de los Yndios Varberos y a acer de otras clases de enemigos que tratan de estilisarnos, en cuya birtud espero tomen ustedes para el procimo

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domingo despues de la primera misa se aga citacion al vecindario a fin de que acistan a la sala de Cabildo para que en Ayuntamiento se les yntime y anime a que se presten voluntariamente para formar una Comp^a de fieles realistas con sus respetibles oficiales a la cabe que seran elegidos entre los que se presten aquellos de mas espedicion y merito y lo mismo una pequena partida de artilleros con el propio titulo, anticipandose Ustedes a yncinuarles algunos no deben tener reselo en esta operacion de ser despues destignados ni enbebidos en las companias pues solo me estrecha esta determinacion, la citucion en que queda esta Capital y que no se les yncomodara amenos que nose presente casos urgentes que lo exigen; Esperando del selo con que ustedes deben mirar el bien del servicio de su Magestad y seguridad desta Patria emplearen toda su energica y persuacion para animarles a esta operacion a fin de que se presten con gusto y voluntaridad - Dios Guarde a Ustedes M^s A^s. Bexar ocho de Setb^e de mil ochocientos diez y nueve - Antonio Martines - Senores Alcaldes - desta Ciudad. Con lo que se dio fin firrmandola con los testigos de ass^a a falta de escribano de que damos fee.

Franc^{co} Montes de Oca

Gasper Flores

Vicente Cortari

Franc^{co} Xavier Bustillos

Jose Maria Escalera

Eugenio Flores

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En dies y seis del mismo mes de Setb^e de mil ochocientos diez y nueve se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario y no habiendo nada que tratarse retiraron los Senores que lo componen poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Fran^{co} Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Setb^e se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo nada que se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los treinta dias del mes de Setb^e de mil ochocientos diez y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo habido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, D. Eugenio Flores

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los siete dias del mes de Octubre de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario los Senores

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que lo componen y no habiendo abido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que firmaron el Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Montes, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los quinse dias del mes de Octubre de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años, se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo abido nada que tratar se rretiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Eleccion, Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Obre. de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y no habiendo abido nada que tratar se rretiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Eleccion Dn. Fran^{co} Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los cinco dias del mes de Nov^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años se juntaron a Cabildo Ordinario los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo abido nada que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^{er} Eleccion Dn. Francisco Montes y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dies dias del mes de Nov^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años se juntaron a Cabildo Estracordinario los Senores que lo componen y colocados por su orden en sus respetibos asientos, se abrio un oficio del Sor. Yntend^{te} de San Luis Potosi y dise lo sig : Con fha. Tres Septiembre ultimo me dise el Exmo. Sor. Virrey lo que sigue - En el Expediente instruido a consulta del Sanor Comandante Gral. de Provincia interna de Osidente sobre la asignacion que el Yntente interino de Sonora pretende se haga de aquellos fondos de Propios al Maestro de primeras letras que ha establecido en la Ciudad de Arispe, me ha expuesto el Sor. Fiscal de lo Civil entre otras cosas, haberse muy notable que con la mayor frecuencia, asi el citado Ayuntamiento de la Capital de Arispe como el de Durango, y casi todos los demas del Reino, remiten a este Superior Gobierno sus asuntos y pretenciones respetibas, lo mismo que si fueran simples contestaciones de oficio, y sin nombrar o designar agente apoderado o Procurador Expensado que equite y satisfaga los dnos. que causan en la Fiscalia, Asesoría gral. y oficios

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por donde corren o giren, contra lo que dicta la razon y Justicia y las respetibas disposiciones de esta superioridad, en especial las comprendidas en la Superior circular de veinte de Obre. de ochocientos cuatro, relativa a la consideracion que le han merecido los honorarios de negocios que se despachan, pro hallarse comprendidos en ellos la parte mas prel. de las donaciones que el Rey quiere gosen los Agentes fiscales y demas subalternos. En esta Atencion he resuelto por mi superior decreto de Veinte y seis de Agto. ultimo, de conformidad con lo pedido por el citado Sor. Ministro, prevenir a V.S. como lo hago con esta fecha a los demas Senores Yntendentes, disponga que los Ayuntamientos de la Prov^a del mando de V.S. que no tubieron Apoderado, nombren inmediatamente sugeto de esta, Capital expensado competentemente que se encargue de sus asuntos, y pague los danos que causen; en el concepto de que si asi no lo berificaran no se les dara curse a dnos. asuntos, y en el acto recobra en los culpantes la responsabilidad a las resultas, haciendolas V.S. entender a los mencionados Cuerpos igualm^t que para evitar cualquier omision que sea capas de poder iludir mas este deber y obligacion a que quedan constituidos en el acto de trasladarles V.S. esta mi resolucion, y que no tendran en manera alguna dis-

culpa en qualquiera tiempo,

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esta encargada la Contaduria gral. de propios de recoger y exigir o reclamar, las contestaciones de esta circular; asi como de celar el que se cumpla en todos sus partes por quien correspondiere con su tenor y de darne oportunam^{te} cuenta con los transgresores para providenciar el remedio. Y lo traslado a V.S. para su inteligencia y cumplimiento esperando me abise el resibo de esta. Dios gue. a V.S. m.a. San Luis Potosi dose de Obre. de mil ochocientos dies y nueve - Manuel de Asebedo El Ayuntam^{to} de San Antonio de Bexar - Con lo que se concluyo esta sesion que firmamos de que damos fee.

Fran^{co} Montes

Vicente Gortari

Fran^{co} Xavier Bustillos

Jose Maria Escalera

Gaspar Flores

Eugenio Flores

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los honse dias del mes de Nov^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y se trato de contestar el oficio que el Sor. Yntend^{te} de San Luis Potosi a remitido a este Ayuntamiento, cuya contestacion hes la sig^{te}. El Ayuntam^{to} de San Fernando de Bexar, en junta celebrada en este dia se a impuesto por el oficio de V.S. de dose de Obre. del corriente ano dela Superior Orden del Exmo. Senor Virrey

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desste Reino de tres de Obre. ultimo por lo cual se sirba mandar que este Ayuntam^{to} nombre y senale en la Capital de Mexico un apoderado para que ne le orden debido pueda fijar los asuntos o competencias que se susiten ante esta Corporacion, en cuya cirtud queriendo cumplir puntualmente con la expresada superior Resolucion, promete este ayuntam^{to} dar poder competente a sujeto ydonco que lo substituya en Mexico; pero hallandose V.S. bien enterado de la larga distancia a que se alla esta Provincia de la Capital del Reino y que para ello no es posible dar pronto cumplimiento a la mencionada superior ordn. espera este Ayuntam^{to} que V.S. se sirba haser presente estas combisentes razones a los Senores de la Contaduria Gral. de propios para que no consideren como omision las presisas diligencias que tiene que practicar este Ayuntamiento para la Elecion de su apoderado deviendo V.S. quedar entendido de que en le momento que se libre este poder se le dara el debido conosim^{to} a fin de que pueda por su parte ase-

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gurar el Cumplim^{to} de la Superior orn. del Exmo Senor Virrey - Dios Gue a V.S. m^s a. Bexar a los honse de Nov^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve - Fran^{co} Montes - Vicente Gortari - Jose Manuel de la Garza - Jose Maria Escalera - Fran^{co} Bustillos - Eugenio Flores - Sor Yntend^{te} Correx^{or} con lo que se concluyo esta Sesion que firmamos de que damos fee.

Fran^{co} Montes de Oca

Gaspar Flores

Vicente Gortari

Fran^{co} Xavier Bustillos

Eugenio Flores

Jose Maria Escalera

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los disiocho dias del mes de Nov^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no abiendo tenido nada que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que Rubricaron el Alc^e de la Elecion D. Fran^{co} Montes y Sindico Procurador D. Eugenio Flores.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los Veinte y Sinco dias del mes de Nov^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve anos, se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y no abiendo tenido nada que tratar se rretiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alc^e de l^a Elecion D. Fran^{co} Montes y Sindico Procurador, D. Eugenio Flores.

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SML-34. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dos dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y se trato haser la Elecion de Jueses de Barrio para el año proximo de mil ochocientos veinte y salieron eletos, para el Norte Dn. Rafael Lopes, del Sur, Dn. Francisco de Sosa, de Laredo D. Melchor de la Garsa, y de Balero D. Joaquⁿ Rendon y abiendo merecido la aprobacion del Sor. Governador de esta Provincia D. Ant^o Martines se puso por deligencia que firmamos de que damos fee.

Fran^c Montes de Oca

Vicente Gortari

Fran^{co} Xavier Bustillos

Jose Maria Escalera

Gasper Flores

Eugenio Flores

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los nueve dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen, y no abiendo tenido nada que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por deligencia y lo rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^a Elecion D. Fran^{co} Montes y Sindico Procurador, D. Eugenio Flores.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los quinse dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años, se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario los Senores que lo componen, y no abiendo tenido que tratar, se puso por deligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primera Elecion D. Fran^{co} Montes y Sindico Procurador, D. Eugenio Flores.

SML-35. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años se juntaron a Cabildo Extraordinario presidido por el Sor. Alcalde de 1^a Elecion D. Francisco Montes y los Senores D. Gaspar Flores, Alcalde de 2^o Boto, Dn. Vicente Gortari, D. Jose Manuel de la Garsa, D. Jose Maria Escalera, D. Fran^{co} Bustillos y Sindico Procurador, D. Eugenio Flores, quiénes colocados por su orden en sus respetivos asientos propuso dho Sor. Presidente que esta junta hera selebrada para hacer la Elecion de Alcaldes, Regidores, y Sindico Procurador para el año entrante de mil ochocientos veinte, y despues de haber prosedido con el mas maduro acuerdo, se prosedio a ella y salieron eletos, para Alcalde de 1^a Elecion, D. Fran^{co} Flores,

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de 2^o D. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, para Regidores llenos, D. Santiago Seguin, D. Eugenio Flores Dn. Francisco Bustillos. Dn. Ygn^o Villa Sencr, y para Sindico Procurador, D. Jose Ygn^o Chaves, en todos concurren las circunstancias y requisitos neserarios para el buen desempeno de dho s empleos, y para su debida constancia se mando poner por deligencia y se dio cuenta al Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Provincia D. Antonio Martines para los efectos que combengan, y lo firmamos de todo damos fe.

Fran^{co} Montes de Oca

Jose Maria Escalera

Fran^{co} Xavier Bustillos

Eugenio Flores

Gasper Flores

Vicente Gortari

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ochocientos dies y nueve años se juntaron a Cabildo Extraordinario los Senores que lo componen y sentados por su orden en sus respetivos asientos se abrio un oficio del Sor. Governador y dise lo sig^{te}. Debuelbo a VV^s la Acta Capitular que en junta de Cabildo Extraordinaria ha hecho ese Ayuntam^{to} y me incluye ayer, para el nombram^{to} de sugetos de que se ha de componer dho. Cuerpo en el prox^o benturo

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año de mil ochocientos veinte, a fin de que habiendo merecido me aprobacion hagan V.V^s della

el uso combiniente - Dios Guera V.V^s m.^s a.^s Bexar Veinte y tres de Dic^e de mil ochocientos
dies y nueve. Antonio Martines - Al Ylustre Ayuntam^{to} de esta Ciudad, y con esto se dio
fin a esta sesion que firmamos de que damos fe.

Fran^{co} Montes de Oca

Vicente Gortari

Fran^{co} Xavier Bustillos

Jose Maria Escalera

Gaspar Flores

Eugenio Flores

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los treinta dias del mes de Dic^e de mil ocho-
cientos dies y nueve anos, se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo abido
que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron, D. Fran^{co} Montes, Alcalde de
1^a Eleccion y Sindico Procurador, D. Eugenio Flores.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar, en 1^o de Enero de mil ochocientos veinte anos,
se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario que presidio, el Sor. Gov^{or} de esta Provincia, D. Antonio Mar-
tines, los Senores, D. Francisco Montes, Alcalde de primera Eleccion, el de segunda Eleccion,
D. Gaspar Flores, D. Becente Gortari, D. Jose Manuel de la Garsa, D. Jose Maria Escalera, D.
Francisco Bustillos, y Sindico Procurador, D. Eugenio Flores y seguidam^{te} se dio entrada en
esta sala capitular a D. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, y D. Santiago Seguin, no haciendolo D.
Francisco Flores, D. Yg^o Villa Senor, y D. Jose Yg^o Chaves, por estar ausentes, y colocados
por su orden en sus respetivos asientos hisieron los Senores Alcaldes entrega de sus insinias,
al Sor. Precidente, y despues de tomados recibio juram^{to} segun estilo de dho. a D. Jose Antonio
de la Garsa, Alcalde de 2^a eleccion, y por ausencia del de 1^a se le entrego a D. Santiago Seguin
como primer Regidor, tomandoseles su juramento a los senores Regidores, D. Eugenio Flores, y
D. Francisco Bustillos, y habiendolo otorgado en forma de dho. ofrecieron desempenar sus cargos
con toda integridad y justicia, y defender los sagrados dros. de la Relixion, del Rey, y la
Patria, se les entregaron los ynsinias de Justicia, quedando en posesion de sus respetivos
empleos, y luego que se concluyo esta sesion se dirigio todo el Cuerpo a hoir la misa parroquial
quedando concludida esta junta se puso por

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diligencia, que firmo dho. Sor. Gov^{or} y posesionados con testigos de asistencia a falta de
escribano que no lo hay en el termino que la Ley prebiene de que damos fee.

Eugenio Flores

Santiago Seguin

Antonio Martines

Francisco Xavier Bustillos

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los onse dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos
veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen presidido por el Sor. Governador de
esta Provincia D. Antonio Martines, y estando presente el Alcalde de primera Eleccion, D. Fran^{co}
Flores, y el quarto Regidor, D. Ygnacio Villa Senor, se procedio a ponerles en pocesion de su
empleo y lo firmamos en dha. ciudad.

Fran^{co} Flores

Jose Antonio de la Garsa

Santiago Seguin Ygnacio Villa Senor

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los trese dias del mes de Enero de mil
ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y colocados por su orden
en sus respetibles asientos se trato de poner una Escuela para la ensenanza de ninos, y se nom-
bro por Comicionado de dicha Escuela a D. Gaspar Flores; con lo que se concluyo esta sesion

por no aver otra que tratar rubricandolo por ante los testigos de asistencia de que damos fe.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte dias del mes de Enero, de mil ochocientos veinte anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo abido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primera Eleccion, D. Francisco Flores y Sindico Procurador, D. Ygnacio Chaves.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y siete dias del mes de Enero de mil ochocientos veinte anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Senores que lo componen y no habiendo tenido que tratar, se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de primera Eleccion D. Francisco Flores, y Sindico Procurador, D. Ygnacio Chaves.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los tres dias del mes de Febrero de mil ochocientos veinte anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Sores que lo componen y no habiendo hevido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion, D. Francisco Flores, y Sindico Procurador, D. Ygnacio Chaves.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dias dias del mes de Febrero de mil ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de primer voto, D. Francisco Flores y el de igual clase de 2^o D. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, los Sres. Regidores D. Eugenio Flores, D. Francisco Bustillos, D. Ygnacio Chaves y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos se trato de poner una Escuela para la ensenanza de ninos con lo que se concluyo esta cesion por no haber tenido otra cosa que tratar que rubricamos de que damos fe.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dias y siete dias del mes de Feb^o de mil ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen, y no habiendo abido que tra-

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tar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion D. Francisco Flores, y Sindico Procurador, D. Ygn^o Chaves.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dias y ocho dias del mes de Febrero de mil ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cavildo extraordinario los Senores que lo componen presidido del Alcalde de primera Eleccion, D. Francisco Flores, el de igual clase de segunda D. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, y Regidores llanos, D. Santiago Seguin, D. Eugenio Flores, D. Francisco Bustillos y Sindico Procurador D. Ygnacio Chaves, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos y habiendo avierto un oficio del Sor. Governador de la Provincia encontramos con un Bando del Sor. Virrey en que se anuncia el contratado Matrim^o del Rey Nuestro Senor D. Fernando Septimo con la Serenisima Princesa de Sajonia D^a Maria Josefa Amalia y no habiendo hevido otra cosa que tratar, se concluyo esta seccion que rubricamos.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar ha los veinte y quatro dias del mes de Feb^o

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del ano de mil ochocientos veinte anos se juntaron a cabildo los Sores. que lo componen y no habiendo habido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion D. Francisco Flores, y Sindico Procurador, D. Ygnacio Chaves.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los dos dias del mes de Marso del ano de mil ochocientos veinte anos se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo habido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion D. Fran^{co} Flores, y Sindico Procurador D. Ygn^o Chaves.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los diez dias del mes de Marzo del año de mil ochocientos veinte años se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen, y no habiendo habido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion, D. Francisco Flores, y Sindico Procurador D. Ygnacio Chaves.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los diez y seis dias del mes de Marzo de mil ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo auido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion D. Francisco Flores y Sindico Procurador, D. Ygnacio Chaves.

SML-37. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Marzo del año de mil ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen presidido por el Alcalde de 1^a Eleccion D. Francisco Flores, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos dispuso el Sor. Presidente que se leyese un escrito presentado a Dho. Cuerpo por D. Clemente Delgado que contenia pedimento de sertificacion de su conduta hoserbada en esta Ciudad desde el Año pasado de mil ochocientos diez y nueve hasta la Fha. leide pues, y acordado su contenido conosiendo ser sierta su conduta honrades, y su manejo en el tiempo que se expresa dispusieron se le diese la sertificacion que pide. Em el mismo dia se resibio otro escrito del espresado D. Clemente Delgado decretado para el Sor. Gov^{OR} donde espone fige su residencia este yndividuo en esta Ciudad como lo solicita presentandose ha los Sres. Alcaldes de esta Ciudad para que resibiendole el correspondiente Juramento de Fieldad, y siega hobe-

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dencia al Soberano el Sor. D. Ferd^O 7^O (Q.D.G) lo que se berifico ante este Ylustre Ayuntamiento hofresiendo este dho. yndividuo cumplir con los deveres, y hobligasion de Buen Basallo sujetandose en todo, y por todo a sus leyes y dominasion de las legitimas autoridades que ha su R. Nombre Gobiernan. Con lo que se concluyo esta sesion que rubricamos con los testigos de asistencia en falta de Escribano que no lo hai de que damos fee.

De asist^a De asist^a

En seis de Abril de mil ochocientos veinte años no hubo junta de Cabildo por que no hasis-
tieron los Sres. que lo componen, y para constancia se puso por diligencia que rubrico el
Sindico Procurador.

En la Ciudad de S. Fernando de Bexar a los trese dias del mes de Abril del año de mil
ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen, y no habiendo habido
que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron

En la Ciudad de S. Fernando de Bexar a los veinte dias del mes de Abril del año de mil
ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen y no habiendo habido que
tratar se re-

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tiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte ocho dias del mes de Abril del año de
mil ochocientos veinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sres. que lo componen y colocados en sus
asientos se abrio un oficio del Sor. Gov^{OR} de esta Prov^a en que se anuncia el contratado
matrimonio de Sor. Ynfante D. Franc^O de Paula con la Serenisima Princesa D^a Luisa Carlota de
lo que ha tenido este Ayuntamiento la mayor satisfasion, y complasencia de lo que damos fee
y rubricamos.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los diez y ocho dias del mes de Mayo del año de mil ochocientos beinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sores. que lo componen presidido del Alca lde de segunda Eleccion D. Jose Antonio de la Garsa y Regidores llanos D. Santiago Seguin, D. Eugenio Flores, D. Santiago Bustillos, D. Ygn^o Villa Sor. y Sindico Procurador, D. Ygn^o Chaves, y colocados por su orden se trato de pasar un oficio al Sor. Governador referente al Facultativo

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de esta Ciudad; y no habiendo otra cosa que tratar se concluyo esta Cesion que rubricamos.

SML-38. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los beinte y sinco dias del mes de Mayo de mil ochocientos beinte se juntaron a Cabildo ordinario que presidio el Alcalde l^{er} Voto por hocupasion del Sor. Gov^{or} no hallandose presente el de 2^o voto, D. Jose Ant^o de la Garsa por allarse enfermo, y el Regidor D. Eugenio Flores por el mismo efecto. Regidores llanos D. Santiago Seguin, D. Francisco Bustillos, D. Ygnacio Billa Senior, y Sindico Procurador, D. Ygnacio Chaves, y colocados por su orden en sus respectivos asientos acorde este Cuerpo de nombrar un comisionado para que se le del Buen Ordⁿ y Arreglo de la Escuela que lo es Dn. Ygnacio Billa Sor. quien llebe toda facultad por el Sor. Governador como por este Ayuntamiento para que pueda apremiar y castigar al que falte tanto al Maestro de la Escuela en la ensenansa de los ninos como a los padres de los ninos al pago de su ensenansa advirtiendoles a los mencionados padres para que el dia ultimo del mes bensido deveran llebarlo ha sus Comisarios la paga segun su estipendio asiendole responsable al Sor. Comicionado de su cumplimiento con lo que se concluyo esta Cesion que rubricamos y mandamos sele pase testimonio al Sor. Governador de que damos fee.

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En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los ocho dias del mes de Junio del año de mil ochocientos beinte se juntaron a Cabildo los Sores. que lo componen y no habiendo habido que tratar se retiraron poniendolo por diligencia que rubricaron.

En dha. Ciudad a los quinse dias del mes de Junio de mil ococientos veinte anos, abrio las puertas de la Sala Capitular el Sindico Procurador, D. Ygnacio Chaves, y por no haber asistido los Senores que componen el Cuerpo Capitular, lo puso por diligencia que rubrico.

En dha. Ciudad a los veinte y dos dias del mes de Junio de mil ochocientos veinte anos, se juntaron a Cavildo ordinario que precidio el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, D. Francisco Flores, los Senores que lo componen, y colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, se abrio un pliego que presento serrado Dho. Sor. Presidente y contenia un oficio del Sor. Governador de la Provincia Coronel D. Antonio Martines, en que inserta un Exemplar al Yndulto que S.M. se ha servido expedir con fecha 20 de Dic^e de 1819, para todos sus Dominios, con motivo del felis enlace, con la Reyna Nuestra Senora D^a Maria Josefa Amalia, cuyo resibo contesto a Dho. Sor. Governador y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que tratar, lo hicieron poner por diligencia que rubricaron, y de todo dan fee.

En veinte y seis de Junio de mil ochocientos veinte anos

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se juntaron a Cavildo extraordinario que presidio el Alcalde de primer voto, los senores Alcalde de Segundo Voto, Dn. Jose antonio de la Garsa, Regidores, Dn. Santiago Seguin, D. Eugenio Flores, Dn. Francisco Bustillos, y Dn. Ygnacio Villa Senior, y Sindico Procurador, Dn. Ygnacio Chaves, quienes colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos se abrio, y dio lectura a un oficio del Sr. Governador de la Provincia, que presento serrado el dho. Sr. Precidente, y contenia la Remision de un Exemplar del Bando del Exmo. Sr. Virrey de este N.E. en que previene se publique y jurela constitucion Politica de la Monarquia Espanola cuyo acto se

executo el mismo dia a las cinco de la tarde con asistencia de este cuerpo y demas Autoridad y quienes despues de que precidio el publico Solemne juramento del espresado Sr. Governador y Tropa, hicieron el que les correspondio, y concludida esta Seremonia, lo hisimos poner por diligencia que rubricamos con testigos de asistencia a falta de Escribano, de que damos fee.

En veinte y nueve de Junio no hubo junta de Cabildo por ser dia Festivo, y se puso por diligencia que rubrico el Sr. Procurador.

En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los seis dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos veinte anos, abrio las puertas de la Sala Capitular el Sindico Procurador, Dn Ygnacio Chaves, y por haberse pasado la hora acostumbrada sin que asistieran los Senores que componen dho. Cuerpo, se retiro, y lo puso por diligencia que rubrico.

En quinse del propio mes, no hubo que tratar por que

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se paso la hora acostumbrada, sin que asistieran los Senores que componen el Cuerpo Capitular y para que conste se puso por diligencia que rubrico el Sor. Procurador.

En dha. Ciudad en veinte y dos del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos veinte anos asistio el Sor. Procurador a la Casa de Ayuntamiento y por no haberlo verificado los Senores que componen el Cuerpo Capitular, se retiro y lo puso por diligencia que rubrico.

SML-39. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos veinte anos se juntaron a Cabildo Extraordinario que presidio el Sor. Alcalde de segundo voto, D. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, los Senores, Regidores D. Santiago Seguin, Dn. Eugencio Flores, Dn. Fran^{co} Xavier Bustillos, Dn. Ygnacio Villa Sor., y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Ygnacio Chaves, quienes colocados por el orden regular en sus respectivos asientos, presento dho. Sr. Presidente dos pliegos serrados del Sor. Governador de esta Provincia Coronel D. Antonio Martines, que se mando abrir, y dio lectura a ellos y contenian el uno la remision de un oficio del Sor. Com^e Gral. de estas Prov^s Brigadias Dn. Joaquin de Arredondo, fha. 7 del presente mes, en que inserta cinco exemplares del Bando que se deve publicar y circular para eleccion de junta Electoral, y Cavildo Constitucional; y el otro contiene otro oficio del mismo Superior Cefe en que pide triplicado testimonio de las diligencias practicadas en el acto del juramento de la constitucion politica de la Monarquia Espanola; sobre que se resolbio en quan-

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to al contenido del presente oficio que el dia de mañana despues de Misa Mayor, se junten en esta Sala Capitular todos los Ciudadanos que estén presentes respecto a hallarse ausentes en persecucion de enemigos Muchos de los principales Ciudadanos; para que se hagan las Elecciones previnidas, y en quanto al contenido del Segundo oficio, se determino sacar testimonios de la acta que se estendio el dia del juramento de la Constitution, y siendo quanto hubo que tratar se puso por diligencia que rubricamos con testigos de asistencia de que damos fee.

SML-40. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y tres dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos veinte anos se juntaron a Cavildo Extraordinario que presidio el Sor. Governador de esta Provincia Coronel Dn. Antonio Martines, los Senores Alcalde de segundo voto, Dn. Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Regidores, Dn. Santiago Seguin, Dn. Eugenio Flores, Dn. Francisco Xavier Bustillos, y Dn. Ygnacio Villa Senor, y el Sindico Procurador, Dn. Ygnacio Chaves, sin que asistiera el Sor. Alcalde de primer voto, Dn. Francisco Flores, por estar ausente, y colocados todos por el orden acostumbrado en sus respectivos asientos, se dio entrada a la Sala de Ayuntamiento a todos los Ciudadanos del Pueblo, que desde el dia de ayer estan convocados para

el de hoy despues de la Misa Mayor de Parroquia; y habiendoles instruido dho. Sor. Presidente el objeto a que se reunia la junta, y formalidades que en ella deven observar, procedieron al Nombramiento de los Nueve Electores de Parroquia, que han de elejir el Nuevo Ayuntamiento Constitucional, y a pluralidad absoluta de votos, resultaron electos para aquellos destinos los Senores Ciudadanos Dn. Jose Erasmo Seguin, Dn. Jose Antonio Saucedo, Dn. Jose Antonio Navarro, Dn. Vicente Gortari, Dn. Gaspar Flores, D. Francisco Montes de Oca, Dn. Luis

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Galan, D. Manuel Barrera, y Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garsa, a quienes mando dho. Sor. Presidente, se les pasen los correspondientes oficios de estilo, avisandoles su nombram^{to}, y que para el dia veinte y cinco del presente mes, que es el primer festivo que ocurre entre la semana, asistan antes de la Misa Mayor de Parroquia a la Sala que hasta ahora sirve de Capitular, a celebrar la Junta electoral, que a consecuencia de las Superiores Ordenes comunicadas a este Ayuntamiento proceda a elejir un Alcalde, quatro Regidores, y un Sindico Procurador que son los Empleos que por ahora parece deve tener este Ayuntamiento, con arreglo al numero de havitantes que tiene su Poblacion, sin atender al privilegio que le corresponde, como Cabesera de Provincia, y no habiendo ocurrido otra cosa que acordar se puso por diligencia que firmo el mencionado Sor. Presidente, el Sor. Alcalde de Segundo voto, y el Sindico Procurador, en defecto de Secretario, y de todo doy fee.

Antonio Martinez

Ygnacio Chaves

Jose Antonio de la Garsa

SML-41. En la Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y cinco dias del mes de Julio de mil ochocientos veinte anos, antes de la Misa Mayor de Parroquia se reunieron en la Sala que sirve para junta de Ayuntamiento los Senores Electores de Parroquia, Dn. Jose Erasmo Seguin, D. Jose Antonio Navarro, Dn. Jose Antonio Saucedo, Dn. Vicente Gortary, Dn. Francisco Montes de Oca, Dn. Luis Galan, Dn. Manuel Barrera, Dn. Jose Manuel de la Garsa, y Dn. Gaspar Flores, presentandose, seguidamente en dha. junta el Sor. Gobernador de esta Provincia Coronel, Dn. Antonio Martinez, con el objeto de presidir la junta Electoral, que deve nombrar el Ayuntamiento Constitucional, segun las instrucciones que le rigen, y

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colocados en sus respectivos asientos procedieron a nombrar primeramente un Secretario que en ella actue y a pluralidad absoluta de votos resulto electo Dn. Francisco Xavier Bustillos, y acto continuo se siguió dha. votacion, con la misma formalidad de la que resultaron electos para Alcalde, el Sor. Dn. Jose Erasmo Seguin, para Regidor primero el Sor. Dn. Jose Flores, para Segundo el Sor. Dn. Jose Maria Sambreno, para tersero el Sr. Dn. Juan Martin De Beramende, para quarto el Sor. Dn. Manuel Barrera, y para Sindico Procurador El Sor. Dn. Vicente Gortary, reduciendose a solo este numero de plazas con respecto al Corto vecindario que en la actualidad tiene esta Capital y habiendose situado en dha. junta a los electos que no estaban presentes, les hizo saber a todos verbalm^{te} dho. Sor. Gobernador su nombram^{to} y en seguida les resibio el juram^{to} prevenido por la constitucion, ofreciendo por el cumplirla, guardarla y desempenar sus encargos con la provia, y desinteres que se requiere, y en esta Virtud, quedaron en posesion de sus empleos, y dando el mismo Sor. Gobernador en un breve discurso las gracias a los Senores que hasta ahora han servido los empleos de Republica que cesaron en este acto, se dirigieron todos encuerpo a la Misa Mayor de Parroquia en la que despues del Evangelio, leyo el Sor. Cura Parroco, la Constitucion Politica de la Monarquia Espanola, a la que subsiguio una breve exortacion al Pueblo, y concluida la Misa, puso este sobre los Santos Evangelios la observancia, y cumplimiento de dho. codigo, finalisandose la Solemnidad de este Acto, con un Te Deum, y para constancia mando dho. Senor ponerlo por diligencia que firmaron el Secret^o nombrando, y de esto da fee.

Francisco Xabier Bustillos

En

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La Ciudad de San Fernando de Bexar a los veinte y

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S P A N I S H M I N U T E B O O K O N E

TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH LANGUAGE

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1815 to 1820

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Year of 1815

Book of the Cabildo, made by this Executive Body, which the Governor Colonel, Don Benito de Arminan saw fit to name, as witnessed by the appointments which each one (of the members) has in his possession, and (by) the approval of the said Authority, as is testified at the foot of this entry.

We make note of the election to the positions of First and Second Alcalde of Don Jose Maria Trevino as First and Don Jose Antonio de la Garza as Second; (as) ordinary Councilmen of Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Francisco Flores and Jose Maria de la Garza; and as Chief Procurator of Don Agustin Ruis; and there being united in them the conditions, the qualities, and the patriotism which the discharge of such sacred duties demands, I approve this declaration demanded of me by the present Alcaldes and Procurator, of at once citing the newly elected (officers), calling upon them to place upon the records of this Government the (said) declaration that it may fulfill the demands of formality

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and custom--Arminan. This is a copy of the original which remains filed in the Government Archive, and in attestation we affix our signatures- (on the said day and month) the First day of January of 1815----Which Gentleman gave possession: to which we bear witness----

Jhp. Maria Sambrano

Jose Antº de la Garza

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, on the fifth day of January, 1815, there were present at a regular meeting of the Cabildo, the gentlemen of the Council, the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano presiding; and after taking their respective seats, the appointing of four district commissioners (commisarios de barrio) (as necessary) for the well being and (good) order of the inhabitants of the city was taken up; and was carried out, and Don Ygnacio Villa Senor, Don Jose Antº de la Garza, Don Eugenio Flores and Don Gregorio Arciniega were admitted. And upon making clear to them the (conditions of) employment of the said commissioners, they swore by God and a sign of the Cross, to discharge with exactness the duties which may fall to them. And nothing more which needed attention having come up, the session was concluded:

Which we sign (Note-by rubric or signature) and of which we send all official relation to the Governor Colonel Don Benito de Arminan for his approval of these persons (the commissioners); (and) he declared that those named appeared to him

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to be acceptable, to which we bear witness

Jose Maria Sambrano

Jose Antonio de la Garza

On Jan. 12, 1815, nothing of what had transpired, was taken up, because the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano was sick, (and) he (was the one who) had charge of (bringing before the cabildo) what had taken place (that needed attention); and the hour (for the meeting) having passed, this explanation was entered; which we sign: the second Alcalde and the Councilmen Sr. Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, and the Procurator to which we bear witness---

On January 19, 1815, there was no meeting because the hour passed, and in confirmation this entry was made, which we, the First Alcalde and the Procurator, sign.

In the City of San Fernando de Bexar; on January 25, 1815, there met in regular session in a building belonging to the Government; presiding, the First

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Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis; and having taken their respective seats, attention was called to the feast of Our Lady of the Candelaria which will be celebrated on the second of the coming month of February. This entry was closed; which we attest (by our rubrics) and order that an account of it be sent to the Governor. Of which we bear witness.

On February 2, 1815, there was not any meeting, it being a day of Prayer in the Parish, in honor of Our Lady of the Candelaria, as above recorded; and in witness this entry was made which we sign: the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, Feb. 9, 1815, there met in regular session in a Government building, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, and Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis, and after taking their respective seats, it was agreed to request of the

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Breeders of Cattle, the supplying of meat to the Public in the slaughter house, and all the members being of the same mind, we indicated to them in a list, those (who are) obligated, and there being nothing more to take up; this entry was closed: which we attest and order that a report be sent to the Governor: of which we bear witness-----

The 16th. of February 1815--nothing was taken up because the hour had passed (Note) (and no one came) and in witness this entry was made, which we attest: The FirstAlcalde and the Procurator----

In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, February 23, 1815, there came together in session, in a building belonging to the Government, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis; and after taking their respective seats, it was agreed, among some of the matters to which the Executive Body gave attention in today's meeting, that it keep very mindful of the necessity which exists in this Capital of a preceptor to instruct the young in the rudiments of Our Holy Religion and their A B C's.

For some time this lack has been very painfully felt, but the misfortune of an absolute lack of means

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sufficient to give a living to a teacher, among the unhappy inhabitants themselves, has deterred us from taking the steps such a shortcoming demands. Among the more feasible, we find ourselves of one mind,-to make up a fund among all the well-to-do on such terms that it may amount to five hundred pesos to pay to the school-master annually, which plan presents no difficulties among the inhabitants; they will lend themselves gladly to the end that the children of this city may not lack a so useful as (well as) profitable teaching.

To accomplish this, we only lack Sir Governor, that meriting your approval, you may be pleased to bring it to the Superior Authority, the Commander General, whom we beg that he will immediately assign one of the houses known to belong to the rebellious insurgents, to this pious work, so that in it can be the school, since our possessions and those of this poor body of citizens cannot attain to the building of a plant which calls for an expenditure of two thousand pesos: And there being nothing more to transact, this act is closed: which we attest and order that a report of it be delivered to the Governor: of which we bear witness

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, February 28, 1815----there met in special session, in a building belonging to the Government, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos,

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Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis, and after taking their respective seats, it was agreed to hold an assembly of the townsfolk, and all of them being present, it was made known to them that the Governor Colonel Don Benito de Arminan was furnishing whatever soldiers would be needed for the detachment of the Redacto Gate(Note-this word may be Fuerte-fort instead of Puerta-gate) provided that the said townsfolk consents to build a large hut for the troop, another for the officer commanding, also a Stockade and two barrels for the water supply; and having consented, to do the said work, considering that it has to result to the common good, to prepare us as far as possible against the constant raids of the Barbarious who attack us. And so we

inscribe this act, and it remains filed with this date, and we deliver a report of it to the Governor; we attest it, and bear witness

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, March 2, 1815--there met in regular session, in a building belonging to the Government, presided over by the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, because the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano is absent, Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis; and after all had taken their respective seats, it was agreed that for the greater completeness of the supply of meat at the slaughter-house, we determine to place, on the same terms as formerly a peon or butcher, so that he may cut and sell according to custom--setting aside for him

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eight pesos monthly from the same fund for his subsistence, and so for its better fulfillment we appointed and encharged Councilman Don Domingo Bustillos for this next month to its end and likewise the other Councilmen by turn, and nothing else having come up for transaction, this minute was closed; the which we attest and order that a report of it be given to the Governor; of which we bear witness--

On the 9th. of March 1815, no business was transacted as the hour had passed, and in order that this may stand as evidence, we sign it; the Second Alcalde and the Procurator

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March 16, 1815, no voting took place, because no action occurred (Note-No business transacted) and that this may stand as evidence, we sign it: The First Alcalde and the Procurator

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March 30, 1815--there was no business transacted because nothing was presented for action, and that this may stand as evidence, we witness it:

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the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis

April 6, 1815--there was no business transacted, the Councilmen being absent; and that it may stand as evidence, we sign it: The First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 13, 1815, there united in Council, in a government building, the Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis; the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano presiding; not present Councilmen Don Jose Flores and Don Jose Manuel de la Garza; and after taking their respective seats, attention was given to the many complaints that

the townsfolk make, that the proprietors of lots on the banks of the River and Creek do not leave space for the common use (Note-Access to the water by all) although the preceding Governor ordered that they (i.e. lanes) be left free (open): We order that at the present time in which these individuals find themselves (i.e. at once) that they leave (open) more than the eight varas which each lane that reaches the River should have; four varas square on the upper part of the (river) bank and four below; of which they shall be informed by the Procurator and a member of the Council who is commissioned (to do so), and there being nothing else to transact, this minute was closed.

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which we attest and order that a report be given the Governor-To which we bear witness-

April 20, 1815, no business at all was transacted as the hour had passed, and that this may stand as evidence, we attest it: the First Alcalde and Procurator

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April 27, 1815, no business was transacted as nothing came up for action, and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: The First Alcalde and Procurator

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May 4, 1815-no business was transacted at all, as the hour had passed, and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis.

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May 11-1815, no business was transacted because there was nothing to take up, and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: The First Alcalde and the Procurator

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May 18, 1815-no business at all was transacted because nothing was brought up for action, and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: The First Alcalde and the Procurator

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May 25, 1815-there was no session, because it was the so celebrated day (of the fiesta) of Corpus and because the hour passed; and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: the First Alcalde and the Procurator

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June 2- no business was transacted as the First Alcalde was sick, and the Second absent (from town), and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: A Member of the Council and the Procurator

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June 9, 1815- no business was transacted because nothing came up for action, and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: The First Alcalde and the Procurator

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June 16, 1815: no business was transacted because the hour passed, and that this

may stand in evidence, we attest it: A Member of the Council because the Second Alcalde is out of town and the First sick: and with the Councilman, I sign it-the Procurator

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar: June 19, 1815, there met in Special Session in a building belonging to the Government, by disposition of the Governor Colonel Don Benito de Arminan and presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Members of the Council Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis, being absent Councilmen Don Francisco Flores and Don Jose Flores (being) sick. And after placing themselves in their respective seats, we were informed by word of mouth, that there remained no funds at all for the maintenance of the Troops that garrison this Province. On which account we ordered to assemble, the principal citizens who in part might be able to relieve this indigence; and that they state what resources they could contribute. To which they replied as is herewith stated: That their only resource was most necessary for feeding their families, and that to have resource to these so extremely scarce possessions for the purpose which we indicate, would be to place them in the dolorous state of (absolute) want. These benefits should be considered imaginary and exposed to (the possibility) that they may not endure from one day to another because of the forceful attacks committed daily by the savage Tribes, by which they prevent the owners (from getting any benefit from) these belongings (Note Crops, Cattle etc.); the want in which this unhappy people finds itself is never-ending; and that the least offering or contribution will be a most painful sacrifice, since agriculture, principal source of the earthly happiness of the peoples, finds itself in such a hopeless condition that the very persons who dedicate themselves to it hardly harvest enough for their bare needs, not because the lands do not allow it, since these are extremely fertile but because there are no persons of means to foster it----and there being nothing further to say, this minute was closed which we attest and order a report given to the Governor: To which we bear witness

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, June 22, 1815--there met in regular session in a government building presided over by the Second Alcalde, the Gentlemen of the Council Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis, not being present Don Francisco Flores because of being out of town and Don Jose Flores who is sick; and having taken their respective seats, there was opened an official communication from the Governor Colonel Don Benito de Arminan, in which he called our attention to the scarcity of funds for assistance of the Troops that Garrison this Capital; and (desired) that we make every possible effort with the townspeople to (persuade them) give with more generosity. We summoned to appear, and admitted Don Ignacio Perez, Don Manuel Barrera, Don Andres Chenlo, Don Francisco Collante, and other residents who are not named because considered unable to contribute any money, and having informed them of the contents of the message of the said Governor, they replied that so far as money is concerned they could not contribute any because of the misfortune (or limited time) they have had in this land and the scarcity of cash; that so far as country produce is concerned, they will be glad to assist according to the means of each individual inas much as he is able to do; this Executive Body assuring those who should make the loan, that as soon as the condition of the Royal Income may

permit, they will be reimbursed, because it is so just a request as there is nothing with which to feed the Troops. And Your Excellency can count upon a hundred and twenty cattle including the fifty offered by Don Ignacio Peres: And there being no other business, this minute was concluded, which we attest and order a copy given the Governor, to which we bear witness--

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, June 29, 1815, no business whatever was transacted because nothing was brought up for action, and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: The First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis: to which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 6, 1815, the Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano summoned the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis asking him if he would consent that a power (of attorney) for this Municipal Government be given to the Sub-deacon (brevet) Lieutenant Colonel Don Juan Manuel Sambrano as he found himself about ready to make a journey to the Capital of Mexico on private business; to which the said Procurator replied that if the power which would be conferred upon the said Sub-deacon had to do with matters beneficial to the Province he would concur always provided that the said Sub-deacon would not involve himself in heavy expenses occasioned by the said power nor in the very slightest way burdening the inhabitants of the said Province; to which he promised on his word (of honor) that he would hold the said Lieut. Col. Don Juan Manuel Sambrano responsible for such expenses, and on this understanding the Procurator asked the opinion of the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, the Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, impressing them favorably

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the arrangement (made) by the Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis-Councilman Don Francisco Flores being absent; entering the copy of the order conferred upon the "empowered" as follows:

"In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 6, 1815, the First and Second Alcaldes, Councilmen and the Procurator, who compose the Municipal Government of said City,- in a meeting held on this day, resolved to give all the power and authority which is needed and may be necessary, as it can and ought to (Note: This is not well expressed in the original) to the Sub-Deacon (Brevet) Lieut. Col. Don Juan Manuel Sambrano so that by its authority, and representing the rights and interests of all and each one of the residents of this above-mentioned City, he may appear before the King Our Lord, whom God preserve, and if it were necessary in his royal courts of these domains and other tribunals, both private and public as it may seem to him profitable and according to the knowledge that he has of this said Province as a native of it; as well as that which he acquired while he held the reins of its Government; that he may present all that he may judge helpful to its development and the relief of its inhabitants, with whatever he may consider beneficial to the obtaining of greater happiness for this land which because of the Revolutions which have been frequenst, the hostilities of the Indians which sur-

round it, and the lack of veteran companies in its Garrison, is reduced to a state of the utmost poverty that can be imagined, and its inhabitants indiscriminately labelled (confounded-confused-or grouped) with the infamous name of rebels, which was earned (incurred) by many unnatural fellow citizens

(NOTE: Translation of the next two or three lines is partly guess-work- the Spanish is very poor and the transcription not wholly correct)

because of which care was taken to seek out the necessary proofs, in order to be sure (take care)

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of his compliance. Since for all the aforesaid his unassailable (No such word as entidento-irredento means unredeemed-hence unchanged-reliable etc.) and well-known (anejo-old-aged-ancient) loyalty (dependiente-dependant, employee, but in this poorly written Spanish could mean "dependability") are well-known, we authorize this full and ample power with all the attributes necessary in law, in testimony of which we thus extend and attest it on the aforesaid day, month and year.

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July 13, 1815--No business was transacted as the hour had passed and that it may stand in evidence we attest it: The First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis--To which we bear witness

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 15, 1815, a Special Meeting of the Council was called by the Governor pro-tem of the Province, Colonel Don Benito de Arminan who presided; at which were present the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Second, Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, Councilman Don Domingo Bustillos and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis; not having attended the members of the Council Don Jose Flores and Jose Manuel de la Garza by (reason of) illness: And having, in their order, taken their respective seats, he (the Governor) stated verbally-----

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July 23, no business was transacted because the hour had passed, and that this may stand in evidence we attest it: The Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis, to which we bear witness-----

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On the 3rd. (August) day of the year 1815, no business was transacted because the hour had passed, and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: The First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis: to which we bear witness

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On the 10th. no business was transacted because the hour had passed, and that it

may stand in evidence we sign it: The Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis; to which we bear witness

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The 17th. of August, no business was transacted because nothing was brought up for action, and that this may stand in evidence we attest it: The Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza PAGE 18: and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis of which we bear witness

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August 24 no business was transacted because the hour had passed, and that this may stand in evidence we attest it; The Second Alcalde and the Procurator: to which we bear witness

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August 31 no business was transacted as the hour had passed, and that this may stand in evidence we attest it: The Second Alcalde and the Procurator to which we bear witness

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, September 14, 1815, there met in regular session in a building belonging to the Government and presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Members of the Council Don Francisco Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis, not being present Councilman Don Jose Flores because he is out of town. And after taking by his orders (or, "in turn"-it is bad Spanish) their respective seats, the Councilman en- charged with (supervision of) the Slaughter House stated that the building is much deteriorated and if not promptly reconstructed, will fall down. To which we agreed and disposed that it be repaired with whatever might be in the fund, and for the carrying out

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of the repairing of the said building, the Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza was commissioned because he has more knowledge of this (kind of) work; likewise it concerns him because the said fund owes him two hundred and more pesos since its erection for which he was commissioned by the deceased Governor Don Manuel de Saucedo; as is evidenced by the accounts demanded which the said Don Jose Manuel de la Garza presented to the Alcalde Don Ygnacio Peres last year, which were delivered to the First Alcalde of this Municipal Body Don Jose Maria Sambrano: And in order that in the future all bills drawn against the said fund ought to be entered in the books of this Department; and that the commis- sioners of this Business may be advised that there is owed to the said Don Jose Antonio de la Garza the amount shown by the said bills--as a necessary evidence of all the afore- said, we enter it as a minute, we attest it, and order a copy of it delivered to the Governor Captain Don Mariano Varela of this City: to which we bear witness

Jose Antonio de la Garza

Jose Maria Sambrano

Francisco Flores

Domingo Bustillos

Jose Manuel de la Garza

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar September 20, 1815, there met in regular

session presided over by the Governor of this Province Captain Don Mariano Varela, the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza and the Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis, not being present the

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first Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano who begged to be left out because the matter which they were going to take up concerned his brother the said Don Juan Manuel Sambrano; nor Councilman Don Jose Flores because he is sick. Those present took their regular seats, and there was opened a letter addressed to this Municipal Body by the aforesaid Don Juan Manuel Sambrano, and informed of its contents, it was taken up and discussed with the wisdom and understanding which it merits. As a consequence it was decided to unite tomorrow in an extraordinary session, the principal citizens of this city to inform them of the contents of said letter, so that they may decide what they may find fitting. With which this meeting was concluded, which we inscribed as an Act, which we attest on the said day, month and year, with witnesses of the attendance attesting with their rubrics-- of which we bear witness

Mariano Varela
Francisco Flores

Jose Antonio de la Garza
Domingo Bustillos

Jose Manuel de la Garza

Agustin Ruis

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and that it may stand in evidence, we attest it: the Second Alcalde and Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis-----

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, October 5, 1815--there met in regular session in a building of the Government, presided over by the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, the Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis, not assisting the First Alcalde because of being out-- of town; and after those present had taken their respective seats, attention was called to the obligatory feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is celebrated on December 12 of the current year; and in order that it may be duly carried into effect, we called upon the Barron de Bastrop and Don Gaspar Flores, so that these individuals as Officials of this function may collect the alms which was gathered, upon the prescribed conditions, in former years. Likewise we appointed as assistants at this ceremony the citizens Don Ignacio de Leon, Don Bicente Gortary, Don Pedro Arebalo and Don Antonio Delano so that together they can carry out what should be done with greater credit and completeness--And nothing further having come up for action

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this session was concluded, which we attest and order a copy of it delivered to the Governor of this Province: of which we bear witness----

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October 12, 1815--there met in regular session the Second Alcalde, Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Flores, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis; not assisting the first Alcalde because out of town. And after those present had taken, in order, their respective seats, Don Jose Salinas was admitted and presented a written communication from various persons of this place, requesting (permission to go on) round-up of wild horses (NOTE: Could also mean mustang races) which we thought proper to refer to the Governor so that according to his judgment, he will refer this petition to the Commandant General; that this may stand in evidence we attest it on this day and date.

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October 19, 1815-No business was transacted as nothing had been brought up for action: and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it: The Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis.

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October 26, 1815--No business was transacted as nothing was brought up for action, and that this may stand in evidence

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attest it: The Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, November 2, 1815, there met in regular session the Members of the Council, the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garza presiding, Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, and the Procurator Don Agustin Ruis with the object of finishing up matters pending under the presidency of the First Alcalde, Don Jose Maria Sambrano, who on this date did not attend because sick, nor did Councilman Don Francisco Flores because out of town. And there being nothing further to attend to this act was closed, as we attest, and order a report of it delivered to the Governor: to which we bear witness

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Nov. 16, there was no business transacted and that this may stand in evidence

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we attest it: The first Alcalde and the Procurator to which we bear witness

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November 23, 1815, no business was transacted, as the hour had passed: and that this may stand in evidence we attest it: The Second Alcalde and the Procurator: to which we bear witness

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Nov. 30, no business was transacted, as the hour had passed and that this may stand in evidence we attest it: The Second Alcalde and the Procurator: to which we bear witness

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December 7, 1815, no business was transacted as the hour had passed, and that this may stand in evidence we attest it: The Second Alcalde and Procurator; to which we bear witness

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December 14, 1815--there was no business transacted as the hour had passed; and that this may stand in evidence we attest it: The Second Alcalde and the Procurator: to which we bear witness

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 21, 1815--there met in regular session, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Members of the Council Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and the Procurator General Don Agustin Ruis, and after taking their respective seats, attention was given to appointing the Gentlemen who will fill these various posts, and it being convenient as we foresaw to elect the four Councilmen for 1816, by a plurality of votes, and also the First and Second Alcaldes and the Procurator, we have seen fit to name and we do name: For First Alcalde, Don Domingo Bustillos, as Second, Don Gaspar Flores; for Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes, Don Jose Angel Navarro and Don YgnacioChaves, and as Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza; and in all of these there are united the qualities necessary for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, and there being no further business; this entry was closed: which we attest and order that a report be sent to the Governor of this Province for his approval--to which we bear witness

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, Dec. 29, 1815--there was no business transacted as the hour had passed, and that this may stand in evidence

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we attest it: First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don AgustinRuis, to which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 1, 1816--there met in regular session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and Don Jose Antonio de la Garza; the Councilmen Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Flores, Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and Procurator Don Agustin Ruis; and after taking their respective seats, there were admitted into the Chapter House the First and Second Alcaldes, Councilmen, and the Procurator, newly appointed and approved by the Governor Captain Don Mariano Varela, who in an official communication instructed the First Alcalde Don

Jose Maria Sambrano to install the Alcaldes Don Domingo Bustillos and Don Gaspar Flores; the Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ygnacio Chavez; and the Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza; which was effected; and the oath was administered, of loyalty, patriotism, good order and the discharge of their functions: to which they acceded; and they promised to preserve and to cause to be preserved all that is just; and that each one will fulfill the duties that may fall to him. And immediately following (this) they assisted at High Mass according to custom; and that this may stand in evidence, we attest it and order a report delivered to the Governor: to which we bear witness

Jose Maria Sambrano
Francisco Flores
Manuel Salinas

Domingo Bustillos
Francisco Montes
Ygnacio Chavez

Jose Anto de la Garza
Gaspar Flores
Jose Manuel de la Garza

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, Jan. 4, 1816, there united in a regular session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos, - the Governor of the Province being otherwise engaged, - the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores, Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ignacio Chavez, and the Procurator General Don Jose Manuel de la Garza; and having, in order, taken their respective seats, the Procurator stated: That he had reported verbally to the Governor that the District Commissioners had presented themselves and had asked to be relieved from these positions, as they had served a long time; and that on this account, this body should elect others to fill these posts. And this having been taken into consideration, there resulted as elected by a majority of votes, - for Commissioner of the South Side, Don Ignacio Villa Senor; for the Valero, Don Alejo () for the North Side Don Particio () and re-elected for the () District was Don Jose Antonio de la Garza: which appointments were sent with the corresponding report to Governor for his approval, with which this entry was closed, as attested by the attending witnesses, there being no recorder, as prescribed by law, to which we bear witness--

Domingo Bustillos----

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 11, 1816

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1816, THERE MET IN REGULAR SESSION PRESIDED OVER BY the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos, in the room selected for Council Meetings, the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores, ordinary Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ygnacio Chavez, and the Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, who took their respective seats in their order; whereupon the Procurator spoke of the need there was to secure the Government books (records) which the District Commissioners had (kept) so they might serve as guides to the newly elected (commissioners), And it being a matter that did not call for discussion, it was directed to put this into execution and to deliver the books to the Governor so that he might write in them the orders issued during his term so that the said commissioners may take care that they are complied with.

With which this entry was closed, which we attest as attending witnesses for lack of any notary according to law; to which we bear witness--

Domingo Bustillos

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On February 17, 1816, the Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza opened the doors of the Town Hall,

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and because the accustomed hour had passed without the attendance of the Councilmen, he closed them again, and in evidence I made this entry, which I attest.

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On January 26, 1816, the Procurator opened the doors of the Town Hall, and because the accustomed hour had passed without the attendance of the Councilmen, he closed them again and in evidence I made this entry, which I attest.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, on February 1, 1816, there met in Special Session in the room designated for the purpose, the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos presiding, the Second Alcalde, Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ygnacio Chavez, and the Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, and having taken their seats in their regular order, one of the Councilmen spoke of how heavily laden with obligations this town finds itself, not only by the enforced contribution of cattle to feed the

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troops, but other exactions as well relative to the services of these same troops, hostile acts of the Indians, and the necessity in which the town finds itself of finding a remedy for these burdens. And having debated upon these matters with the appropriate sober judgment and accord, it was resolved by a majority of votes to bring it to the attention of the Governor by means of an official communication, so that bringing it to the distinguished consideration of the Commandant General he may act upon this thought. With which this entry was closed; which we attest as attendant witnesses for lack of any legal notary: To which we bear witness--

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On February 9, 1816, the Procurator opened the doors of the Town Hall, and as the accustomed hour passed without the arrival of the Councilmen, he closed them again, and as evidence this entry was made, which I attest.

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On February 16, 1816, opened the doors at the

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March 21, 1816, no meeting of the Council took place because the Gentlemen who

compose it did not attend, and in witness there of it was attested by the Procurator.

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March 28, 1816, there was no meeting because the hour passed, and in witness, it was attested by the Procurator.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 4, 1816, a regular meeting of the Council was held in the room assigned for that purpose, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos; at which were present the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores; Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ignacio Chavez, and the Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, who in regular order took their respective seats. A communication of the Governor was opened in which he offers an escort for the (field) laborers. And nothing more having arisen to transact, this entry was closed; which we attest with attending witnesses for lack of a legal recorder; to which we bear witness--

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April 11, 1816-no Council meeting was held because the Gentlemen who compose it did not attend, and as evidence this entry was made which I, the Procurator, attest.

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April 18, 1816, there met in regular session in the hall assigned for that purpose and presided over by the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos, the Second Alcalde, Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes, Don Jose Angel Navarro, and the Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, who, in order, took their respective seats. We ordered opened and read an official communication from the Governor pro-tem of the Province, in which he enclosed a Royal dispatch from His Majesty in which he commands that on the 24th of March of each year a Solemn "Te Deum" be sung as an act of thanks for his restoration to the Throne. And nothing further having arisen for attention, this entry was closed; which we attest with attending witnesses for lack of a Notary, to which we bear witness.

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The City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 20, 1816, a special session in Council was convoked by the Governor pro-tem of the Province Captain Don Mariano Varela, who presided. Present were the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos; the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores; ordinary Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ignacio Chaves, and Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, the Procurator. And having, in their order, taken their respective seats, the Presiding Officer spoke of the lack of meat, which the Government is suffering, to feed the Company of Estremadura Regiment which is on duty in this Capital; and the shortage of means at its disposal, to provide it. He therefore requested that there be summoned the few citizens who raise cattle, so that they may supply this lack. And having appeared and the object of their being called made clear, they replied that because they had not been paid for the cattle which they had given to the troops of this garrison from the last part of 1813

until now; and of other frequent losses (from Indians) they have suffered in their herds, without being able to lessen them (even) under protection (of the garrison), that there would now remain to these only barely enough for feeding their families; that they had agreed again and again (to help) to the Public need, and for this PAGE 34: reason they absolutely could not now supply the beeves necessary to feed the Troops. Upon this the aforesaid Presiding Officer besought and begged as a favor they would do him the grace to provide him in proportion to what each one might know himself to have, with thirty or thirty-five head, protesting to them that he would not again molest them with this object, because he recognized what just reasons they had given. Thereupon the aforesaid citizens contributed with thirty steers, concerning which the corresponding memorandum will be sent to the Governor of the Province, so that he can take action whenever it is convenient. With which this entry was concluded, and we attest it with attending witnesses for lack of any notary, which there is not, in a legal sense: To which we bear witness.

Marno Varela

Domingo Bustillos

Gaspar Flores

Manuel Salinas

Ignacio Chaves

Jose Angel Navarro

Francisco Montes de Oca

Jose Manuel de la Garza

In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 20, 1816, there met in special session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos, in the regular hall, the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores; Councilmen Don

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Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ygnacio Chaves, and Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, who in regular order took their respective seats. The Procurator presented a report which he made on the needs of the Town; to which was given its proper course. And nothing further having come up for action, this entry was concluded; which we attest with attending witnesses for lack of any Notary in a legal sense; to which we bear witness.

Domingo Bustillos

Jose Ant. Saucedo

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

. . .

On April 25, 1816, there was no Council meeting because the members who compose it did not attend, and that it may stand in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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March 2, 1816, there was no meeting for the same reason as stated above, and in witness thereof, the Procurator attested it.

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March 9, 1816, the doors of the Town Hall were opened and because the accustomed hour had passed and the members who compose the Council did not arrive, they were

closed again, and as evidence this entry was made; which was attested by the Procurator.

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On the 16th. of the aforesaid there was no Council Meeting for the reason stated above, and this entry was made as evidence, attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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On the 23rd. of the same the Procurator opened the Council Chamber, and because the designated hour had passed without there arriving the Gentlemen who compose it, the doors were closed again, and for evidence this entry was made and attested.

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On the 30th. of the said (month) there met in Council the members who compose it, to assist at the Ceremony of the Holy Patron, without anything urgent having come up for action, and in witness, they attested it.

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On June 6, 1816, there was no meeting of the Council because there did not come

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the gentlemen who compose it, and as evidence this entry was made, which the Procurator attested.

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The 13th. of the same there was no Council Meeting for the same reason as stated above, and in witness, the Procurator attested it.

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The 20th. of the same there was no Council Meeting for the reason stated above, and in witness it was attested by the Procurator.

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On the 27th. of the same the Procurator opened the doors of the Council Chamber, and because the gentlemen composing it did not arrive, they were closed again, and as evidence, this entry was made, which was attested.

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July 4 there was no Council Meeting for the reason stated above, and in witness, the Procurator attested it.

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The 11th. of the same, the Procurator opened the doors of the Council Chamber, and because none of the gentlemen came, they were again

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closed, and in witness it was attested.

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The 18th. of said (Month) there was no Council Meeting for the above stated reason, and in witness the Procurator attested it.

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On 25th of said (Month) there was no Council Meeting for the aforementioned reason, and in witness, the Procurator attested it.

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August 2, 1816, the Procurator opened the doors of the Council Chamber, and the indicated hour having passed, and none of the members who compose it having arrived, he shut them again and in evidence, attested it.

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The 9th. of the same, there was no Council Meeting for the above reason, and in witness the Procurator attested it.

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The 16th. of said (Month) there was no Council Meeting because of the above reason, and as evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On the 23rd. of the same (August) there was no session because the gentlemen who compose the Council did not attend, and that it may stand as evidence, this entry was made, which the Procurator attested.

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On the 30th. of the same there was no Council Meeting for the same reason already mentioned, and in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On September 7, 1816, the Procurator opened the doors of the Council Chamber and because the Customary hour passed without the gentlemen who compose the Council having attended, they were closed again, and in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On the 14th. of the same (Sept.) there was no Meeting of the Council for the reason stated above, and in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On the 21st. of the said (Month) there was no Meeting of the Council, for the same reason, and in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On September 28, 1816, the Procurator opened the doors of the Council Chamber, and because the customary hour passed without the arrival of the Councilmen, he closed them again, and attested it.

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On October 5, there was no Council Meeting for the reason stated above, and the Procurator attested it, that it may stand in evidence.

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On the 12th. of October there was no Council Meeting for the same reason, and that it may stand in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On the 19th. of the same month there was no Council Meeting for the reason stated before, and that it may stand in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On the 26th. of the said (Month) there was no Council Meeting because the gentlemen who form the Council did not attend, and that it may stand in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, on the 31st. of the Month of October, 1816, a regular meeting of the Council was held at which there assisted the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos; the Second, Don Gaspar Flores; the Councilmen Don Manuel Salinas, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ygnacio Chaves, and the Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza; and having taken their respective seats, the First Alcalde spoke of the necessity there was of electing aides for the approaching reunions (in honor) of Our Lady of Guadalupe. And the matter being taken up with appropriate judgment and accord, there resulted elected by a majority of votes Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Francisco Rivas, Don Salvador Carrasco and Don Francisco Arevalo, who were informed of the assistance, attendance, and expenditures expected of them. With which this minute was closed, and in evidence they attested it.

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On the 7th. of November 1816, the Procurator opened the doors of the Council Chamber, and as the customary hour had passed without the attendance of the Councilmen, he closed them again, and in evidence, he attested it.

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On the 14th of the said (Month) there was no Council Meeting for the reason given above, and that it may stand in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On November 21, 1816, the Procurator opened the doors of the Council Chamber, and the customary hour having passed without the attendance of the Council Members, he closed them again, and that it may stand in evidence, he attested it.

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On the 28th. of the same (Month) there was no Council Meeting for the reason already stated, and that it may stand in evidence, the Procurator attested it.

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On December 5, 1816, the Procurator opened the doors of the Town Hall, and the customary hour having passed without the attendance of the Councilmen, he closed them again, and that it may stand as evidence, he attested it.

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On the 12th. of the said (Month) the gentlemen who form the Council met, in order to attend the ceremonies (in honor) of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and that it may stand as evidence we attest it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, on the 21st. of December 1816, there met in special session Don Domingo Bustillos, First Alcalde; Don Gaspar Flores, Second Alcalde; Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose Angel Navarro, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Jose Manuel de la Garza the Procurator; Councilman Don Ygnacio Chaves not making it because sick. And having, in order, taken their respective seats, the election of persons who will occupy the posts of Alcaldes, Councilmen and Procurator during the coming year, was proposed; and this matter being taken up with fitting reflection and accord, there resulted elected by a majority of votes: As First Alcalde, Don Francisco Flores; as Second, Don Felipe Neri, Baron de Bastrop; as ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Manuel Granado, Don Vicente Gortari, Jose Ygnacio Flores y Don Juan Manuel Montes; and as Procurator, Don Santiago Seguin, -in whom the qualities necessary for the discharge of their duties unite. And in witness, we attest it in this Hall of Assembly on the proper day, month and year.

Domingo Bustillos
Manuel Salinas
Jose Angel Navarro

Gaspar Flores
Francisco Montes de Oca
Jose Manuel de la Garza

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In the said City on December 23, 1816, there met in special session, Don Domingo Bustillos the First Alcalde; Don Gaspar Flores, the Second; Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose PAGE 44: Angel Navarro, Don Ygnacio Chaves, ordinary Councilmen, and Don Jose Manuel de la Garza. And having, in their order, taken their respective seats, there was opened and read an official communication from the Governor pro-tem of this Province, dated yesterday, in which he disapproves of the election of Don Felipe Neri, Baron de Bastrop, as Second Alcalde; of Don Jose Ygnacio Perez and Don Juan Manuel Montes as Councilmen, for the reasons which he states, which being considered just, a re-election was proceeded with, and by a majority of votes there were elected: For First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores; for Second, Don Jose Manuel Granados; for ordinary Councilmen Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Arevalo and Don Patricio de Torres; and for Procurator, Don Santiago Seguin; in whom are united the necessary conditions and requirements for the discharge of their duties. And with this the minute was closed, which we subscribe on the proper day, month and year.

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On the 26th of the said (Month) there was no Council Meeting because the Council members did not attend: and that it may stand as evidence, the Procurator attests it.

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The City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 23, 1816, there met in special Session which was presided over by the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos, Don Gaspar Flores the Second Alcalde; Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ygnacio Chaves, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Jose Manuel de la Garza; who in their regular order, having taken their respective seats, the Presiding Officer drew out and opened a document that contained an official communication from the Provisional Governor of the Province, Lieut. Colonel Don Ygnacio Peres, which the aforesaid Presiding Officer read in a loud, clear voice; and all having been informed by its contents that the election of Don Felipe Neri, Baron de Bastrop, as Second Alcalde; and on Don Jose Ygnacio Peres and Don Juan Manuel Montes as ordinary Councilmen by this Body, -was disapproved, the matter was discussed with appropriate judgment and accord. And in consequence a new election was proceeded with, solely with respect to Sr. Don Juan Manuel Montes who is too young, and not with regard to the other two gentlemen, who are acceptable for the positions for which they are proposed. And the said election was carried out by majority vote in the following form: for First Alcalde, Don Francisco Flores; for Second, Don Felipe Neri, Baron de Bastrop; for ordinary Councilmen, Don Jose Manuel Granados, Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Ignacio Peres and Don Jose Maria Escalera; and as Procurator, Don Santiago Seguin; which election was ordered reported to the aforesaid Governor for his approval

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and with this the meeting closed, as we attest and of which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 27, 1816, there was held a special meeting of the Council presided over by the Provisional Governor of the Province Lieut. Colonel Don Ignacio Perez; and at which assisted Don Domingo Bustillos, The First Alcalde; Don Gaspar Flores; the Second; and Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose Angel Navarro and Don Ignacio Chavez, and the Procurator Don Jose Manuel de la Garza. And after all, in regular order, had occupied their own seats, the aforesaid Governor displayed the Election (report) of Alcaldes, Councilmen and Procurator, held by this Body on the 23rd. of the current month, together with the official message that was sent to him with it, saying in clear and comprehensible terms; "Gentlemen: I do not want any murmuring whatever. I have brought here the election sheet in order that there may be elected another person as Second Alcalde in place of Don Felipe Neri, Baron de Bastrop, who lacks the natural gifts necessary for the discharge of his duties, and in addition does not know how to write. And Don Jose Angel Navarro, reminding the

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Governor that he did not state the reasons why Don Felipe Neri could not fill the position for which he was proposed, stated "that when the Council elected him to that position, it appraised him with care, as much for the public services he has rendered as for the (long) time he has been a resident. And the Governor replied that he had confidential orders that he could not be elected, that he could not communicate to this

Body. The said Councilman declared that this Council did not presume to know the confidential orders of the Government, and only if by means of an official message he should reveal the same. To which the Governor replied that his word would suffice! And this matter being settled, a new election was forthwith held; attesting this Act all the gentlemen who were present at it, with the Presiding Officer; to which we bear witness--

Domingo Bustillos

Ygnacio Perez

Manuel Salinas

Gaspar Flores

Jose Angel Navarro

Francisco Montes de Oca

Jose Manuel de la Garza

Ygnacio Chavez

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In continuation, being present in the Council Chamber Don Domingo Bustillos, First Alcalde; Don Gaspar Flores, Second; Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don

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Ygnacio Chaves, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Jose de la Garza the Procurator; the revised election of Alcaldes, Councilmen and Procurator for the ensuing year was proceeded with by the persons named in the preceding and by a majority of votes, there resulted elected: for First Alcalde, Don Francisco Flores; for Second, Don Jose Manuel Granado; for ordinary Councilmen Don Vicente Gortary, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Arevalo and Don Patricio de Torres; and for Procurator Don Santiago Seguin, because there are found in all of them the necessary qualifications for this purpose; and we order that this Election result be delivered to the Governor for such purposes as may be convenient; and in testimony we attest it, and to it all bear witness----

On the same day, month and year, before the former Council broke up, Don Francisco Montes de Oca stated that Don Bartholome Peres had told him that in his shop, the Sergeant Manuel Delgado said that all the members of this Body, except Don Domingo Bustillos, were rascals; there being present (at the time) the Ensign Don Fernando Rodriguez and

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Don Jose Antonio Bustillos; and thereupon Don Jose Angel Navarro declared the same, saying that he had learned it from the mouth of the aforesaid Ensign Don Fernando Rodriguez; in consequence of which the said Don Bartolome Perez was summoned to appear in this Chamber, and being asked what were the phrases which the Sergeant Manuel Delgado spoke in his shop against this Council, and before whom, replied that among other things that the referred-to Sergeant Manuel Delgado said, before the Ensign Don Fernando Rodriguez and Don Jose Bustillos, he heard him say that all those of the Council with the exception of Don Domingo Bustillos, were rascals. And bidding the aforesaid Don Bartolome to withdraw, the matter was discussed, and in conclusion it was resolved to refer it by means of an official communication to the Provisional Governor of the Province, Lieut. Colonel Don Ygnacio Peres, so that he may be pleased to make the corresponding investigation; and in case it occurred as this Council is informed, to warn the aforesaid Delgado of the satisfaction he should give for this insult, and to correct the lack of respect with which he has acted; and nothing further having come up that needed attention, this minute was concluded, which we attest, bearing witness to all (of it).

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The City of San Fernando de Bexar, December, 28, 1816, there met in a regular session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Domingo Bustillos, the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores; Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Ignacio Chavez, ordinary Councilmen; Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, Procurator. And having taken their respective seats in regular order, the Presiding Officer took from his pocket a sealed document for this Body, which was ordered to be opened and read; and it contained an official communication from the Provisional Governor of the Province in which he approved the election of Alcalde, Councilmen, and Procurator for the coming year. Nothing further having come up for action, this minute was closed: which we attest and to which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 1, 1817, there met in

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special session which was presided over by the Provisional Governor of this Province, Lieut. Colonel Don Ygnacio Perez; Don Domingo Bustillos, First Alcalde; Don Gaspar Flores, Second; Don Manuel Salinas, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Jose Angel Navarro, and Don Ygnacio Chaves, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, Procurator; during the year just ended; and thereupon there entered Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Manuel Granados, Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Arevalo, Don Patricio de Torres, and Don Santiago Seguin, elected as Alcaldes, Councilmen, and Procurator for the year beginning with this date. And all having taken their respective seats in the accustomed order, the Alcaldes, Councilmen, and Procurator of the just ended year made surrender of these offices into the hands of the Presiding Officer, delivering (to him) the respective badges of office; and having taken them into his own hands, the aforesaid Presiding Officer received from Don Francisco Flores and Don Jose Manuel Granado the accustomed oath, and having given it in the form required by law, and promising impartial justice, and to defend to the

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letter the sacred rights of the (established) Religion, the King, and the Fatherland, he delivered to them the corresponding Insignia of Justice. And having performed the same ceremony with the Councilmen and Procurator, they took possession of their respective employments, and in a brief speech gave due thanks to the out-going (Council), and with this the affair was concluded, and all, in a body went to High Mass at the Parish Church. And the aforesaid Presiding Officer attested it with the present Members of Council and attending witnesses, for lack of any legal notary: of which we bear witness.

Francisco Flores
Vicente Gortari
Pedro Antonio Arevalo

Ygnacio Peres
Jose Maria Granados
Patricio de Torres
Santiago Seguin

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 9, 1817, there convened in regular

session, in a building set aside for Council Meetings,

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presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, Councilmen Don Bicente Gortari and Don Jose Maria Escalera and Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo and Don Patricio Torres and the Procurator Don Santiago Seguin. And having taken their respective seats in regular order, it was agreed that for the teaching of the Children, the fathers of families be requested to determine with how much they can without difficulty contribute to pay promptly to the School-Master. And there being nothing more to attend to, this meeting was closed, as we attest and order that a report be given to the Governor of this Province: to which we bear witness----

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 16, 1817, there convened in regular session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, Don Jose Manuel Granados, the Second Alcalde, Don Bicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo, Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen,--and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator, and having taken their respective seats in regular order, Don Bicente Gortari called attention to how prejudicial to the Citizens, in the unhappy state in which they find themselves at this time, was the unceasing hardship of having to sally forth at any moment in pursuit of the enemies who attack this frontier, added to the many other burdens they carry in these days in the rebuilding of bridges, and similar matters, which cause a notable falling behind to Agriculture;

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regarding which matters, having discussed (them) with the consideration and attention they merit, it was resolved to deliver to the Governor a formal communication, whose tenor is as follows: This Municipal Body being the medium for making known the extreme poverty of the people; the constant burdens to which the small number of citizens which the town has are exposed; and the urgency in which they find themselves today of coming to the aid of their enterprises; cleaning of ditches and other tasks as imperative as they are indispensable for obtaining the harvests upon which the subsistence of the public depends; it has been agreed in the Regular Session of today that in order to obviate all the misfortunes that may befall to the prejudice of these unhappy people as long as there continues the grievous burden of being obliged to go out on foot in pursuit of the enemies that attack us, you will have the consideration of suspending it when the danger that threatens us, may not be very evident, except (for example) the Enemy be upon us, since in such case no one is exempt, nor will anyone be from duty in the town and as guards of the horse herds, where there would be no troops because they would be out in pursuit of the enemy; and even less will they be excused from serving as guide to the Troop, which does not know the terrain, those who have horses upon which they can perform this duty and are not suffering loss by abandoning their cultivated fields and personal labors from which alone they extract their living: MAY GOD PRESERVE YOU---- and there having arisen nothing further to attend to, this session was closed: Which we attest, with attending witnesses for lack of a legal notary: To which we bear witness--

Jose Antonio Saucedo

Ygnacio Chavez

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January 23, 1817, a regular meeting of the Council was held in the Chamber set aside for that purpose, at which there were present Don Vicente Gortari, Senior Councilman and present First Alcalde, because of the absence of Don Francisco Flores; Don Jose Manuel Granado the Second Alcalde; Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo, and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen, and Don Santiago Seguin, and there being nothing of interest to attend to, they retired to their homes, attesting this minute in due evidence.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 28, 1817, there met in special session, Don Vicente Gortari, Senior Member of the Council, and present First Alcalde in the absence of the incumbent Don Francisco Flores; Don Jose Manuel Granado, Second Alcalde; Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo, and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen, and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; and having taken their respective seats in their regular order, Don Vicente Gortari placed upon the table a sealed document which was ordered to be opened and read and its contents were briefly, a request of the

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Provisional Governor of this Province Lieut. Colonel Don Ygnacio Peres, for ten horses, and mules to mount a party of twenty, and with men who should set out the following day on important affairs of the Royal Service; offering to pay for the animals that might die,--provided always that their owners should request it; and the matter having been discussed, it was answered as follows: "In spite of the scarcity of horses and mules, among the residents of this city, the most energetic steps will be taken to do what may be possible to secure the desired object,--that the twenty five men who must set out tomorrow be mounted, as you indicated in your communication of today to this Body; which answers it. May God preserve you many years. San Fernando de Bexar, January 28, 1817. And nothing further having come up for action, the session was concluded: Which we attest: to which we bear witness----

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 30, 1817, there met in regular session presided over by the Senior Councilman Don Vicente Gortari, present First Alcalde, because of the absence of Don Francisco Flores,--Don Jose Manuel Granado, Second Alcalde: Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Arevalo, Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; and having taken their respective seats in regular order, there was read a communication which bearing date of the 22nd. of last month was addressed to the Body by the Gentlemen who composed it the
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 previous year, which matter(NOTE: Washed Out) this Body the()
 which they delivered for() the Sergeant Manuel Delgado, and () their letter; it was decided to send it to the Provisional Governor of the Province Lieut. Colonel Don Ygnacio Peres, and nothing further having occurred that needed attention, the session was closed; which we attest with attending witnesses and of which we bear witness.

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On February 6, 1817, the Procurator Don Santiago Seguin opened the doors of the Council Chamber; the gentlemen who compose the Body were present and as nothing came up that required action, they retired, attesting this minute for the required evidence.

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On February 13, 1817, the gentlemen who form the Council were present in the Chamber, and as nothing came up that needed attention they withdrew after attesting this minute for the required evidence.

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City of San Fernando de Bexar, on February 20, 1817, there were present in the Council Chamber the Gentlemen of the Council, and nothing having come up for action, they withdrew, attesting this entry in evidence.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, on February 27, 1817, there convened in Council the Gentlemen who compose it, and as nothing came up for action they withdrew, attesting this entry the First Alcalde and the Procurator, that it may serve as the required evidence.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, March 6, 1817, there met in regular session Don Francisco Flores, the First Alcalde, Don Jose Manuel Granado, the Second; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Arevalo and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen, and having taken their respective seats in regular order, Don Francisco Flores as Presiding Officer of the said meeting suggested that an election should be held of the Captains and aides so that in the present year they can make arrangements for the obligatory celebration (in honor of) Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the matter having been acted upon with due consideration, there were elected

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as Captains of the said ceremonies, Jose Antonio de la Garza, and as his aides, Don Francisco Trevino, Don Jose Francisco de Sosa, Don Vicente Zepeda and Don Juan Jose de Soto, who having accepted this charge, were appropriately thanked, and there being nothing else to take up, this meeting was adjourned, of which we order that the corresponding report be delivered to the Governor of the Province; as we attest with attending witnesses, for lack of an authorized notary, of which we bear witness----

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On March 13, 1817, the doors of the Council Chamber were opened, and the regular hour having passed without the Council Members having arrived, they were closed again, and this entry was made; which we attest: the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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On March 20, 1817, there was no session as the usual hour had passed without the arrival of the Councilmen, and as evidence the entry was made, attested by the First Alcalde and Procurator.

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On March 27, 1817, the Council Chamber's doors were opened, and because the members composing it, did not come, they were closed again, and this entry was made, which was attested by the

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First Alcalde and Procurator in evidence-----

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On April 3, 1817, there was no session because it was a Holy Day, and that it may stand in evidence, all the members who were present at the ceremony, attested it. (i.e. this entry).

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On April 10, 1817, there met in Council, in the room set aside for this purpose, the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, the Second Alcalde Don Jose Manuel Granado; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Jose Antonio Arevalo, Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin the Procurator; and having taken their respective seats in regular order, there was read a communication from the School Master, in which he complains of the abuse committed by fathers of families, in taking their children out of school without any reason, and placing them in private houses; and of others who forget to comply with the orders which have been given them to send their children to school. It was agreed and resolved, after a careful examination (of the matter) that the aforementioned fathers of families, without any excuse or pretext, shall send their children to school, on pain of suffering the penalty that may be deemed fitting, and the fine of three pesos, leaving to the disposition of the Governor, the matter of the children of the Soldiers-----

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and nothing further having come up for action, we order the corresponding report of this minute be sent to the Governor of this Province, and in evidence we attest it with witnesses present, to which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 17, 1817, there met in regular session in the room set aside for the purpose, the First Alcalde Francisco Flores; Don Jose Manuel Granado, the Second; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin; without the assistance of Councilmen Don Pedro Arevalo and Don Patricio de Torres because of illness. And having taken their respective seats in regular order, there appeared in the said meeting the Commissary of the South Side, Don Ygnacio Villa Senor, and he said that in the houses of three soldiers, of those of the Garrison, ^{named Jesus Flores, Fern^{do} Lopes, and one called Castro,} he had noticed strips of meat freshly killed and cut up, and convincing us, as much because of the great scarcity of this commodity that there is in this place, as because of the frequency with which dead cattle are found in the fields; and because of this meat having been brought in at night, as he infers,- that this may be from the cattle that

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are being found dead without knowledge of who killed them. And having discussed this

matter with the care it merits, it was decided to inform the Governor of the Province of it by means of an official communication. And nothing further having come up for action, the meeting was adjourned; which we attest with witnesses present, to which we bear witness.

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On April 24, 1817, there was no Council Meeting, as the usual hour had passed without the members who form it having arrived, and in evidence the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested it.

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On May 1, 1817, there was no Council Meeting, as the members who compose it did not come, and in evidence the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested it.

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On May 8, 1817, there convened in the Council Chamber, Vicente Gortari, First Alcalde in the absence of the incumbent; Don Jose Manuel Granado, Second Alcalde; Don Pedro Arevalo, the ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin

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the Procurator, and as nothing came up for action, they made the entry which they attested.

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On May 15, 1817, it was a feast day, and for that reason there was no meeting, and in evidence the First Alcalde and Procurator attested it.

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On May 22, 1817, there met in the Council Chamber the gentlemen who compose it, and there being nothing brought up for action, the entry was made and they attested it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, May 29, 1817, there met in regular session in the house assigned for that purpose, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, as the Provisional Governor Lieut. Colonel Don Antonio Maria Martinez was occupied; Don Manuel Granado, Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo, Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator, and having taken their respective seats in regular order, there was opened and read an official communication from Lieut. Colonel Don Manuel Pardo, in which he orders

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that Lieut. Colonel Don Antonio Maria Martinez be recognized as Governor of this Province, by virtue of an order of the Captain General. And nothing further having come up that required action, this entry was made, which we attest: of which we bear witness.

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On June 5, 1817, there was no Council Meeting, it being a feast-day, and in evidence the First Alcalde and Procurator attested it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, June 12, 1817, there met in regular session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores; Don Jose Manuel Granados, Second Alcalde; Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Vicente Gortari, and Don Pedro Antonio Arebalo, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; to which came Don Patricio de Torres without giving his reasons. And after taking their respective seats in regular order, the two Alcalde stated that since a short time ago the officers commanding the guard, are demanding of them an order of the Governor to receive and place in (jail) the prisoners that may turn up; adding that not long has it not been the custom, but it is too burdensome. It was discussed with fitting reflection, and after (reaching) a well-considered

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accord, it was decided to send to the Governor a formal communication of the following tenor: The Alcaldes having informed this Body of the great inconvenience which is caused them each time they have occasion to punish some criminal or to put him at liberty, because the commanders of the guard demand an order from you in the one or the other case, which practice has never been observed; and having reached the conclusion that this may be the reason why many crimes remain unpunished, we require, in order to avoid these difficulties, that you have the goodness to order that the aforesaid commanders accept and put at liberty the prisoners that may fall to the said Alcaldes, without that requisite. And if this is not in accord with the orders that you consider necessary for the regulation of the said guard, we trust that you will see fit to order that the two rooms devoted to the Secretariat of the Government, be vacated, as they were constructed as a jail for this City, and because of the need which your predecessors had for them, they requested the loan of them, giving in exchange the jail-rooms of the aforesaid Guard for the felons whom the Alcaldes might have to punish, without the conditions which the commanders of the Guard now impose: May God preserve you: And nothing further having come up for action, the meeting was adjourned, which we attest, with attending witnesses, to which we bear witness----

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On June 19, 1817,

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there was nothing to take action upon, and in evidence the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, June 16, 1817, there met in regular session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores; Don Jose Manuel Granado, the Second Alcalde; ordinary Councilmen Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Antonio Arevalo; and the Procurator Don Santiago Seguin: without the attendance of Don Patricio de Torres because of illness. And those present having taken their respective seats in their regular order, there was opened and read a formal communication of the Governor of the Province Lieut. Colonel Don Antonio Martinez in which he requests a list of the residents who may possess animals large and small; naming those who may have horses and mules; asking at the same time the directory of the families of this

City. He was replied to upon these particulars, including for him a list of the owners of large and small animals, horses and mules, informing him that the directory will be sent to him as soon as it is completed. And nothing further having come up for action, the meeting was adjourned, which they attested for evidence and to which they bear witness----

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, July 3, 1817, the doors of the Council Chamber were opened and as

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the gentlemen composing it did not attend, they were closed again, and in evidence we attest it: The First Alcalde, and the Procurator.

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On July 10, 1817, there was no Council Meeting as the gentlemen composing it did not attend and in evidence the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, July 17, 1817, there met in regular session presided over by Don Francisco Flores, the First Alcalde; Don Jose Manuel Granado, Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Arevalo, and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator, and having taken their respective seats in regular order, it was agreed by some of the Councilmen, that the Commissioner of the South Side, Don Ignacio Villa Senor, so injures the residents of his district by the rashness and violence of this temper that it can expose them to absolute ruin; and that besides that the lack of respect with which he enters this chamber when he is summoned to appear, has been noted; and in order to avert the results that this may bring to pass, they suggested that it would be advisable to place a reliable person of more discretion. And after

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discussing with fitting deliberation, they named for the aforesaid position of Commissioner of the South Side, Don Jose Francisco de Sosa, in whom are united the qualities necessary for the fulfilling of this charge; and nothing further having come up for action, we order the report corresponding to this entry be sent to the Governor for whatever action he may deem convenient; and as evidence we attest it with attending witnesses for lack of an authorized notary; to which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, July 24, 1817, a regular meeting of the Council was held, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, at which were present Don Jose Manuel Granado, Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo, Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator, and having taken their respective seats in the regular order, a notice having come from the Governor (to that effect) it was concluded that the appointing of Don Jose Francisco Sosa as Commissioner for the South Side, was a

mistake because of his reputation as a gambler; and agreeing that this office should fall to a person of orderly habits, it was decided upon mature consideration that this appointment be given to Don Felipe Martines,

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a person in whom, in our opinion, are united the requisites and indispensable antecedents for his entering upon and fulfilment (of his obligations). And nothing further having arisen for action, this meeting was adjourned, the corresponding report of which we order passed to the Governor of this Province for appropriate action, and in evidence we attest it with witnesses present, for lack of an authorized notary, to which we bear witness---

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, July 26, 1817, a special meeting of the Council was held in the chamber set aside for that purpose, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores; at which were present Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator, not attending Councilmen Don Vicente Gortary and Don Patricio de Torres, for no expressed reasons; and having taken their respective seats in the regular order, there was opened and read an official message from the Governor of this Province that gave approval to the appointment of Don Felipe Martinez as Commissioner for the South Side, from which position Don Ygnacio Villa Senor was removed; whereupon these two persons were summoned to appear in this Council Chamber; and this having been carried out, the former was inducted into his office with the customary formalities, delivering to him his corresponding ap-

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pointment; and the latter was informed that (illegible) he was removed from the position of Commissioner which he had held. And nothing further arising which needed action, this minute was entered, which we attest with witnesses present: to which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, July 31, 1817, there was no Council meeting because ^{the members} composing it did not attend, and in evidence, the Second Alcalde and Procurator attested it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, August 7, 1817, there met in regular session Don Francisco Flores presiding; Don Jose Manuel Granados, the Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, Procurator; and not assisting was Councilman Don Pedro Arevalo, without sending excuses. And when those present had taken their places by rank in their respective seats, the Presiding Officer spoke of the need there was to search for the papers of the Council files, which were mislaid during the last revolution; upon which they were of unanimous opinion that inquiry be made to see if by chance they were in the Government Archive; with which object it was resolved to send to the Governor of the Province a message to the following effect:-Hav-

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ing gone astray, during the last revolution which we suffered in this Capital, are the

papers of this Council's Archive, and being ignorant of their resting place, we beg that you will be pleased to revise the Files of your Office, with the object of discovering if in them are the papers we seek; and in such case that you will have the goodness to deliver them to us so that once another Archive is established, it will at all times contain the necessary vouchers. God guard You: And nothing further having arisen requiring action, the meeting adjourned; as we attest, and to which all bear witness----

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August 13, 1817, there was no Council Meeting because the hour passed without the arrival of the gentlemen composing it; and in evidence we attest it: the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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August 20, 1817, there was no Council Meeting because the gentlemen composing it did not come, and in evidence it was attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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the City of San Fernando de Bejar, August 25, 1817, a special meeting of the Council was held, the Second Alcalde Don Jose Manuel Granado, presiding, being present the ordinary Councilmen Don Pedro Arevalo, Don Patricio Torres; and the Procurator Don Santiago Seguin; and not present were the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and Councilmen Don Vicente Gortary, Don Jose Maria Escalera, the first because ill, the other two without known reasons. And when according to rank they were in their respective seats, a formal letter from Don Jose Cayetano Morales, Parish Priest of this City of Bejar, in which he announced the departure from this Province of Don Mariano Lopez who was caretaker of the structure which belonged to the Parish of the aforesaid City; advising of the discovery he made in the said fund, of the extra-judicial contract that this man delivered to him; alleging that his parents authorized legally the payment of another debt in defect of which the servant major-domo did not pay it within the time expressed in his obligation; and in effect, there appeared Ensign Don Juan Francisco Collantes, and Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, who upon being informed, authorized the corresponding instrument of bond; which remained in the Archive of this City. And nothing further having arisen that required action, we attest it with witnesses present, for lack

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of an authorized notary; of which we bear witness.

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On August 28, 1817, there was no meeting of the Council because the gentlemen who compose it did not arrive, and as evidence the Second Alcalde and Procurator attested it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, September 2, 1817, a special meeting of the Council was held, the Second Alcalde Don Jose Manuel Granado presiding, at which were present Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Arevalo, and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; not present because of illness the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores because of illness. And having, in regular order, taken their respective seats, there was opened and read an official

communication from the Governor of this Province, in which was included another from the Captain General, dated the 19th of last August, accompanied by an example of the proclamation ordered published by the Most Excellent Viceroy of this New Spain, in which was included the Royal Message of His Majesty of October 17 of the just passed year that

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announces the felicitous nupcials of Our Lord the King, and his August Brother the Infante Don Carlos Maria with the most Serene Ladies, the Infantas of Portugal, and in order to Solemnize with fitting pomp such sumptuous (NOTE: Evidently a word omitted in the text) appropriate dispositions were made, and with this the meeting was adjourned: which we attest and to which we bear witness.

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September 4, 1817, there was no Council Meeting because the gentlemen composing the Council did not come; and in evidence we attest it: The Second Alcalde, and the Procurator.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, September 18, 1817, there met in regular session, Don Jost Manuel Granada, Second Alcalde, presiding, because of the illness of the First; The Ordinary Councilmen Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, who exercises the functions of first vote, and Don Patricio de Torres; and the Procurator Don Santiago Seguin. And having taken in their regular order, their respective seats,

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said Second Alcalde exhibited an official communication which, dated the 9th of the present month, he sent to the Governor of this Province, Colonel Don Antonio Martinez, in which he makes plain the need there is of continuing the work on the guard-house and the assistance that is needed from the Citizens for its erection, and having treated the matter with fitting reflection and accord, it was resolved to send him an official communication of the following import: By means of the message from your Worship, which, bearing date of the 9th. of the current month, was given the Second Alcalde Don Jose Manuel Granada, who has today shown it to this Municipal Body, we have become advised of the continuation of the work on the guard-house and other free jobs which Your Worship is trying to have done at the expense of the Community. It has been agreed by this Body to declare to Your Worship, that besides the unhappy impoverished state in which it finds itself, as Your Worship well knows, it is used in the repair of Government buildings, in spite of the intolerable, tragic, consequences occasioned by the complete neglect of its sparse crops and deprivation of its personal attention (to them), the only resource upon which depends the sustenance of its families; with the hope that being informed of the miseries in which all of the said Citizens usually are, Your Worship may be pleased to cease from imposing upon them burdens that they should not suffer, in the sense that for now they ought to repair only the rooms of the Government building, and by no means the two of this Municipality and those that compose the jail, all of which are included in the aforementioned government order, and they will be put into repair when the Citizens are in better shape.

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May God keep you: In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, September 18, 1817-----And

nothing further that needed attention having come up, this meeting was adjourned; as we attest, and to which we bear witness.

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On September 25, 1817, there met in regular session, presided over by the Second Alcalde Don Jose Manuel Granado, because of the illness of the First, Don Francisco Flores, Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Arevalo and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen, and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; and having taken their respective seats in regular order, there was brought up the excessive (amount) of work that this Community is undertaking in the repairing of the government-house, and the heavy burden this is to them, and these matters having been discussed with fitting consideration and accord, it was resolved to forward to the Governor of this Province a communication of the following import: Taking into account the, until now, unforeseen costs in the repairing of the government-house, and those which will still be incurred in the rest (of the work), and advising you, as Your Worship requested: We find them excessive, and too heavy for the townspeople; for which reason, in order to relieve

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them of this so heavy burden, which we do not know should be borne as an obligation of the Council, it was resolved in the meeting of today, that once finished the roofs of the rooms whose ceiling has fallen, only the most urgent repair of some breakdown they may have shall be made, and salvage from ruin. Of which we advise Your Worship for your action. May God preserve you. San Fernando de Bejar, September 25, 1817, and nothing further having come up that required attention, the meeting adjourned, as we attest with witnesses present: To which we bear witness----

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On October 2, 1817, there was no meeting of the Council because the gentlemen composing it did not assemble, and that it may stand in evidence, this entry was made, and attested by the Second Alcalde and the Procurator.

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On October 9, 1817, the gentlemen composing the Council did not assemble because there was no business to transact, and as evidence this entry was made, and attested by the Second Alcalde and the Procurator.

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October 17, 1817, a regular meeting of the Council was held in the Chamber assigned for that purpose, which was presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and there were present Don Jose Manuel Granado, the Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; and haven taken their respective seats in regular order, there was presented and read the special Gazette of the Mexican Government of Wednesday, July 16, of this year, and noting that in its contents there were some phrases impugning the honor and good name of the inhabitants of this district, it was resolved after an attentive examination and lengthy discussion to make representations to the Captain General of this

Province in the following terms: Sir Captain General: the Cavildo, Bench, & Regiment of this City of San Fernando de Bejar, capital of the Province of Texas, in regular session held on Thursday, the 16th of the current month, in the Council Chamber as is its use and custom, agreed to call to your Worship's notice, that having reached its hands the special Gazette of the Government of Mexico, of Wednesday, July 16 of the present year, it has been made public by the aforesaid, the report which in an official communication of June 23 of the same year the Governor of this Province Colonel Don Antonio Martinez directed His Excellency the Viceroy of this New Spain, with respect to the execution of the evil Colonel Perry, Major Gorton, and forty-four Americans which composed his band, (including a Spaniard), and reflecting upon some of the points of (NOTE: Word not clear) which said report contains, is amazed at the horrible freedom with which its Author impressed the following phrases: "And it suiting my convenience to place some examples before the evil citizens of this City, I await

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their arrival so that as soon as they arrive they prepare themselves in a Christian Manner to be sent out before a firing squad".

This sort of language, the knowledge that he employs the same in private letters that the said Governor sends to various places, and all of us being convinced that in his conversations he uses nothing but contemptuous and indecent words which breathe his despite of the people, have filled with bitterness and poison the hearts of the upright, honorable and faithful vassals of His Majesty that inhabit this land, and in the midst of the terrible upheavals of the revolution have been pleased to conserve their ancient inherited Patriotism; so that some are resolved to abandon their houses unless satisfaction be given them forso public an insult; and others contain their feelings, exposing the offense (they suffer) to this body so that it may be called to the attention of the higher authorities. All are convinced that since the year of 1813, when your Worship gained the glory of destroying the rebels who held this Province, there remained living here those who by virtue of a rigorous examination, resulted guiltless of the horrid crime of revolution, and some of those who were absolved, in whom less guilt was found.

The Province finding itself in such condition, Your Worship set out on the march to Monterrey leaving as its Governor the Colonel Don Benito de Arminan, to whom succeeded in the command the Captain, (retired) Don Mariano Varela, and to this gentleman, Lieut. Colonel Don Manuel Pardo, who can tell you if in this City there are men of honor, of good conduct, and right thinking; whether, with their slight means they have given for the feeding of the Troops of this garrison

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and they have lent themselves willingly, -at times with their own persons, at times with their horses, for the services which have offered in connection with affairs of the frontier, without the slightest recompense. And finally, -the aforesaid Governor Don Antonio Martinez also can say whether a short time after having taken over his governorship, he undertook the construction of the guard-house, to which the townspeople have contributed with their oxen for transporting the (building) materials without receiving any pay; and whether he thereafter began the costly reconstruction of the government building, which in the same way the aforesaid citizens have built, contributing lime, sand, boards, tills, and their personal labor until the work was finished. And what is the pay for these burdens? Sir, the public insults that they have received from his

lips; and that is what they will receive in the future unless a remedy is applied to these abuses, -since, just as upon the integrity of the leaders, depend the happiness, the tranquility and good order of the peoples, and (upon) the wisdom of the decisions of their superiors, it is clear that lacking that, these (peoples) will seek it. For which (reason) we humbly beg that you will deign to take the measure which in this case you consider just. San Fernando de Bejar: May God preserve you---And nothing further having arisen that required action, the meeting was adjourned, as we attest and to which we bear witness----

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On October 23, there was no meeting

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of the Council as the gentlemen composing it did not assemble, and in evidence the Second Alcalde and the Procurator attested it.

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On October 30, there was no meeting of the Council as the gentlemen composing it did not assemble and this entry was made which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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On November 6, there was no Council Meeting because the members did not assemble, and this entry was made and the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested it.

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On November 13, there was no Council Meeting for the above expressed reason, and this entry was made and attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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On November 20, the members of the Council met and nothing

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having arisen requiring action, they retired making this entry which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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On November 27, the members of the Council did not assemble, and this entry was made, and attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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On December 4, 1817, there was no Council Meeting as the members did not assemble, and this entry was made, which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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On December 11, the Council Members met, and nothing having arisen requiring action, they made this entry, which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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On December 18, 1817, the Council Members met, and nothing coming up for action, they

retired,

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making this entry which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 21, 1817, there met in special session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores; Don Jose Manuel Granado, the Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Antonio de Arevalo, and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; and being seated in their respective places in regular order, were informed by the Presiding Officer that this meeting was called in order to hold the elections for Alcaldes, Councilmen and Procurator for the coming year of 1818, and after a careful discussion they were proceeded with, and there resulted elected by a majority of votes, for First Alcalde, Don Luis Galan, for second Don Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, for ordinary Councilmen, Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, and Don Alvino Pacheco; and for Procurator, Don Jose Maria Sambrano, in all of whom are found the conditions and requisites necessary to work and to fill the said positions, and in due evidence this entry was ordered made, and they said that a report of this action should be sent to the Governor of this Province for whatever action he may desire, signing it with attendant witnesses for lack of an authorized notary, to all of which we bear witness----

Francisco Flores

Jose Manuel Granado

Vicente Gortari

Jose Maria Escalera

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

Patricio

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de Torres

Santiago Seguin

Witness

Witness

Jose Antonio Saucedo

Jose Antonio Bustillos

S.M. 1-20

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, December 25, 1817, there met in special session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, in the chamber set aside for that purpose, Don Jose Manuel Granado, the Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo, y Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; and all having taken their respective seats in the regular order, the Presiding Officer opened and read an official communication from the Governor, the contents of which were an approval of the election of the second Alcalde and the Procurator and not that of the First Alcalde for the excuse that Don Luis Galan interposed regarding the Office he received and the infirmities he suffers, in view of which it was accepted, and for the said office Don Jose Maria Sambrano was elected, and for Procurator, Don Jose Manuel Salinas, who were immediately approved for the said offices. And thereupon this meeting was adjourned, which we attest with witnesses present, for lack of an authorized notary, to which we bear witness-----

Witness

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Witness

Jose Antonio Bustillos

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar; January 1, 1818, there assembled in the Council Chamber Colonel Don Antonio Martinez, Civil and Military Governor of this Province; Don Francisco Flores, the First Alcalde; Don Jose Manuel Granado, the Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Pedro Antonio Arevalo and Don Patricio de Torres, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Santiago Seguin, the Procurator; and there immediately entered Don Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, Second Alcalde elect; Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garza and Don Alvino Pacheco, as ordinary Councilmen (elect); and Don Manuel Salinas as Procurator (elect), and having, in order of precedence taken their respective seats which had been made ready for them except for Don Jose Maria Sambrano, First Alcalde elect, who was absent, -the said Governor explained to those who had held the posts of the Republic in the year just ended, the ceremony with which they should surrender them in order to turn them over to their successors; to receive the emblems of Justice from the gentlemen who served as Alcaldes during the aforesaid year, in order to deliver them to those who must serve in the present year. And this having been accomplished, he had Don Felipe Enrique Neri stand up, and received from him the oath which he took before God Our Lord and the Symbol of the Holy Cross; and he performed the same act with Don Jose Flores, because as senior Councilman, the baton of First Alcalde had to fall to him in the absence of him who ought to serve. And having sworn and promised to fulfill and carry out his duties with entire integrity, administering justice with

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impartiality (NOTE: Washed Out) and defending the () public as may be necessary; he delivered each one the respective symbol of Justice which corresponded to him, the same ceremony waiting to be repeated when the incumbent Alcalde presents. And having done the same with the Councilmen and the Procurator, he placed them in possession of their duties. And this ceremony being concluded, he addressed himself to the Alcaldes, Councilmen and Procurator, who were leaving office, to whom in a brief discourse he gave thanks for the care with which they had discharged their duties. And immediately thereafter all went in a body to hear Mass at the Parish Church, and the business of this meeting was concluded; which was inscribed as an entry, which was signed by the said Governor and the incumbents, with attending witnesses for lack of an authorized notary: to which I bear witness----

Antonio Martinez

Agustin Ruis

El Baron de Bastrop

Alvino Pacheco

Jose Flores

Jose Antonio de la Garza

Manuel Salinas

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

Witness

Jose Antonio Bustillos

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In

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the City of San Fernando de Bejar, January 8, 1818, there met in regular session presided over by Colonel Don Antonio Martines; the Second Alcalde Don Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, in the chamber set aside for this purpose; the Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, Don Alvino Pacheco, ordinary Councilmen, and Don Santiago, -I should say, Don Manuel Salinas the Procurator; and having taken their respective seats in regular order, the act of putting the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, who had been away from town, into possession of his post, was proceeded with; which having been accomplished, this entry was caused to be made, which was attested by the Governor and the members of the Council, with witnesses for lack of an authorized Notary: to which we bear witness.

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 10, 1818, in special session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, (there met) the Baron de Bastrop, Second Alcalde; the Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, Don Alvino Pacheco, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Manuel Salinas, the Procurator; and

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having taken their respective seats in order, there was opened a communication from the Parish Priest of this locality, which had to do with the rebellious & evil attitude of Maria de la Cruz, alias "La Talapus", in continuing scandalously to live in this Capital to which she has returned from the banishment from the Province which Governor Colonel Don Antonio Maria Martinez imposed upon her, -and with the design that there be taken such steps as the case demands. So it was that she was summoned to appear, and this Body being informed that her return was by permission of the Commander of the Rio Grande, Lieut. Colonel Don Manuel Pardo, in the territory of the Province of Coahuila, this Body disposed that she be put under arrest, and she was so placed and a report made of this to the Governor for his information so that he may apply the remedy which was requested by the above-mentioned Priest of This City, for her disobedience and scandalous life, passing to each gentleman the corresponding relation of the decision which was taken about this affair. With which, we adjourned this meeting and we affixed our signatures (rubric) in the said City on the said day, month, and year with witnesses present in default of an authorized Notary, to which we bear witness.

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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January 15, 1818, the members of the Council of this City were present at the regular meeting and nothing having arisen that required action, they retired, making this entry which was attested by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 22, 1818, (There met) in regular

session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Baron de Bastrop, Second Alcalde; the Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, Don Alvino Pacheco, ordinary Councilmen; and Don Manuel Salinas the Procurator; and having taken their respective seats in order, there was opened an official communication from the Governor of the Province Colonel Don Antonio Maria Martines, which was accompanied by a Proclamation of good Government which he ordered to be made public; and after being informed of its contents and encharged with its observance and fulfilment, the appropriate reply was forwarded to him. On the same day, by request of the said gentleman, the leading residents of this City were called together to arrange with them for a voluntary contribution, to be repaid, to furnish the Troops that garrison it (NOTE: the city) with some provisions inasmuch as they have nothing to eat for lack of the funds which the Captain General of these Provinces, Brigadier Don Joaquin de Arredondo was held up. For this reason a list was sent to him, of what each one could furnish, with their names and business written in. And nothing further having arisen that required attention the meeting was adjourned; as we attest with witnesses present in default of a Notary: to which we bear witness----

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin deBeramende

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On January 29, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and there not having arisen

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anything to discuss, the entry was made and attested by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, February 5, 1818, there met in Council the Alcaldes Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the First, and the Second, the Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, Don Alvino Pacheco, and the Procurator, Don Manuel Salinas; and being all placed in order in their respective seats, the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano who presided, opened by the reading of a document presented by Councilman Don Agustin Ruis: Don Ygnacio Chaves who for his own account and accord, and in the name of the rest of the people of the Lower Planting (Lavor de Abajo) which is irrigated by water from the San Pedro Spring; which contains the demand that action be taken to fence the said plantation which was burned, in the best manner that can be found in order that the crops may not suffer delay, nor those interested, damages; Stating that having presented a request at the home of Lieut. Colonel Don Ygnacio Peres-- or rather, to his wife, Dona Clemencia Ernandes, that the fence which belongs to him, should be rebuilt, and (she) not having wished to agree to do it because she says 'That he who burned it can rebuild it',-the case being that it was found out that (the culprit) is a poor devil who cannot do it. In order to avoid delay, this body disposed, to relieve the ills which are set forth in the referred to

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document by the signers, that the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano be pleased to take up the said demand, confiding to his zeal and activity the prompt fulfilment of this

commission, doing justice to the petitioners. And this matter being settled, the report of this meeting was entered, which we attest with the attending witnesses for lack of a Notary, to which we bear witness----

Witness

Jose Eramso Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

. . .

On February 19, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and having nothing to discuss, they withdrew, making the entry which was attested by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, February 23, 1818, there met in special session, the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, who presided; the Second of the same class, Baron de Bastrop

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and the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas. Placed in their order in their respective seats, there was begun the checking of a declaration in quadruplicate which by verbal request of the Governor of this Province, Colonel Don Antonio Martines, was validated with the corresponding affidavit after having been read and verified, which related the noble descent and legitimacy of his lady wife, Dona Manuela Lorenzo y Cedron,-the which was returned to them, And continuing in its business, there was examined a writing presented by Maria de la Cruz, alias "La Talapus", who made claim for her liberty from the arrest in which she was placed,-and with regard to which an account was given to the Governor of the Province upon whose court (the case) depends. It was disposed that it be returned to her, advising him of it for his guidance. With which this meeting was adjourned; as we attest in the aforesaid City, on the said day, month, and year, with attending witnesses in default of a Notary which there is not in the sense prescribed by law; to which we bear witness----

Witness

Jose Eramso Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

. . .

On February 26, there was no meeting of the Council because the gentlemen composing it did not attend, and this entry was made and attested by the First Alcalde, Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas

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In the City of San Fernando de Bejar, March 5, 1818, there met in Council the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano who presided, and the Second, Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and placed by precedence in their respective seats, there was read a writing presented by Don Jose Maria Sambrano, which embodied a petition for a certification of properties and titles of construction and others, lost because of having fled from the house he inhabited in the year '13, which the insurgents

of this Capital seized; and declarations which should be taken from the persons who are named in said writing. And after having informed itself of all that he set forth in the petition (the Council) disposed that the Second Alcalde, Baron de Bastrop be commissioned to take the declarations that the document requests, and once completed that he return them to the Body so that it may do whatever more may be necessary. With which this meeting was adjourned, making this entry which was attested on the said day, month, and year, with attending witnesses for lack of a Notary, there being none of legal qualifications: to which we bear witness.

Witness

Jose Eramso Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, March 9, 1818, there met in special session upon written petition, the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, who presided, the Second of the same designation, Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and having taken their respective seats in order of precedence, a beginning was made of the reading of the declarations which the Second Alcalde secured at the request of the Presiding Officer Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and by virtue of the commission entrusted to him for this purpose, by the Body

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in the previous meeting, and after his declarations were well scrutinized and examined with the care the matter demands, it was decided that on the strength of the investigations practiced that the certificate that the petitioner requests be provided him, with (strict) attention to that which is proven with respect to that contained in the petition. With which this session was adjourned, as we attest upon the said day, month, and year, with the attending witnesses for lack of an authorized Notary--to which we bear witness.

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On March 12, 1818, the gentlemen who compose it did not attend the Council; and this entry was made which was attested by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas.

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On March 17, 1818, there met in special Council the gentlemen composing it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second, Don Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose

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Flores, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas, -not having attended the Second Councilman Don Agustin Ruis because of illness. And placed, by precedence, in their respective seats, there was made known by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the contents of an official communication which the Governor sent to the two Alcaldes requiring the formality and orderliness of the Executive Body in all its proceedings, as he had noticed some carelessness in the said corporation among some of its members. In which regard they acknowledged the justness of the Governor's complaint, and (resolved) to avoid such carelessness in future: The

said Gentleman was given such assurance in writing. With which this meeting was ad-
journed, as we attest on said day, month, and year, with attending witnesses for lack of
a Notary, there being none such as the law prescribes--to which we bear witness.

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On March 26, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen composing it, presided over
by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Second, Baron de Bastrop; the
ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don
Alvino Pacheco, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and having taken their respective
seats, by precedence, there was opened a letter from the Governor of the Province Colonel
Don Antonio Maria Martinez, containing three Royal Orders. And informed of its contents,
the letter of the Governor was answered, being filed in the Archive so that in it the
said Royal orders may act as due evidence: charging itself to comply with them in the
part that concerns this Body. With which this session adjourned as we attest on said
day, month, and year with attending witnesses

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in default of a Notary, there being none legally authorized: to which we bear witness.

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 2, 1818, there met in Council the
gentlemen who compose it, the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano presiding, - The
Second Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don
Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas.
And placed according to precedence, in their respective seats, there began a discussion
of the discouragement that was caused among the laborers of this City by the notice of
the recall of the soldiers on leave that the Governor of this Province offered to furnish
to them in the meeting held on the 22nd. of last January to help in the work of the
plantations to the end that they might obtain abundant harvests this year, to banish the
many hungers and miseries which they suffer for lack of sufficient grain,-they claim they
have not enough arms (NOTE: "laborers") to help them to cultivate the land. And by
common accord it was decided that there be sent to the Governor an official communica-
tion, which, to the letter, is as follows: Notwithstanding that in a Council Meeting
held the 22nd. day of last January in which there were discussed the calamities and want
which the inhabitants of this Province--as well as the troops of your garrison-found
themselves experiencing, Your Worship offered for the common good and the enlarging of
the plantations, to (temporarily) discharge some members of the troop so that their labor,
added to the harvesters, might be able in future, to lessen said miseries, we have seen
with the deepest

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feeling because of the discouragement that it has caused the laborers, that your Worship
having fulfilled this promise up to the 29th. of last month, there were recalled and
ordered to reincorporate with their respective companies, the soldiers who were engaged
in the said labor, giving them to understand they were exempt from another (temporary)
discharge. Your Worship knows that having convoked this community the said day on which

was held the session referred to, after Your Worship had become aware of the straits in which it found itself to provide the indispensable provision for the troops, in the midst of its misfortunes it lent itself gladly to providing you the few seeds it had and even the cattle that it was able to round up, which action, although due and proper in all good subjects, would seem to merit from Your Worship the assistance which you may give in such necessitous circumstances. For this reason, and because various citizens have undertaken increased plantings on the strength of the added laborers which Your Worship had furnished them; and as without these not only will they be unable to attend to the cultivation and care of the said plantings, but they will inevitably lose them as well as the other expenditures with which they charged themselves for the increased undertakings, we entreat Your Worship, as Fathers of this unhappy land that you will be pleased to order that the discharged men continue as they were before, although with the obligation to present themselves for military service whenever Your Worship may need them: Which boon we await from your justice and clemency. May God Preserve Your Worship for many years--The Governor of this Province Colonel Don Antonio Martines: With which the meeting adjourned; we attest it with attending witnesses for lack of an authorized Notary, of which there is none--Subject: The Discouragement that has been caused the laborers

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 4, 1818, in a special session of the Council which they compose, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Second,

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Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and having taken their respective seats in order of precedence, there was opened a letter from the Governor and its contents is as follows: Replying to the letter Your Worships send me, dated yesterday; I ought to say that it is true that in a Council Meeting over which I presided on January 22 of this year in which was discussed the straits and misfortunes in which this Province finds itself, -its residents as well as the troops that garrison it for whom I could not find resources for supplying its bare subsistence, that this Council offered itself voluntarily in the name of all the inhabitants, to furnish me even the scarce supplies of its bare daily subsistence, and that as much for the boon of these generous sentiments which I acknowledge, as for the desires that animate me to make this land progress, and to stamp out the poverty of its inhabitants-- of which to my sorrow I am an eye-witness--aware of the lack of laborers and finding no other means or resource for carrying out these just ideas, than that of releasing some soldiers so that with them they might begin and enlarge as much as possible their sowing so that in the present year we would not experience such miseries as in the one just ended, -I offered to put this project on foot, as Your Worships have seen fulfilled, I having for my part at the same time the desire that the Laborers helped by these men might be able to keep the Troop which was in service, a couple of months more; but with the small quantity of corn which could be collected for me, as well as because I am under the immediate orders of the Commanding General of this Province, Brigadier Don Joaquin de Arredondo, I advised this officer of this step, in order to cover my responsi-

bility, and believed that in view of the justice of the reasons which I gave him, he would give them the approval which it seemed must follow, I found myself with an order from the said gentleman, dated the 2nd. of last March in which he instructed me

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that the aforesaid discharged soldiers were to rejoin their companies so that they could do their Garrison duty, doubtless for some reasons unknown to me in spite of having given especial attention to what touches on this matter. With which I believe I leave this illustrious body satisfied; assuring them that because of the Interest with which I regard these citizens it is very painful to me to deprive them of this assistance, and that for their sakes I deplore the losses of which you speak, and of which I am well aware.

May God Preserve Your Worships for many years: Bexar, April 3, 1818---Antonio Martines--address of the Council of this City. And having discussed its contents it was unanimously resolved to appeal to the Most Excellent, The Viceroy of this Dominion, not only regarding this matter, but about the others that work the misfortunes and calamities that exhaust the Residents of this City; for which reason the following official letter was proceeded with, postponing until the next Thursday, its reading and the forwarding of it to the said Most Excellent Gentleman. With which this meeting was adjourned, as we attest before attending witnesses, for lack of a Notary, of which there is none legally authorised: To which we bear witness----

Jose Maria Sambrano

Jose Antonio de la Garsa

Jose Flores

Agustin Ruis

Manuel Salinas

Alvino Pacheco

Witness

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Juan Martin de Beramende

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In

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the City of San Fernando de Bexar; April 9, 1818, there met in Council the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria de Sambrano, who presided; the second Alcalde, Baron de Bastrop; the Councilmen Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and placed, by precedence, in their respective seats, the session began by formulating, in fulfilment of the preceding disposition, the representation that this Body decided to make to the Most Excellent Viceroy of this Dominion, whose tenor is, to the letter, as follows: Most Excellent Sir: The Council, Justiciary and Military of this City, Capital of Texas, united and assembled as is our wont and custom, in this Council Chamber, Before your Excellency, with the most profound respect set forth, that the establishment of our respective offices for the administration of Justice, the trust that these citizens have placed in our persons, confident of the integrity of our actions and that our prime object would be to banish from the Fatherland the necessities that oppress it, as well as the solemn oath which binds us and sets up this interest we owe, places us under the enforced necessity to draw Your Excellency's attention, with the purpose that, informed of the cries and the lamentable condition of this unhappy Province, your Excellency will be pleased to make it a sharer of the benefactions that you have so worthily distributed

in this Dominion since your coming to it.

This Province since the beginning of the growth of the Revolution, had the fortune to be exhausted by the enemies of peace and of the Fatherland, not only Spanish but also foreign, who having assembled in the United States fell upon this Dominion

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and possessed themselves of its principal key which is this Province, to its misfortune; which circumstance gave rise to the gravest disorders, and lack of resources which since then we are experiencing, and which are consequent in such cases. This rash attempt was why the Commanding General of this Province Brigadier Don Joaquin de Arredondo, after having raised his Army would have come to drive out this sort of malcontents--as he did after the battle which took place on the Medina River--and the Standard of Spain flying again, the loyal inhabitants who had emerged from their enslavement, breathed with the greatest satisfaction and rejoicing. But in the year 1813, in which this event befell, and the said Commanding General finding himself in this place, the community saw itself outraged because by order of the said Gentleman there were taken from them and gathered up the arms that they had for their own use for a defense against the savage Indians, who little by little have destroyed the goods and the persons of these citizens, murdering them with too much frequency--these burdens and misfortunes were in themselves the reason that two thirds of the citizens have departed and located their homes in other less unhappy districts, because of which the downfall of this people has been so much the greater for whereas formerly the Province has been abundant in its products and harvests, it can today consider itself among the most unfortunate and poverty stricken, for the lack which it suffers in its agriculture because of the workers that have abandoned it.

The troops which have garrisoned and now garrison the Province have to depend upon the inhabitants to such a degree that without them these would not be able to eat,--nor could these (NOTE: anyone) without the work and the product of the crops, because of the excessive distance and the difficulties which present themselves, for bringing from the frontier the supplies this city requires,--they are to-day insuperable, from which it is clear that the farmer with his crops draws upon the money of the Soldiers, and not lacking this their pay gives a handful of money sufficient for the Town; but if the Citizen has no crop to gather, and the Soldier lacks his pay, as is the case at present, it is inevitable that those of the one group, like the others, find themselves in

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the most extreme necessity for their necessary food without mentioning the other supplies which are of the utmost necessity for themselves and their families. This being, Most Excellent Sir, the deplorable condition in which the Province finds itself, and because of the same forces its inhabitants to appeal to the Benevolence of Your Excellency because of having exhausted all their resources, since even the numerous cattle which this soil fed, and upon which many citizens subsisted, no longer exist, as much because the Rebels have eaten them freely, as because of the Savage Indians who live in these parts; and also the needs which these Soldiers have experienced which were relieved as far as possible by the honest townspeople, who in spite of having tried to get the few cattle that, in spite of what has already been explained, had remained to them out of the Province in plenty of time for their preservation and safety, nevertheless were unable to accomplish it because the Commanding General forbade it in 1813, when he was in this Capital; which was reason enough why today besides the lack of grains, the lack of meat is extreme, and these people find themselves at the point of succumbing.

Also, since the said time, the services contracted for by the Government for the maintenance of the soldiers have not been rendered, neither for the Cavalry nor for the Regiment of Extremadura which was in the Garrison, whose commander, after having fixed the prices of grains and cattle too equitably, has considered them paid for by having given the creditors a document of acknowledgement, with which they can do nothing in benefit of their needs, -on the contrary they are convinced that not even within a long time can they be reimbursed for this promise to pay, not only on account of the scarcity of money, but because of the distance at which this corps is, and apart from that (without the slightest desire to criticise the decisions of the Commanding General) we can do no less than to state to your Worship also, that this Gentleman finding it for his convenience to raise in the Province a Company of Militia composed of 80 to 200 files

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which was carried out by his Superior Orders, but to the notable damage and detriment of the community because, besides the fact that the people who made up this Company were all dependents of Farmers and Agricultural workers, not only did this (business) suffer the loss of those laborers, but the employers of these workers have lost the (amount of the) debts which their peons owed them, which are considerable, and these losses united to the ones resulting from the others must inevitably lead the Province to the next stage, of abandon and ruin, because there being nothing on which to live, in it, the soldiers will withdraw protection, as many residents would already have done, if it were not that the Governor will not let them. So it seems as if they find themselves planted here like defenceless delinquents; with the warning that if these citizens did not find themselves endowed with the most sincere affection for the constituted Authorities who govern us, they would have gone over to the revolutionary party in the disappointments and disasters that they have suffered, it is sure, Most Excellent Sir, this Dominion could not breathe with the same liberty it does today since its greatest safety is dependent precisely upon the Province of Texas, and upon no other. For these and other reasons, Most Excellent Sir, it seems as if the Inhabitants of the Province were cut off from the Mercy of Our Sovereign, and that for some atrocious act they have incurred the series of calamities that they are supporting. Even half-witted people are ignorant (of the fact) that these evils are a result of the general disturbance caused by the insurrection, but the rustics and slow-witted cannot understand, nor will they be convinced of this manifest truth. Rather do they believe and understand that orders issued by the authorities within their jurisdictions are dictated by the Sovereign Himself, as if the mercies of His Majesty were not distributed impartially to all his vassals.

The soldiers who garrison the Province and are supposed to make a fight against the countless incursions of the savages who attack us, are today, not of the slightest use, rather do they consume the insignificant scarcity

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which has remained to them, because besides being without clothing, as well as weighted down by miseries and without help, they are barefooted and for this reason cannot perform the prompt and active service which is required in the towns of these parts; so it befalls that this fact itself makes it necessary, when the workers go out to cultivate their lands, they find themselves forced to manage the plow with one hand, to guide the oxen with the goad that they carry in the other, without omitting to carry a gun on

their shoulder (he who has one). And even thus, we find with the greatest pain, they are often murdered by the Indians when they seem to threaten the least. The arms that some of these use are acquired at great expense and moreover (they are) without the necessary ammunition because the warehouse has not stocked them since the year one thousand eight hundred thirteen, which is the reason why the majority are defenceless and by their need are delivered into the claws of their enemies, like the lamb that going forth to graze is ambushed by the wolf who secures his prey; it being worthy of note that these Citizens have at all times been real soldiers, not only in defence of the Town, but also in campaigns against the Indians, for which they have lent themselves as they always do whenever called upon, which is why formerly the Government furnished arms to them; by which it was brought about, that each one having his gun, this City had as many advance posts in the field as there were workers in fields and (rural) properties. These handicaps, with many more which are resultant, are well known by the other frontier Provinces, which is why no one wants to come to this one to be made into a real slave, having his existence dependent upon the aforesaid circumstances whose beginnings demonstrate clearly that this People must perish so much the sooner if such evils be further prolonged, since we see that the workers are frequently murdered, and that the soldiers, for the aforementioned reasons have not chastised these foes for a long time, and moreover the population finds itself enduring contributions and levies for their maintenance

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that are operations capable of bearing the clearest intelligence to ultimate desperation; adding to what has been stated, that besides the aforementioned damage that because of their miserable state the soldiers cause to this community, the damage that they cause to the finances is not less, because of the debts that they incur.

The Province of Texas is the principal Key to this New Spain, as much with respect to the Savage Nations, as to the United States of America, and it follows that it is where an efficient garrison is needed in order to (properly attend to the different problems that may call for attention of the Armed Forces, but this troop ought to be mounted according to its category, and sustained in the best condition that circumstances permit, so that they can serve the Viceroy with the results that His Majesty expects in his (military) establishment; by which it would be equally accomplished that the citizens might enjoy its prompt support in their toils, and that the harvests might go on successively taking on the expansion that they require, -since otherwise it is indisputable that they (the troops) are rather a detriment than a benefit. Your Excellency should be firmly convinced that all that we have stated, is only giving you a superficial idea of this situation, without our entering into a relation of other matters in order not to molest Your Excellency's attention.

Should our complaints be always directed against the administration of the present Governor of the Province it would be an unjust and unwarranted proceeding. Rather has he displayed upon various occasions the motives that animate him in the alleviating of these needs, but there is no doubting the misfortune that his determinations do not merit the approval of the Authorities, although they are designed for the general good of these citizens. The misfortunes that have been experienced in these latter years, and the increase in them which the coming years promise, placed us in the necessity of requesting some remedy for this Governor, who, not ignorant of them, because he has felt those

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which are more patent, did us the favor by dismissing some members of the (Military) Companies, of adding their labor to the cultivation of the next harvest, with which aid we promised ourselves to lessen the want that threatens us. And in effect, this having been done, in spite of everything some residents undertook much larger plantings than formerly; whose hopes for the increase of their harvests shone in the faces of even the most unfortunate. But, with what grief, Most Excellent Sir, have we seen that on the first day of this month, these dismissed men were retaken by their Companies to do Garrison duty, depriving us of the great benefit which he had afforded us. This action caused the Council as a Body to send to the Governor of the Province, the formal communication which is on page one, and his reply is that included in page two. In view of this (letter) and the matters stated therein, will Your Excellency permit us to state to you that these inhabitants have desired for a long time to see a step taken that will effect the banishment of their miseries, since it seems that although those taken hitherto, although born of the best sentiments that can be imagined, in the Commanding General, to say the least produce the most unfortunate results, as if they directly desired to deprive them of the well-being that they lack, for which reason, although to distract Your Excellency from the duties that surround you is most deeply regretted by this Corporation, it has been unable to find other recourse than to appeal to Your Notorious Compassion, confident that even an expanse of four hundred leagues will not to chill the cries of loving sons who implore your justice, to which end they hope that Your Excellency may be pleased to command, that to aid the backwardness which their tasks suffer, the said Militia Company be abolished with the individuals that belonged to it; that the Garrison be transferred to other points, and be

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replaced by another of veterans, that may be withdrawn from another, less important place; without, upon any pretext whatever, doing any recruiting within the Province, lest forcing them should the contrary be done, to perish, they pray that Your Excellency give orders and indicate some other colony where they can attend to their preservation and that of their families, and this place be abandoned until such time as the Government may overcome its disadvantages; commanding, at the same time, that to relieve its urgent needs, the Government may find the means by paying the debts it has contracted with them, so that for that very fact they can attend to the cultivation of their lands and the pay of their laborers. It should be apparent to Your Excellency that these Citizens being volunteer soldiers, -in any case, as has been said, the Government can not count upon them if hunger has them wasted and useless for any effective manoeuver. It being on this account also, indispensable that the Government supply them with guns and the necessary ammunition for its own defence and that of the Fatherland; the cost of which can be paid little by little, from the (saving of) the grain the Troop consumes, and charging them as a discount on any debts which the Government may owe them; this being one of the first points that should occupy the attention of Your Excellency, leaving to Your Notorious kindness of heart and consideration the other steps

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that you may consider fitting to relieve these loyal subjects of His Majesty, with whom this Council prays the Almighty that He will preserve the valuable life of Your Excellency for many years.

and having come to an accord on all its contents by a unanimous vote, all signed it, and it was resolved to send it to said Most Excellent Gentleman, upon the same date: with which the session adjourned, as was attested before the attending witnesses for lack of a Royal and Public Notary, which there is not, as prescribed by law, to which we bear witness.

Jose Maria Sambrano
Jose Flores de Abrego
Jose Antonio de la Garza

The Baron de Bastrop
Agustin Ruis
Alvino Pacheco

Manuel Salinas, Procurator

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 16, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and nothing having come up that needed action, they withdrew, inscribing this minute, which was attested by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas----

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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On April 22, 1818, there met in Special Meeting of the Council, the gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second Alcalde, the Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, and Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and having, by precedence, taken their respective seats, the meeting was opened by reading three certificates which the Parish Priest had made for the widow Dona Josefa de la Garsa, and which contained the certificates of burial of her husband and son, with the certificate of baptism of this last. And having registered them with due punctuality and the necessary exactness, they were entered in the register, the attestation of recognition, and the legality of the signatures of the said Sir Priest, which was done at the request of Dona Josefa de la Garsa; with which this meeting was adjourned, as we attest, in the City of San Fernando de

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Bexar, on said day, month and year, with the attending witnesses in default of an authorized Notary; to which we bear witness----

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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On April 23, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and nothing having come up that required action, they withdrew, making this entry, which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas attested.

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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On April 30, there was no meeting because it was a feast-day, and this entry was made as evidence, -which was attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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In the city of San Fernando de Bexar, May 6, 1818, there met in Council the Gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the Governor of the Province, Colonel Don Antonio Martinez; the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second, Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas: and having taken their respective seats by precedence, the Presiding Officer ordered read a document presented to the said Body by Don Vicente Micheli, which contained a petition for a certificate of loss of goods during the time that the revolutionists had possession of this Province, and (also certifying to) his conduct as observed during that time. This having been read then, and the members being agreed upon its contents, they disposed that he should be given the affidavit he requests, sustaining that the loss of his goods as he states, is true, his conduct honorable, and his behaviour during the time at which the rebels were masters of this Province, according to information because he was not in this Capital, was loyal to the legitimate authorities set up by His Majesty (whom God Preserve) Don Fernando in these his dominions. On the same day was revived a memorial of Maria Guadalupe Luna, addressed to the Most Excellent, the Viceroy of this dominion, in which she asks for a pension, her husband Jose Alcala having died in action; in accordance with what His Majesty has granted to such persons; which the Governor delivered to this Body, for the legalization of the signature of the Priest of the Parish of this Capital: which was done, and this meeting adjourned which we attest with the attending witnesses in default of a Notary, there being none; to which we bear witness-----

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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In

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the City of San Fernando de Bexar, May 14, 1818, there met in Council the Gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second of the same class, the Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas. And having taken their respective seats by precedence, the meeting was opened by reading a memorial from Lieut. Colonel Don Juan Manuel Sambrano and his associates Don Juan Beramende, Don Vicente Micheli, Don Manuel Nunes, Don Manuel Salinas, Don Manuel Barrera, Don Francisco Flores, and Dona Antonia Rodrigues; which contained a request for permission to go and gather up the cattle they might be able to in the pastures of the aforementioned persons. In connection with which (matter); the Governor of this Province has prohibited the round-ups which the owners of some ranches have conducted without leave, and to the prejudice, as has become known, of others, through various claims or complaints that have been made to him. He disposed that in recognition of the fact that the aforesaid suppliants have adhered to the proper formalities, to collect their cattle, offering not to disregard one point of the obligations imposed upon them, and that from the round-ups will result such advantages to the public,

especially in the present circumstances,-that the said request be sent to the Governor with the

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proper endorsement, so that His Worship, being thoroughly informed, may be pleased to order what he considers equitable in favor of the interested parties and all this community. With which this meeting was adjourned, which we attest in presence of the Witnesses in attendance, for lack of the customary, in default of a notary, to which we bear witness.

Jose Maria Sambrano

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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On May 16, 1818, there met in Special Council the gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the Second Alcalde, the Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas, and seated by precedence there was read the act and the permission that the Governor decreed at the foot of the document; and in complying the interested parties were cited in order to inform them, and that by this same order of the said Governor, we had appointed Councilman Don Alvino Pacheco, who would have to accompany them to personally oversee all that might take place during the round-up. Upon this the meeting was adjourned and the memorial returned to the Governor, according to his instructions, and we attest in before

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the attending witnesses in default of a notary,-there being none as already stated; to which we bear witness----

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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May 21, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and nothing having come up to act upon they went away; entering as evidence this minute which the First Alcalde and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas attested.

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May 28, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and there being nothing requiring action, they went away, making this entry in evidence, which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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June 4, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and nothing having come up that required action, they went away, making this entry in evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas attested.

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On June 11, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and nothing having

come up that required action, they retired, making this entry in evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas, attested.

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On the 18th of said month there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and there being nothing to take up, they withdrew, making this entry, which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas

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On June 25, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second Alcalde, the Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and being seated, by precedence, in their respective places, there was opened a communication from the Governor of the Province which contained a Royal order that in future neither the Alcaldes nor notaries before whom the military may request to make certificates for the collection of their salaries, shall collect fees. Which resolution resulted from a complaint made by the Chief of Squadron Don Joaquin Molina, in the Dominion of Peru, because the Viceroy of said Dominion had order that they be made by lawyers, to whom Molina had to pay the costs. And after having informed all the members with regard to the said Royal Order, and ordered that it be filed in the archive of the city so that it may serve duly as

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evidence, the session was adjourned, which was attested before the assisting witnesses, in default of a notary, there being none; to which be bear witness----

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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On July 2, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and there being nothing to take up, they withdrew, making this entry which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas, signed.

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On July 7, there met in special Council, the gentlemen who compose it presided over by the Second Alcalde, Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and having taken their respective seats by precedence, there was opened a communication from the Most Excellent, the Viceroy Don Juan Ruis de Apodaca, which contained the decision upon the memorial made by the local Government as is evidenced by the minute of the meeting of April 9, of this year of 1818; regarding which His Excellency decided, giving a corresponding order to that effect to the Commander General of these Provinces, Don Joaquin de Arredondo, that the arms which were taken from this community by the last military chief in 1813, will be returned and that the Militia Company of this Capital be dissolved because it is advisable to do so

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for the good of the Province, replacing this force if it was considered necessary, with another (company) which there may be in a less important place. The Council unanimously voted that an official letter informing him of what His Excellency had decided respecting the memorial, be sent to the Governor, which was done; and afterwards there was discussed another communication from the aforesaid Gentleman, which treated of a report that he requested concerning a matter mentioned therein; and it was agreed to do it, proceeding, before doing it, to the necessary investigation, and to a conference of the whole Council, deferring it until another day there being no time for it today. With which the session was adjourned, as attested in the presence of the witnesses of attendance, in default of a Notary, there being none;-to which we bear witness.

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Juan Martin de Beramende

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On July 9, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and not having been finished the report which was spoken of in the preceding minute, it was postponed until the following (meeting), ordering the entering of this explanation, which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas.

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The tenth of the said month and year, there met

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in Council the gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde in the customary manner being present all the members of the Body. And having caused to be read the report that the Governor requested in a letter of the 7th of the current month, they agreed unanimously to sign it, and to send it with the corresponding forwarding letter to the said Gentleman. With which the meeting was adjourned as we attest before the attending witnesses for lack of a Notary; to which we bear witness.

Witness

Juan Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Jose Antonio Navarro

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On July 23 of the current year there met in Council the gentlemen forming it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second Alcalde, Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and placed, by precedence, in their respective seats, there was read a memorial written by the Lieut. Colonel Don Juan Manuel Sambrano which contains a request for a measure to banish in part the lack of meat that is appearing in this District as well as to furnish the community with lard, candles, and soap, which they do not have, and whose lack is so essential to correct in the community. To this end, and having discussed the matter with the greatest accord, and recurred to the many steps which have appeared to be opportune,-after having attempted all the ways that

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remained to discover the easiest and most profitable means, find that the only practicable (plan) under the present circumstances, is to order to be made a round-up throughout all

the pastures in general, that will result in getting all the beef-cattle that are needed, and also the additional articles which are not lacking. And inasmuch as it is ordered by the Governor of this Province in his Proclamation of March 6, of the present year, that no owner of a ranch in the district, mark or brand any unmarked cattle that may be picked up in his pastures until the Commander General decides to whom it belongs, because of there having arisen quarrels between several cattle-raisers, and because very often there are unmarked cattle picked up on these cattle hunts, there shall be sent to the Governor notice of the resolution by this Council in this day's meeting, explaining the need that has driven us to this determination, so that if his viewpoint agrees with it, he may be pleased to furnish us the escorts of Soldiers that are needed for the safety of the ranchers who go out to round up the cattle; and so, that of the unmarked cattle that are taken, the interested persons may mark, brand, and distribute (them) in proportion to the number of cattle belonging to each one without argument; and that we are going because the urgent need of food, in which we find ourselves, demands it, seeing that (although) his Worship was informed of it in conference a long time ago, he has made no decision about this matter; it is (only) just not to put off from this poverty-stricken people any longer the only means that remain to it for subsistence in such calamitous circumstances; nor from the cattlemen the branding of the cattle which legitimate reproduction, that they recognize, in their pastures has given them; especially as they have promised to make no complaint to this or any other court. And this having been read, the meeting was adjourned, and we attested it before the witnesses

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of attendance, with whom we attest this, for lack of a notary, there being none, as has been said: to which we bear witness----

Changed: "to obtain for the good--we--they will agree--see between the lines-- of this Province as--see--increase--Because they find themselves agreed--to which--and of which--just--has for--not see-- (NOTE: the above are emendations of the original text, made by its writer and scratched out by him in the manuscript).

Witness

Mamuel Yturri Castillo

Witness

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

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On July 26 of said year there met in special session of the Council, the gentlemen who compose it presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; being present the other members of the Body with the customary formalities; and having opened a communication from the Governor that contains the reply to the preceding Act, to which he agrees in all its points, this Council determined to call an assembly of all the residents (who are) stockmen, to arrange with them the manner of rounding up the cattle in question, who will suggest the most efficient means of doing it; impressing upon them the Town's urgent need of meat and its by-products so that in view of this they will speed up the prompt remedy that is requested. To this end, the said stockmen were called together; and being assembled, they were informed of the resolution of this Body to supply the Town with meat, lard, soap, and candles, begging them in a conference (the help of) their knowledge in order to assist with promptness and certainty the deciding of this point, and after having spoken and suggested whatever they thought fit, they agreed unanimously that the Council would decide as might seem best to them, taking into

consideration the knowledge that some of

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their number had of the operation, and that they would defer in all points to that (which the Council had) decided. With which this meeting was adjourned, and the cattlemen having withdrawn, it was determined to continue next day to arrange the ordering of the parties that would go, the conditions to which the owners of cattle should adhere, (that would be) imparted in writing, -and where they ought to begin the round-ups. And it was attested before attendant witnesses, as has been said; to which we bear witness.

Witness

Manuel Yturri Castillo

Witness

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

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On July 28, 1818, there convened in special session of the Council, the gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; and the second Alcalde, Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and seated, by precedence in their respective seats, they disposed that the cattlemen who sign below be summoned in order to inform them of what this Body has resolved with regard to what was discussed in the assembly of July 26, of this year, and because of the need that in order to decide the plan of the round-ups of cattle or the gathering of them, they give their pledge, conforming to what would be impartially

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decided by this Council, who, having in entire agreement discussed all the points that seemed important for the better regulation of the departures and roundups that take place; with that object (i.e. impartiality) united to dictate the following rules for their conduct:

1. Whatever number of cattle may be gathered in the first round-up, will be distributed by drawing lots, taking into account the calf that each cow may have borne, except those calves that the cows may bring in on the hoof, since each one of these ought to be given to whoever the brand belongs; and this shall be understood in the other round-ups, and the distribution shall be made in the form stated already.

2. All unbranded cattle which may fall to them, after being distributed in the manner already explained, must be branded and marked, so that in the other round-ups that may be made, if some should remain at large, there may be no discord between the interested parties; and if with reference to these, there should arise any doubt, this Council will deliberate upon what it is best to do. With the warning that in no case will it accept complaints in writing, in order to avoid in so far as possible the prejudices which might result from this to the interested parties and that their decisions, after hearing the parties may be fair and final.

3. The cattle that may fall to persons who do not assist at a round-up nor own a pasture shall be redeemed at four reals per head of cow and calf; and the bulls at two reals for each one, to help the expenses that may be incurred by those who go in search of them that will be applied to defraying the expenses of this

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Body and to pay for the experience of the Captains of parties to whom it belongs (NOTE: The animal). It being the duty and responsibility of the Captains to gather together and bring in the cattle which they are given, both strays and unmarked cattle to these persons.

4. The cattle-raisers and owners of Ranches who may wish to leave their cattle on the range because they believe it handier, and for other personal reasons, can do so, bringing in the remainder that belongs to others, to deliver to the owners.

5. The Council will select someone as a committee who will be present at the round-ups that are made and before whom, and with whose leave, shall be made the distribution of the cattle that may be collected, giving an account to this Council of the results, for their information.

6. As at the termination of these round-ups, or in any especial one there may be a surplus of cattle that their owners do not wish to kill but to keep, likewise calves which should not be killed except in most urgent case,--and that they have only yearlings or male cattle to aid their necessities, will be taken care of together, each one contributing in proportion to what he may have in order to cut down the herders that are needed; for whose protection and defense from the savage Indians, we will request an escort from the Governor: Noting that these herders can also care for the herd and their employers will cooperate when they have no other cattle with the number that belongs to them in proportion to the number there may be.

7. All persons who have grazing land or are owners of ranches should go on these round-ups

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which are held, and if they do not do it because they do not want to, if they are awarded a share the owners who may have unmarked cattle shall be deprived of them; and for the strays that fall to them, they will have to pay per head and class the price indicated in Article Three.

8. The Captains of each party and the servants who accompany them can search through all pastures and free range: it being perfectly understood that those who head West will keep on this course as far as their cattle reach; and to the South by all the Ardo Road as far as Las Nueces; and to the North as far as they can and want to hunt. The owners of the ranches of the Salado, on the banks of the River of this Capital and Las Calaveras will make their pick-ups from the headwaters of the Salado to the forks of the Calaveras, from there on a line east to the Castle Capote that is on the Guadalupe River, and from there North to the headwaters of the said river, and thence South to the headwaters of the Salado. The other stockmen who have their ranches on the flats of the river of this City along Las Calaveras down to the forks of the Cleto, can hunt from the said forks of both rivers,--that is of Calaveras and Cleto,--to the forks of the Nogales and Guadalupe, and thence to the Capote. And those of the other part of the river of this City, from the Picoso to its fork with the Cleto, and thence to the mouth of the Nueces, and returning, to the Borrego Spring. Those of Chayopin will go from the Costales Ford down the entire length of Ardo Road to the Nueces, and from there to the Spring of

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Borrego and Picos. And the gentlemen of the Body by unanimous vote having agreed upon

the regulations in the foregoing articles, and being the cattle-men, as was ordered in the previous meeting, the former signed, and the later (signed) with them, each one renouncing in detail the rights and privileges he enjoys, submitting in every way, in order to comply with that which was ordered, to the illustrious Council. Having also signed the witnesses of Attendance, with whom they acted, in default of a duly authorized Notary, there being none in the sense prescribed by law: - To which we bear witness

The Baron de Bastrop

Jose Flores

Jose Antonio de la Garsa

Manuel Salinas

Francisco Xavier Bustillos

Jose Manuel Gramados

Francisco Garcia

Juan Martin de Beramendi

Francisco Flores

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Remigio Perez

Juan Courbiers

Luis Galan

Agustin Ruis

Alvino Pacheco

Juan Manuel Sambrano

Franco Montes

Juan Francisco de Collantes

Fernando Rodrig^s.

Vicente Micheli

Francisco Farias

Jose Maria Arocha

Witness

Manuel Yturri Castillo

Witness

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

. . .

On July 30, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and nothing having arisen that required action, they withdrew, making this entry in evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas attested.

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On August 6, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second Alcalde the Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas. And all having taken their respective seats, in order, there were opened two official communications from the Governor, one of which contained his approval, and (granting) the escort which he will furnish for the round-ups indicated in the transaction of the 28th of last month, and the other that

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was for the Alcaldes, and concerned the collection of corn from the citizens to supply the needs of the detachment of troops which by Superior Order must march against the insurgents that are (moving) on Galveston, and that have reached this Capital without the necessary supplies for their subsistence; placing themselves in accord with this Body. (NOTE: This refers to the citizens who were to furnish the corn), which upon being advised of the shortage which the Government reveals, and desirous of the fulfilment of an order of such assistance to the better serving of the King and of the Fatherland, called upon the more well-off farmers of this Capital, among whom was supplied the number of bushels of corn

requested by the Governor. With which this meeting was adjourned, orders being given that the Governor be informed of what had been done. And this was attested by the witnesses of attendance in default of a legally authorised Notary, there being none. To which we bear witness----

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Jose Antonio Navarro

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On August 13, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and nothing having come up that needed action, they retired, this entry being made in evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas, attested.

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The 20th of August there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano observing the customary formalities, and with them occupying their respective seats, the Alcaldes called to the attention of the Body a communication from the Governor in which he requests them to collect among the citizens two hundred and fifty fanegas of corn, over and above what he had requested according to the Act of August 6, for the maintenance of the troop that is going on campaign, because he has no funds with which to purchase it. And having sought it among the farmers, and explained to them the manner in which the Governor promises to pay for the corn that is needed, and the reason that forces him and the necessity, they agreed to furnish what corn can be procured; and the persons involved having agreed and taken steps to comply, the Governor was advised. With which the meeting was adjourned, and attested by the attending witnesses: To which we bear witness.

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Jose Antonio Navarro

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On August 27, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and there being nothing to discuss, they withdrew, entering this as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas attested.

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On September 3, the gentlemen who compose it did not come to the Council meeting, and this entry was made as evidence and attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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On September 10, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and there being no business to transact they withdrew, making an entry as evidence, attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

. - .

On September 17, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it; the First

Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano presiding, the Second Alcalde Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas;

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and placed, by precedence in their respective seats, there was ordered to be opened a letter from the Governor which contained a decree of the Most Excellent, the Viceroy, to put an end to the abuse of receiving bills (written on) ordinary paper, because of loss which results to His Majesty; a compliance with which (decree) was laid upon the Alcaldes, for the cases where it might occur, charging them to observe what His Excellency had commanded, scrupulously; ordering that the Governor be answered in the official reply. With which this session was adjourned, attested in presence of the attending witnesses, for lack of a Notary, there being none legally authorised. To which we bear witness----

Witness

Jose Erasmo Seguin

Witness

Jose Antonio Navarro

. . .

On September 24, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and there being nothing to discuss, they retired, making this entry as evidence, which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

Sambrano

Manuel Salinas

. . .

On October 1, the gentlemen who compose it did not come to the Council, and this was entered as evidence and attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator

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On October 8, the gentlemen who compose it met in Council, and there being nothing to discuss, they withdrew, entering it in evidence, which was attested by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas.

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On October 15, there met in Council the gentlemen composing it; the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano presiding; the Second Alcalde Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and having taken their respective seats by precedence, a communication from the Governor was opened, in which he requests, on the part of the Most Excellent Viceroy of this dominion, from the Intendente Don Luis Potosi, a report of the losses which the inhabitants of this Province suffered because of the expedition of the rebel Jose Alvarez Toledo, led to attack it in the year 1813, which (rebel) is held to be an agent of the United States of North America: And thereupon it was ordered that all the citizens be summoned in order to ask them for a sworn report of what each one may have lost, in detail. With which the meeting was adjourned, as we attest in presence of the attendant witnesses, whom we use for lack of a Notary, there being none authorized legally; to which we bear witness.

Witness

Jose Antonio Navarro

Witness

Manuel Borrego

On October 22, of said year the gentlemen who compose it did not attend the Council. This entry was made as evidence, and attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator

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On October 29, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who form it, and there being nothing to discuss, they retired: making an entry of it in evidence, that the First Alcalde Jose Maria Sambrano and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas attested.

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On November 5, 1818, the gentlemen who form it did not meet in Council, and this entry was made, that the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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On November 12, of said year, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second Alcalde Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Albino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas, not having attended the Second Councilman Don Agustin Ruis because of illness; and seated in the customary manner, there was opened an official letter from the Governor of the Province dated the tenth of the present month, which having been read, contradicted an order of the Most Excellent Viceroy of this Dominion transmitted by the Intendente, Doctor (of Laws) Attorney Luis Potosi, ordering payment of the Indian tribute and as in this Province there are no

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tributaries it was decided--for whatever it might be worth--to send a report of the Indians who have possessions within the limits of this Capital. With which this meeting adjourned, having issued the necessary order to the Alcaldes of the Missions in order that they may give us the report that is ordered by the action taken. We attest it before the attending witnesses for lack of a Notary as aforesaid. To which we bear witness.

Witness

Jose Antonio Navarro

Witness

Manuel Barrera

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On November 19, 1818, the gentlemen composing the Council did not attend, and this entry was made as evidence, and attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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On November 26, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen forming it; presiding, the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second, Baron de Bastrop; the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel

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Salinas, not present the Second Councilmen Don Agustin Ruis because he finds himself

sick: and those present having seated themselves in the usual manner, they ordered to be opened an official message from the Governor of the Province which contained three proclamations concerning cleanliness of the streets, good order, and persecution of robbers and sneak-thieves, they having in compliance, resolved to lay this charge upon His Excellency the Procurator, and the suburban Alcaldes; and that the Governor be answered and advised of the Measures taken by this Body to effect his object. With which this meeting was closed; which they attested in the presence of attending witnesses for lack of a notary, there being none legally authorized. To which we bear witness:

Witness

Jose Antonio Navarro

Witness

Manuel Barrera

. . .

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On December 1, 1818, there met in Special Council the gentlemen who form it, presiding the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, and placed by precedence as usual, there was read a communication from the Governor, in which he charges the Alcaldes to call its contents to the attention of this Body, and to his repeated insistence that

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the bridge be built where the majority of the people go back and forth to the Alamo quarter; and also to the neatness and cleaning of streets and carelessness that he blames upon a disregard for their just obligation by this Body as also by its Procurator and the suburban Alcaldes. It was resolved that the necessary measures would be taken at once to carry into effect what the aforesaid Governor ordered; at the same time requesting of him the help of the troops so that with their aid, the citizens will be able to reconstruct th work under discussion; and (requesting) the Procurator (to co-operate) and the suburban Alcaldes (in the quarters) in which they keep watch and ward. Also (the steps taken to ensure) neatness (of the streets) and good order and all is ordered to be done, by the proclamations- of good government. In the same communication they reported the losses they had because of the invasions by the Americans of this Province in 1812, 1813; and having signed the compiled report that was made of them, it was ordered that the originals should be filed in this (archive) as due evidence. With which this meeting was adjourned as they attested before attending witnesses, for lack of a Notary, as has been said: To which we bear witness----

Witness

Manuel Herrera

Witness

Vicente Micheli

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On December 3, 1818, the gentlemen who form the Council did not attend, and this entry was made

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as evidence, that was attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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On December 10, 1818, there met in Council the gentlemen who form it, the Second

Alcalde, Baron de Bastrop presiding in the absence of the First, -being present the Third Councilman Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, the Fourth Don Alvino Pacheco, and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; not attending either Don Jose Flores or Don Agustin Ruis because ill. And having taken their places in their respective seats, there was a discussion of the actual state of the repairs to the bridge; being present Don Vicente Gortari, commissioned to do the work, who said that for its complete repair there were needed three piles and two hundred cedar beams; and it was ordered, for the purpose, that there be instituted an investigation by the suburban Alcaldes of the useable carts there were among the residents so they may go to bring in the needed timbers; it being thoroughly understood that those among the citizens who may be able to do this task and who refuse to do it, for any reason that is not legitimate, shall be fined nine pesos for his fault, because it has been ruled that it is the price of the six timbers that is the quota for each one to carry; it having been resolved at the same time that without distinction each cart must carry a wood-cutter who will do the work that corresponds to him independently. With which the meeting was adjourned, as we attest before the attending witnesses for lack of a Notary, as has been said: To which we bear witness--

Manuel Barrera

Vicente Gortari

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On December 16, 1818, there met in Special Session the gentlemen who compose the Council; presiding, the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano; the Second Alcalde Baron de Bastrop, the ordinary Councilmen Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas; and seating themselves in the customary manner it was resolved to discuss in a committee of the whole, a memorial to the Most Excellent, the Viceroy, making a claim for the fulfilling of his Superior order of the 25th of last May which contained (orders for the) abolition of the Militia Company of this City by the Captain General, and the return of the arms which by his order were taken away from these citizens in the year 1813. This was made as a formal petition of the following tenor: Most Excellent Sir: The Council of this Capital of the Province of Texas, assembled and united as is our custom in our Council Room before Your Excellency with the greatest respect, (beg)to state (that) in consequence of an appeal that this Council sent to Your Excellency on April 9, last, seeking some assistance in order to remedy the misfortunes and want of the citizens that form this Town of San Fernando, Your Excellency's compassion has deigned to make known to this Council by your communication of the 25th of this last May, that being advised of all that was called to your attention, you instructed the Captain General of this Province Don Joaquin Arredondo that the company of Militia recently formed by his order, would be abolished, and the persons composing it freed from its service so that they might be able to assist at the labor and cultivation of the lands, from which they had been withdrawn with notable delay and damage to the citizens that had them in their service, and moreover with great delay with the coming crops, thus not only affecting the feeding of the citizens, but also of the troop. And at the same time Your Excellency deigned to order the aforesaid Captain General that there be returned to this citizenry, the arms which in consequence of his order were taken away in the year 1813. The condition and the attentions of this Province, or perhaps the many (attentions) which may be offered to the Captain General, are perhaps the reasons that do not permit us to give compliance to that which Your Excellency saw fit to command in your order

which you were pleased to dictate for the lessening of the misfortunes of the people of Texas, which Your Excellency has so clearly in mind,

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because, having ceased for the present the aforesaid attentions, and having returned to this Capital more than a month ago the division which went to dislodge the enemies that established themselves on the (Gulf Coast), it seemed as if the Captain General could already have acted and complied with Your Excellency's orders. And this Council knowing that the times are not fitting for again occupying Your Excellency's attention, deferred the matter, believing that the principal reason for not having done what Your Excellency was pleased to order the Captain General to do was to be found in the necessity there was of the troops, for the expedition sent to Galveston, -and that these having returned, Your Excellency's superior measures would be duly put into effect. But in view of the fact that the suggested causes, which this Council mentioned above, are not those that have prevented the Captain General from carrying out Your Excellency's orders, it finds itself for that reason under the necessity of again appealing to Your Excellency's justness, to whom we humbly pray that what Your Excellency ordered on May 25 with reference to this Province be carried into exact and due effect; and that accordingly as subsequent events may permit, that the satisfying of the debts owing to these citizens, which your troops, as much the Cavalry as the Regiment of Estremadura have contracted with them, be proceeded with, so that with such assistance they can go to remedying their fundamental wants; from which measures it will come about that in the future it will encourage them to increase their planting; and that the soldiers will not lack their indispensable foodstuff, since it is indubitable that the condition in which they find themselves does not permit them to be of any use to the King, seeing that in their lamentable situation they do not (even) desire to do anything for themselves. It is also (a matter) for careful consideration that the payment of the Crown Taxes of this Capital is provided from the products that formerly supplied the consumption of this City, for besides (the fact) that the public funds

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will be benefitted in this place, the citizens will be able to procure powder and cartridges for their own defence, and if they cannot have these, the return of their arms will be of little service to them.

Which benefits will be held in memory by these citizens, and (together) with this Council they will implore the Almighty that he may preserve your Excellency's valuable life for many years: San Fernando, de Bexar. And having ordered this written, and studied by all the members of this Body with appropriate attention, they approved it as correct, and it was ordered that it be forwarded today to the aforesaid Excellent Sir, for the purpose of obtaining the favors sought. And this having been done; the meeting thereupon adjourned; as we attest in evidence, with the attending witnesses as usual. To which we bear witness.

Jose Maria Sambrano
Jose Flores
Jose Antonio de la Garza

Witness

Manuel Barrera

The Baron de Bastrop
Agustin Ruis
Alvino Pacheco

Witness

Vicente Cortari

On December 17, 1818, the gentlemen composing the Council did not attend, and this entry was made, attested by the First Alcalde and the Procurator.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar; December 22, 1818, there met in a Special Session presided over by the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano, the gentlemen,

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Don Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, the Second Alcalde; Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa; Don Alvino Pacheco, and Don Manuel Salinas, the Procurator; who placed themselves in regular order in their respective seats. The aforesaid Presiding Officer then stated to them that this meeting was called in order to hold the election of Alcaldes, Councilmen, and Procurator for the coming year of One Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen, and there having preceded it a thorough canvass, the election was proceeded with and there resulted elected by a majority of votes: For First Alcalde, Don Francisco Montes de Oca; For Second, Don Gaspar Flores; for ordinary Councilmen, Don Vicente Gortari, Don Manuel de la Garsa, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Francisco Bustillos; and for the Procurator, Don Eugenio Flores; in all of whom are to be found the qualities and requisites necessary for the work and the filling of the aforesaid posts: And as due evidence we order that the act be recorded; and they said that an immediate report of this proceeding should be sent to the Governor of this Province for such action as he may consider proper: This being signed by the attending witnesses in default of a duly authorized Notary. To all of which we bear witness

Jose Maria Sambrano
Jose Flores de Abrego

The Baron de Bastrop
Agustin Ruis

Jose Antonio de la Garsa

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Alvino Pacheco

Manuel Salinas

Witness

Witness---

Pedro Antonio Arevalo

In the town of San Fernando de Bexar, December 24 of 1818, there met in a regular session with the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano presiding, in the Chamber designated for that purpose: Don Felipe Neri, Baron de Bastrop, the Second Alcalde; Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, the ordinary Councilmen; and the Procurator Don Manuel Salinas: And when all had placed themselves in their respective seats in regular order, the Presiding Officer opened and read an official communication from the Governor, containing his approval of the selections made by the Council for Alcaldes, Councilmen, and Procurator who are to form the Executive Council of this City for next year of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen, of the persons who are named in the preceding minutes. Thereupon this meeting was adjourned; as we attest in the customary manner; to which we bear witness.

Witness

Witness

Santiago Seguin

Francisco Flores

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, on December 31 of 1818, there met in regular session of the Council, with the First Alcalde Don Jose Maria Sambrano presiding, in the Chamber designated for that purpose, the gentlemen, Don Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, the Second Alcalde; Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, the ordinary Councilmen; and Don Manuel Salinas the Procurator. And having taken their places in the regular order, in their respective seats, the Presiding Officer ordered that they make an inventory of the papers and documents of the Council and of the First and Second Alcaldes; and that the Procurator render an account of the tax funds, which were entrusted to him. Which was effected; with which this meeting was adjourned; as we attest with attending witnesses for lack of a duly authorized Notary: To which we bear witness.

Jose Maria Sambrano

The Baron de Bastrop

Jose Flores

Agustin Ruis

Jose Antonio de la Garsa

Alvino Pacheco

Manuel Salinas

Witness

Manuel Barrera

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 1, 1819, there convened in the Council Chamber the Colonel Don Antonio Martines, Civil and Military Governor of this Province; Don Jose Maria Sambrano the First Alcalde; Don Felipe Enrique Neri, Baron de Bastrop, the Second Alcalde; Don Jose Flores de Abrego, Don Agustin Ruis, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, Don Alvino Pacheco, the ordinary Councilmen; and Don Manuel Salinas, the Procurator. And all having taken their places in order of precedence in the seats that were prepared for them, the said Governor explained to those who held the Posts of Government during the year that has ended, the formalities with which they ought to retire from them so as to deliver them over to their successors; he received the Emblems of Justice from the gentlemen who used those (emblems) of Alcalde during the aforesaid year, in order to deliver them to those who are to serve as Alcaldes during the present year. And the former having thus done, he installed Don Francisco Montes; and received from him the oath, which he made by God Our Lord and the Sign of the Holy Cross. And he performed the same ceremony with Don Gaspar Flores; and when they had sworn and promised to comply and to discharge their duties

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with absolute integrity,, administering justice with impartiality and defending the public rights as may be fitting, he invested them with the respective emblems of justice which corresponded to each one. And having performed the same ceremony with the newly-elected Members of the Council and Procurator, he placed them in possession of their respective posts charging them to fulfill their duties. And having concluded this act, he addressed the retiring Alcaldes, Councilmen, and Procurator, to whom, in a brief discourse he expressed thanks for the care with which they had discharged their obligations; and immediately thereafter, they all went in a body to hear Mass at the Parish Church: Thus being concluded the business of this meeting, which they caused to be inscribed; which the said Governor and the incumbents signed, with attending witnesses in default of a duly authorized witness: To which we bear witness.

Antonio Martines

Francisco Montes

Gaspar Flores

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar on the seventh day of January 1819, there met in Council the Gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes; the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores; the ordinary Councilmen Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Manuel de la Garsa, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Francisco Bustillos, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores. And having taken their places in regular order, in their respective seats, business was opened by the reading of an official message from the Governor of the Province, of January; whose contents were, to again encharge the consciences of the Justices, and to remind this body of its sacred duties in the exercise of its functions, and of theirs as well; placing before them as a charge upon both the former and the latter, the need that there is to regulate the services to be rendered by the citizens in the public works that present themselves to be done; asking, to this effect, that the carts they may have be listed, also the saddle and cargo mules, as without the necessity of this requirement, (i.e. without the necessity of making investigations every time a cart or mule is needed) they ought to know how many there may be at any time that need arises; appointing, at the same time, a Commissioner or Judge of Embargos (i.e. official requisitions) so that he can attend to all that, together with other tasks that must be accomplished. All of which having been studied by the Council, it was resolved, in reply, to say to His Excellency that in as far as possible, that contained in his aforesaid message would be complied with; stating to him, so far as the rest is concerned

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the necessary observations, so as not to disturb the present ordering of this arrangement under existing circumstances. The meeting was thereupon adjourned, as the gentlemen of the Council attested in the presence of the attending witnesses for lack of a duly authorized Notary, there being none. To which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar on the 11th of the month of January of 1819, there met in special session of the Council the gentlemen who compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and having seated themselves by precedence according to custom, there was opened a message from the Governor of the Province that contained two communications, -one from the Most Excellent, the Viceroy, ordering that there be carried into effect the Royal Order of November 29, of last year, for the compiling of statistics in this Dominion; and the other, that accompanied it, in which were stated corresponding instructions for doing it. This Body, being informed concerning the entire matter, resolved that an expression of its obedience (to the order) should be sent to him, and (a copy of) the orders for its accomplishment that it commanded to be promulgated,

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for his distinguished information and guidance. With which, this session was adjourned, as we attest in the already stated manner. To which we bear witness.

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On January 14 of the year 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that form it,

and not having anything to discuss, they retired, inserting this entry that the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, on January 20, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, -the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes presiding, -the Second Don Gaspar Flores; the Councilmen Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Manuel de la Garsa, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Francisco Bus-

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tillos; and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores. And having taken their places in their proper order, the First Councilman, Don Vicente Gortari, suggested, -knowing that the armorer Antonio Olibares was going to leave this City and that the citizens need a person for the repairing of arms, -that it would be well to call it to the Governor's attention, in order that he, in view (of this fact) might decide to prevent his departure, because of the benefit that would result from this to the Community. In effect, the Council, considering how necessary and useful this was, resolved by a majority of votes to call it to the attention of the Governor. And as a result the said superior Authority offered the (services of the) armorer of the Bexar Company, Polonio Tapia, ordering him to arrange to serve the citizens to the best of his ability in whatever work that they might bring him. With which action this session was adjourned, as they attested in the presence of the witnesses present, for lack of a Notary as aforesaid. To which we bear witness.

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On the 28th of January of the aforementioned month

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and year, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and not having had anything to take up, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, as the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar on the 4th of February, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde; and taking their places, in order, in their respective seats, there was opened a letter from the Governor of the Province to which was attached the Royal Order of the 16th. of May of the year 1818, in which His Majesty is pleased to declare that the legal documents made by the poor upon Stamped Paper of the Poor, shall be admitted in the courts, and that their declarations shall be received from them without exacting the payment of taxes, but with the condition that they truly are poor, for in any other case, they must be obliged to pay the costs, and to indemnify the Royal Treasury for the proper (cost of) the corresponding stamped paper. And this Body being fully advised of all the instructions given in the said Royal Order will carry out the part that is incumbent upon it. Upon which

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and not having had anything else to transact, this session was adjourned, as we attest in the presence of the attending witnesses, in default of a Notary, there being none

duly authorised according to the law: To which we bear witness.

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On February 11, of the year 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen of the Body, and not having had anything to transact, they retired, entering it in evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar on the 18th day of the month of February 1819, there met in Council, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, the gentlemen that compose it; and being placed, by order, in their respective seats, they ordered to be read two Royal Orders, of which on the 15th and 17th of the current month, the Governor of this Province sends us copies. One concerns the favor bestowed by His Majesty upon the Most Excellent, the Viceroy of this Dominion Don Juan Ruis de Apodaca, of a title of Castille with the designation of Count of Venadito, in reward for his loyalty and distinguished

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services in the present conditions; and the other to warn of the pestilence that menaces all the dominions of our Monarch because of that (pest) which is being suffered in Africa. This Council will give due compliance to both; it being ordered that the reply to the Governor of the Province shall make itself understood to that effect; and furthermore in order that it serve as requisite proof, it shall be filed in the corresponding archive of this Municipal Body, With which this session was concluded, because of there being nothing more to transact- it being attested in the presence of the attending witnesses: To which we bear witness.

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On the 25th of February of the said year, there assembled in regular session, the gentlemen of the Council, and nothing at all having come up for transaction, they withdrew, making this entry as evidence which the First Alcalde and the Procurator signed, - I should say, attested.

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On the 4th of March there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had

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anything to discuss, they withdrew, entering it in evidence which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores attested.

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On the 11th of March, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and not having had anything to discuss, they withdrew, entering it in evidence which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar on the 19th of the month of March of 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde

Don Francisco Montes; the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores; the Councilmen Don Vicente Gortari, Don Manuel de la Garza, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Francisco Bustillo; and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores: and having opened a communication from the Governor of the Province, we found a "good Government" Proclamation, in which he encharges us with its fulfillment; in which all of the gentlemen concurred, giving the necessary orders for its being accomplished, and disposing that the Governor be advised to that effect for his distinguished information. And not having had any other matter of which to dispose, -nor to discuss,

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this minute was concluded, which was signed as evidence before the assisting witnesses as previously stated: To which we bear witness.

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On March 26, the gentlemen who compose it did not attend the Council, and it was entered as evidence which the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores signed.

(NOTE: No signature, but attested by two rubrics)

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On April 1st of 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and having had nothing to take up, they retired, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores signed.

(NOTE: No signature, but attested by two rubrics)

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On April 8, 1819, there met in Council the gentleman who compose it, and not having had anything to take up, they retired, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores signed.

(NOTE: No signature, but attested by two rubrics)

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, on the 15th day of the month of April of 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes; the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores; the Councilmen Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Francisco Bustillos, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores; and having placed themselves, in their order, in their respective seats according to custom, there was opened a message from the Governor of the Province containing the exoneration of Don Erasmo Seguin, who was accused of the crime of disloyalty; and for his greater (i.e. more absolute) indemnization, the Auditor for War of these Provinces having given his opinion after reviewing the charges that were brought against him and the faith-compelling documents that he presented, concurred with the Captain General, ordering that this verdict be sent to the Governor for the complete vindication of that gentleman (i.e. Seguin) instructing that all his possessions be delivered to him; his office of Captain so that he may use it, all-of which was included in the accusation;-and that he may fill all the positions to which his merit entitled him. With which decision, and that of fully informing all his subordinates, the aforesaid Governor is charged by the said authority, and with this object, and that of bringing it

to the attention of all the inhabitants of this city, it

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is sent to this corporate Body: Which was done in compliance (with the order), causing to be summoned Don Manuel Barrera, Don Jose Antonio de la Garza, Don Manuel Yturre, Don Jose Flores, Don Juan Beramendi, Don Jose Angel Navarro, Don Francisco Arebalo, Don Ygnacio Villa Senor, all leading residents of this City, and the faithfulness and loyalty of the person were impressed upon them according to the instructions in the said communication. With which this meeting was adjourned as there was not another thing to take up, and in the presence of all, it was attested by the gentlemen of the Council with the attending witness in default of a Notary, there being none duly authorized. To which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar at the 20th day of the month of April of 1819, there assembled in a special meeting of the Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes; the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores, the Councilmen Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Francisco Bustillos; and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, and being placed, by precedence, in their respective seats,

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there was opened a communication from the Governor of the Province, which contained the offer which the Intendant of the Province of San Luis de Potosi makes to this Executive Body a house, of those that were confiscated, which belonged to the traitor Bicente Trabieso, -with the object that it may serve as a House of Assembly, without impeding the sale which might offer itself in benefit of the Royal Treasury. Because of which (offer), and complying with the suggestion made by the aforesaid Governor that there should be designated a person who would take it over, this Body ordered the appointment of Don Eugenio Flores, the Procurator who accepted the charge; and regarding this matter, as well as the part agreed upon on this date of the contents of the said communication, it was resolved to reply to the Governor for his distinguished information. With which the session of this day was adjourned; signing it or attesting it with the attending witnesses for lack of a Notary, as has been said. To which we bear witness.

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In the said City on the 22nd day of the month of April of 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and having had nothing to discuss they retired, entering it in evidence, which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested. At the hour of withdrawing, the gentlemen agreed, having in mind the minute of the 2nd. of this month, to

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make a plea to the Most Excellent, the Viceroy of this Dominion that he may be pleased for the good of this City to donate the house there, which has been referred to, so that it may serve as a House of Assembly. Inasmuch as the favor conceded by the Intendant of San Luis de Potosi is extended only until the house can be sold, and as at

present the City lacks the funds and the resources for erecting public buildings like those it used to have, built at the expense of the Community, which were taken over by the Government,-the Corporate Body unanimously resolved to make representations to His Excellency; as it did in a communication of the 21st of this month, in the following form:- Most Excellent Sir: The Council, the Bench, and the Regiment of this City, in a joint assembly of the 15th of this month, unanimously agreed to procure a building in which to celebrate its official sessions, which of necessity were held in the dwelling of the First Alcalde, for the reason that the building that was used for this purpose was added to that of the Government in 805 (NOTE: This date is as written in original MS). by executive action. Most Excellent Sir, every means was employed in the matter, and desperate efforts were made to overcome the obstacles and difficulties that presented themselves to this Body, in an attempt to build another devoted to that purpose, but when imposed upon these unhappy citizens for this or other ends was to oppress them and complete their ruin, (this Body) could do no less than desist from its undertaking and to carefully ponder another, less violent and dangerous plan, which is to beseech of Your Excellency's fairness, the bestowal of one of the houses confiscated from the insurgents, situated upon the Main Plaza of this City. By which act it can be considered that remuneration has been made for the buildings erected at the

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expense of these citizens, and to-day annexed to those of the Government. Always (provided) that Your Excellency has the goodness to accede to the request of this Corporate Body; which in the meantime will be praying to the Divine Majesty that He may cause Your Excellency's happiness to flourish for many years.-----City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 21, 1819--Most Excellent Sir. With which today's session was adjourned; attesting it with the assisting witnesses for lack of a Notary, there being none, as has been said. We so Witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 19, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to discuss, they retired; entering it in evidence, as the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar on the 6th

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day of May 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar May 13, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar May 27, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde and the Procurator attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, June 3, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and not having had anything to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, June 17, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and not having had anything to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 1, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and not having had anything to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 8, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence which the First Alcalde, Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator, Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 15, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence which the First Alcalde, Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator, Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 22, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde, Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator, Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 29, 1819, there met in Council, the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde, Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator, Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, August 6, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, August 12, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, August 19, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde, Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, August 26, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact they withdrew, entering it as evidence which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, September 2, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator, Don Eugenio Flores attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, September 8, 1819, there met in Special Council the gentlemen that compose it; and there was opened a communication from the Governor of this Province, and its tenor is as follows: Considering the scarcity of soldiers in the Province and especially in this Capital, which has more need (of them); caused by the departure of the troops for the Campaign, it becomes necessary and imperative to plan means for making it safe from the discomforts of the Savage Indians and to make it so from other kinds of enemies that try to attack us. In view of which, I expect that you will take (measures) for next

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Sunday after the first Mass, to summon the citizens so that they may be present in the Council Chamber, so that the Corporate Body may advise them and encourage them to lend themselves voluntarily for the organization of a Company of loyal Monarchists with its proper officers, who will be elected from among those who most quickly offer themselves, - those of superior activity and worth; and also (to form) a small group of cannoneers with its own title; instructing you beforehand to intimate to some of them that they ought not

to have any fear, in this operation of being afterwards permanently attached nor absorbed by the (regular) Companies, since the only thing that forces me to this decision is the situation in which this Capital has been left, and they will not be disturbed unless urgent occasions that exact it present themselves. Trusting, from the zeal with which you must regard the good of His Majesty's service and the Security of this Fatherland, you will employ all your energy and persuasiveness to encourage them to (carry out) this plan, so that they will offer themselves gladly and willingly, May God preserve you for many years. Bexar, September 8, 1819--Antonio Martines--the Messrs. Alcaldes,-of this City. With which it was brought to an end; signing it with witnesses, for lack of a Notary. To which we bear witness.

Francisco Montes de Oca

Gaspar Flores

Vicente Gortari

Jose Maria Escalera

Eugenio Flores

Francisco Xavier Bustillos

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On the 16th of the same month of September 1819, they met in regular Council, and there being nothing to discuss, the gentlemen that compose it withdrew, entering it in evidence, that the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, September 23, there met in regular Council session the gentlemen that compose it, and there being nothing, they retired, entering it as evidence which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, September 30, 1819, there met in regular session of the Council the gentlemen who compose it, and there being nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, October 7, 1819, there met in regular Council the gentlemen

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that compose it, and there having been nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence that the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, October 15, 1819, there met in regular session the gentlemen who compose the Council, and there having been nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, that the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, October 23, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and there having been nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, November 5, 1819, there met in regular session the gentlemen who compose the Council, and there having been nothing to take up, they retired, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, November 10, 1819, there met in Special Council the gentlemen that compose it, and being placed, in their order, in their respective seats, there was opened a formal communication from the Intendant of San Luis Potosi, and it says the following: Under date of the 3rd of last September the Most Excellent, the Viceroy, says the following to me: In the report compiled in consultation with the Captain General of the inland Province of Occidente, with respect to the assignment that the provisional Intendant of Sonora designs that there be made from the tax funds, (of the Province) to the Master of the primary-school that he has established in the City of Arispe; the Treasurer of the civil (branch) has revealed to me among other things, that it is made evident with the utmost frequency, that the aforesaid Corporate Body of the Capital of Arispe, like that of Durango and nearly all of the others of this Dominion, refer their affairs and respective desires to this Superior Government as if they were simple, formal acknowledgements; and with appointing or designating an authorized agent or responsible Procurator that could assume and reimburse the expenses they occasion the Treasury, the Assessor General's department. And the letters

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in which they collect or draw drafts, against what is dictated by good sense and the law and the repeated orders of this superior authority; in particular those comprehended in the Government circular of October 20, of 804 (NOTE: This is as written-"Thousand" is omitted) relative to the care that the fees for (official) duties that he performs must be given, because included in them is the principal part of the bonuses which the King desires the fiscal agents and their subordinates to enjoy. In this regard, I have resolved, by my superior decree of the 26th of last August, in conformity to the request of the aforesaid (cabinet) Minister, to instruct Your Worship, as I do the other Intendants on this date, that you order the Corporate Bodies of the Province that Your Worship governs, that should they have no Agent, they immediately appoint a person of this Capital, properly imbursed, who may encharge himself with their affairs and pay the expenses they may cause; with the understanding that if they do not do this, their aforesaid affairs will not be attended to (by the government), and the responsibility for the results will instantly fall upon the culprits; Your Worship will also make the aforementioned Bodies understand that, -in order to prevent whatever oversight might possibly again infringe this duty and obligation to which they are bound at the moment Your Worship transmits to them this, my resolution; and that they may not have in any way an excuse at any time whatsoever,

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the Accountancy General of taxes is ordered to collect and exact or reclaim the replies to this circular, likewise to see to it that it is obeyed in all its parts and with its intention, and to give me promptly a report of those who are transgressors, so as to apply a remedy. And I forward this to Your Worship for your information and compliance, awaiting your acknowledgement of its receipt: May God preserve Your Worship many years--
San Luis Potosi, October 12, 1819--Manuel de Asebedo--The Corporation of San Antonio de Bexar. With which this meeting was adjourned--and we affixed our signatures: to which we bear witness.

Francisco Montes

Gaspar Flores

Vicente Gortari

Francisco Xavier Bustillos

Jose Maria Escalera

Eugenio Flores

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, November 11, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen composing it, and there was discussed the reply to the message that the Intendant of San Luis Potosi has sent to this Corporation; which reply is the following: The Corporation of San Fernando de Bexar, in a session celebrated on this day, has informed itself, through Your Worship's communication of October 12, of the current year, of the superior order of the Most Excellent, the Viceroy

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of this Dominion, of the 3d of last September by which he is pleased to order that this Corporation appoint and select in the Capital of Mexico, an Agent so that he can, in due form, attend to the matters or complaints that may come before this Corporation; be reason of which, desiring to comply promptly with the aforesaid superior Resolution, this Body promises to confer ample powers upon a suitable Person who may represent it in Mexico. But inasmuch as Your Worship is well aware of the long distance at which this Province finds itself from the Capital of the Dominion, and for that reason it is not possible to give prompt compliance to the aforementioned superior Order,--this Corporation trusts that Your Worship may be pleased to call these convincing reasons to the attention of the gentlemen of the Accountancy General of taxes, so that they may not consider as an oversight the necessary diligences that this Body must practice in the selection of its Agent, Your Worship of course understanding that the moment this power (of-attorney) is issued, you will be fully advised, so that for your part you can

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promise the fulfillment of the superior Order of the Most Excellent, the Viceroy: May God preserve Your Worship many years: Bexar, November 11, 1819--Francisco Montes--
Bicente Gortari--Jose Manuel de la Garsa--Jose Maria Escalera--Francisco Bustillos--
Eugenio Flores--The Intendant. With which this session was adjourned; as we attest; To which we bear witness

Francisco Montes de Oca

Vicente Gortari

Gaspar Flores

Francisco Xavier Bustillos

Jose Maria Escalera

Eugenio Flores

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, November 18, 1819, there met in Council the

gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to discuss, they withdrew; entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, November 25, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to discuss, they withdrew; entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 2, 1819, there met in Council, the gentlemen that compose it, and the Election of Judges of the Wards for the coming year of 1820, was held, and there resulted elected: for the North(Side) Don Rafael Lopes; of the South (Side) Don Francisco de Sosa; of the Laredo Don Melchor de la Garsa; and of Balero, Don Joaquin Rendon; and (they) having merited the approval of the Governor of this Province Don Antonio Martines, this entry was made in evidence: Which we sign: To which we bear witness

Francisco Montes de Oca

Gaspar Flores

Vicente Gortari

Francisco Xavier Bustillos

Jose Maria Escalera

Eugenio Flores

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 9, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to transact, they withdrew, entering it in evidence; and the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested it.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 15, 1819 there met in regular Council the gentlemen who compose it, and not having had (any business) to transact it was entered in evidence, that the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 20, 1819, there assembled in Special Session, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Montes; Don Gaspar Flores, the Second Alcalde; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Manuel de la Garsa, Don Jose Maria Escalera, Don Francisco Bustillos; and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores; and being placed, by rank, in their respective seats, the said Presiding Officer stated that this meeting was called to hold the Election of Alcaldes, Councilmen and a Procurator for the coming year of 1820; and after preparing with the most thorough accord, it was proceeded with, and there were elected: For First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores

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as Second, Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa; for ordinary Councilmen, Don Santiago Seguin, Don Eugenio Flores, Don Francisco Bustillos, Don Ygnacio Villa Senor; and for Procurator,

Don Jose Ygnacio Chaves: In all (of them) are united the qualities and requisites necessary for the proper filling of the said offices, and in due proof, it was ordered entered as evidence, and a report was given the Governor of this Province Don Antonio Martines for such action as may suit him; and we sign it: To which we bear witness.

Francisco Montes de Oca	Gaspar Flores	Vicente Gortari
Francisco Xavier Bustillos		Jose Maria Escalera
		Eugenio Flores

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 23, 1819, there met in Special Council the gentlemen that compose it, and placed by rank, in their respective seats, there was opened a communication from the Governor, and it says the following: I return to you, gentlemen, the official Act, which was performed by that Corporation in a Special Session of the Council, and sent me yesterday, for the naming of persons who are to compose the said Body during the coming

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year of 1820, so that---it having met with my approval--you may make such use of it as may please you: May God preserve you, many years. Antonio Martines. To the Illustrious Corporation of this City: and with this, this session was adjourned; as we attest; of which we bear witness

Francisco Montes de Oca	Gaspar Flores	Vicente Gortari
Francisco Xavier Bustillos		Jose Maria Escalera
		Eugenio Flores

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, December 30, 1819, there met in Council the gentlemen who compose it, and having had no business to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which Don Francisco Montes the First Alcalde, and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores, attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 1, 1820, there convened in Regular Session presided over by the Governor of this Province Don Antonio Martines, the gentlemen: Don Francisco Montes, First Alcalde; the Second Alcalde Don Gaspar Flores; Don Vicente Gortari, Don Jose Manuel de la Garsa; Jose Maria Escalera, Don Francisco Bustillos; and the Procurator Don Eugenio Flores. And immediately thereafter, there were admitted to this Chamber of Assembly Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, and Don Santiago Seguin; -not entering were Don Francisco Flores, Don Ygnacio Villa Senor and Don Jose Ygnacio Chavez because absent; and having taken their respective seats in order of rank, the Alcaldes made delivery of their insignias to the Presiding Officer, and after accepting them, he received the customary oath from Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, the Second Alcalde; and on account of the First Alcalde being absent, he delivered the insignia to Don Santiago Seguin as First Councilman; taking their oaths from the Councilmen Don Eugenio Flores and Don Francisco Bustillos; and having given him their oaths as aforesaid, they promised to discharge their duties with entire integrity and justice,

and to defend the sacred rights of the Religion, of the King, and the Fatherland, he delivered to them the Emblems of Justice, they being installed in their respective posts, and as soon as this session was adjourned, the entire Body went to hear the Parochial Mass. This Meeting being adjourned, it was entered as

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evidence, which the said Governor and the newly installed members attested with the attending witnesses in default of a Notary, as there is none of the kind that the Law demands: To which we bear witness

Eugenio Flores
Antonio Martines

Santiago Seguin
Francisco Xavier Bustillos

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 11, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen composing it, presided over by the Governor of This Province Don Antonio Martines; and being present the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores and the Fourth Councilman, Don Ygnacio Villa Senor, - they proceeded to install them in their offices; and we attest it in the said City

Francisco Flores
Santiago Seguin

Jose Antonio de la Garza
Francisco Xavier Bustillos

Ygnacio Villa Senor

Ygnacio Chavez

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 13, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it and having placed themselves, by precedence, in their respective seats, they discussed the establishing of a school for the education of children; and Don Gaspar Flores was appointed Commissioner of said School. With which this session was adjourned as there was no other (matter) to take up; it being attested before the attending witnesses: to which we bear witness.

(NOTE: The above entry is crossed out)

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 20, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it; and there not having been anything to transact, they withdrew, entering it in evidence, that the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves, attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, January 27, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to take up, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, that the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves, attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, February 3, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to transact, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves, attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, February 10, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores; the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa; the Councilmen Don Eugenio Flores Don Francisco Bustillos, Don Ygnacio Villa Senor; and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves; and having taken their respective seats by order of precedence, there was discussed the establishing of a School for the education of children; with which this session was adjourned because there was not other business to take up; which we attest: To which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, February 17, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to dis-

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cuss, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar February 18, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores; the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa; the ordinary Councilmen Don Santiago Seguin, Don Eugenio Flores, Don Francisco Bustillos; and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves; and having taken their respective seats in order of precedence, and having opened a communication of the Governor of the Province, we found a proclamation of the Viceroy, in which was announced the contract of marriage of Our King Don Fernando VII with the Most Serene Princess of Saxony Dona Maria Josefa Amalia; and not having had anything more to take up, this session was adjourned, as we attest

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, February 24, 1820

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1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to take up, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, March 2, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to take up, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves, attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar March 10, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to take up, they withdrew, entering it as evidence, which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores and the Procurator, Don Ygnacio Chaves, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, March 16, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to take up, they withdrew; entering it as evidence which the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores, and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves, attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, March 23, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores; and placed by order of precedence in their respective seats, the Presiding Officer ordered that there should be read a document delivered to the aforesaid Body by Don Clemente Delgado, that contains a request for a certification of the conduct he has observed in this City since the past year of 1819 to date. Being read then, and agreed as to its contents, knowing his conduct, honor ability, and his comportment during the time indicated to be as he claims, it was disposed that he should be given the certification that he requests. On the same day there was received another document from the said Don Clemente Delgado, decreed by the Governor, in which he states that this individual can fix his residence in this City as he petitions, presenting himself to the Alcaldes, so that they can receive from him the oath of loyalty and blind obe-

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dience to our Sovereign Lord Don Fernando VII--whom God preserve--: Which was done in the presence of this Illustrious Corporation; this individual to fulfill the duties and obligation of a Good Vassal, subjecting himself in all and in every way to his laws, and the domination of the legitimate authorities who govern in his Royal Name. With which this session was adjourned, as we attest with the attending witnesses, in default of a Notary, as there is none; To which we bear witness

Witness

(NOTE: No signatures---only rubrics)

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On April 6, 1820, there was no Council meeting, as the gentlemen who compose it did not attend; and this entry was made as evidence, which the Procurator attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 13, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to transact, they withdrew; entering it in evidence which they attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 20, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and not having had anything to take up, they with-

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drew; entering it in evidence, that they attested

In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, April 28, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it; and placed in their seats, there was opened a communication from the Governor of this Province, in which is announced the contract of marriage of the Infante Don Francisco de Paula with the Most Serene Princess Dona Luisa Carlota; from which this Corporation derived the greatest satisfaction and pleasure: To which we bear witness, and we attest.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, May 18, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, presided over by the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa; and the ordinary Councilmen Don Santiago Seguin, Don Eugenio Flores, Don Santiago (NOTE: So written) Bustillos, Don Ygnacio Villa Senor; and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves; and placed in their order, there was taken up the sending of a communication to the Governor in reference to the Doctor(NOTE: The word used is ambiguous)

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of this City; and not having anything else to discuss, this session was adjourned, as we attest.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, May 25, 1820, there met in regular session presided over by the First Alcalde, as the Governor was engaged,-not being present the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, as he was sick, and the Councilman Don Eugenio Flores for the same cause--the Ordinary Councilmen Don Santiago Seguin, Don Francisco Bustillos, Don Ygnacio Billa Senor; and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves. And having taken their respective seats in order of precedence, this Body determined to appoint a commissioner to see to the Good Order and Regulation of the School,- and he is Don Ygnacio Billa Senor who is given full authority by the Governor as well as by this Corporation, to reward, and to punish whoever may be at fault,-whether children, or the fathers of the children in the payment for their being taught; warning the said fathers that on the last day of each month they must take the payment, in proportion to their incomes, to their Commissioners,- making the Commissioner responsible for their compliance. With which this session was adjourned,-which we attest, and order that a report be sent to the Governor. To which we bear witness.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, June 8, 1820, there met in Council the gentlemen that compose it, and having had nothing to take up, they withdrew; entering it in evidence; which we attest

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In said City on June 15, 1820, the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves opened the doors of the Council Chamber; and as the Gentlemen composing the Council did not attend, he entered it as evidence, which he attested.

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In said City on June 22, 1820, there met in regular session of the Council which was presided over by the First Alclade Don Francisco Flores, the Gentlemen that compose it; and having placed themselves in the regular order in their respective seats, there

was opened a letter--which the Presiding Officer presented under seal,-and it contained a message from the Governor of the Province, Colonel Don Antonio Martines, in which was enclosed a Copy of the Pardon that His Majesty has been pleased to declare, bearing date of December 20, 1819, throughout all his Dominions, upon the occasion of his happy marriage with the Queen, Our Mistress Dona Maria Josefa Amalia; receipt of which was acknowledged to the Governor. And nothing more having come up for discussion they caused it to be entered as evidence which they attested; to all they bear witness

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On June 26, 1820,

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there met in Special Council which was presided over by the First Alcalde; the gentlemen, the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa; Councilmen, Don Santiago Seguin, Don Eugenio Flores, Don Francisco Bustillos and Don Ygnacio Villa Senor; and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves; who took their places in the regular order in their respective seats. There was opened and read a communication from the Governor of the Province which was presented under seal by the said Presiding Officer; and it contained the forwarding of a Copy of the Proclamation of the Most Excellent, the Viceroy of this New Spain, in which he orders that the Political Constitution of the Spanish Monarchy be made public and (allegiance) sworn to (it); which act was performed the same day at five in the afternoon, being present this Body and the other Authorities, who after the solemn public oath of the said Governor and the Troops had preceded them, took the oath that corresponded to them; and this Ceremony being concluded, we caused it to be entered as evidence; which we attested with the attending witnesses, in default of a Notary: to which we bear witness.

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On June 29, there was no Council meeting, it being a feast day; and it was entered as evidence, which the Procurator attested

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 6, 1820, the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves opened the doors of the Council Chamber, and the accustomed hour having passed without the gentlemen who compose said Body having attended, he withdrew, and entered it in evidence which he attested.

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On the 15th of the same month there was nothing to discuss because

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the customary hour passed without the attendance of the Gentlemen that compose the Council, and that it may stand in evidence it was entered and attested by the Procurator.

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In the said City on July 22, 1820, the Procurator attended at the House of the Corporation, and as the Gentlemen who compose the Council did not do it, he retired, and entered it in evidence, which he attested.

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 23, 1820, there met in Special Session of the Council presided over by the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa, the Councilmen Don Santiago Seguin, Don Eugenio Flores, Don Francisco Xavier Bustillos, Don Ygnacio Villa Senor; and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves; and having taken their places in the prescribed order, in their respective seats, the said Presiding Officer presented two sealed communications from the Governor of this Province, Colonel Don Antonio Martines, which were ordered to be opened; and he read them; and one of them consisted of the transmission of a communication from the Captain General of these Provinces, Brigadier Don Joaquin Arredondo, dated the 7th of the current month, in which he encloses five copies of the Proclamation which must be made public and broadcast, for the election of an Electoral Board, and Constitutional Council; and the other contains another official Message from the same Superior Authority, in which he requests an affidavit in triplicate of the diligences practised in the matter of the oath to the Political Constitution of the Spanish Monarchy. About which it was resolved, with respect

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to the contents of the former message that on the morrow, after HighMass, there be assembled in this Council Chamber all the Citizens who may be present, although too many of the leading Citizens find themselves absent in pursuit of enemies, to hold the required election. And as to the contents of the Second Message; it was resolved to make copies of the Minute which was entered the day of the taking of the oath (NOTE: See entry of June 26) to (uphold) the Constitution. And (that) being as much as there was to transact it was entered as evidence which we attest with the assisting witnesses: To which we bear witness.

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(NOTE: The date of this next entry is as given in the manuscript)

In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 23, 1820, there met in Special Session which was presided over by the Governor of this Province, Colonel Don Antonio Martines; the Second Alcalde Don Jose Antonio de la Garsa; Councilmen Don Santiago Seguin, Don Eugenio Flores, Don Francisco Xavier Bustillos, and Don Ygnacio Villa Senor; and the Procurator Don Ygnacio Chaves; the First Alcalde Don Francisco Flores not attending because out of town. And when all were placed in the accustomed order in their respective seats, there were admitted to the Council Chamber all the Citizens of the Town, who since yesterday were cited for today after the parochial High Mass. And the said Presiding Officer having instructed them regarding the object of assembling the meeting, and the formalities which they must observe in it; they proceeded to the selecting of the Nine Electors of the Parish, who have to elect the New Constitutional Corporation, and by an absolute majority of votes there resulted elected for those positions, the Citizens Don Jose Erasmo Seguin, Don Jose Antonio Saucedo, Don Jose Antonio Navarro, Don Vicente Gortari, Don Gaspar Flores, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Luis

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Galan, Don Manuel Barrera, and Don Jose Manuel de la Garsa, to whom the said Presiding Officer ordered, should be delivered the usual corresponding, formal notices of their

selection; and (ordered) that on the twenty-fifth of the current month, which is the first feast day that occurs in the week, they be present before High Mass, in the Chamber that serves for the sessions of the Council, to hold the Electoral Meeting; which in consequence of the Superior Orders communicated to this Corporation, shall proceed to elect an Alcalde, four Councilmen, and a Procurator: these being the Officers that it now seems, this Corporation should have according to the number of inhabitants this Town has, without regard to its position as Capital of the Province. And there having occurred nothing more to transact, this entry was made, which the aforesaid Presiding Officer signed, (also) the Second Alcalde, and the Procurator, in default of a Secretary: And to all, I bear witness.

Antonio Martines

Jose Antonio de la Garsa

Ygnacio Chaves

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In the City of San Fernando de Bexar, July 25, 1820, before the Parochial High Mass, there assembled in the room that serves for Council Meetings, the Electors of the Parish, -Don Jose Erasmo Seguin, Don Jose Antonio Navarro, Don Jose Antonio Saucedo, Don Vicente Gortary, Don Francisco Montes de Oca, Don Luis Galan, Don Manuel Barrera, Don Jose Manuel de la Garsa, and Don Gaspar Flores; entering immediately thereafter in the said meeting, the Governor of this Province, Colonel Don Antonio Martines, with the object of presiding at the Electoral Session which is to name the Constitutional Corporation according to the orders in force. And

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having taken their places in their respective seats, -they first proceeded to elect a Secretary for the Session; and by a clear majority of votes Don Francisco Xavier Bustillos was elected; and immediately thereafter followed the aforementioned votation with the same formality; and from it there resulted elected: For Alcalde, Don Jose Erasmo Seguin; as First Councilman, Don Jose Flores; as Second, Don Jose Maria Sambrano; as Third, Don Juan Martin de Beramende; as Fourth, Don Manuel Barrera; and as the Procurator, Don Vicente Gortary; the Body being reduced to only this number of members because of the small number of inhabitants which this Capital has at present. And having summoned into said meeting the persons elected who were not present, the said Governor informed all of them by word of mouth of their election, and immediately received from them the oath ordered by the Constitution, promising to comply with it, preserve it, and to discharge their duties with the honesty and equity that they demand; and by virtue of this they remained in possession of their offices. And the Governor himself in a short discourse expressing thanks to the Gentlemen who up to now had filled these positions for the Government that had ended by this act, they all went in a body to the Parochial High Mass during which, following the Scripture, the Parish Priest read the Political Constitution of the Spanish Monarchy. And after this followed a brief exhortation to the People, and the Mass being concluded, he invoked the observance and carrying out of the said Code, by the Holy Scriptures; bringing the Solemnity of this act to a close with a Te Deum. And as evidence, the said Gentleman was ordered to enter it in the minutes, which was signed by the appointed Secretary. And of this he bears witness

Francisco Xavier Bustillos

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The City of San Fernando de Bexar, on the twenty and-----

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