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The governor of the province of Texas has understood [the question] of qualifications for military command and of who should assume the intendancy.

[I have seen] what the Most Excellent Lord B[aili]o Fr[ley] Don Ant[oni]o Valdés states [in a letter] dated the 23rd of June of last year, to the most excellent lord viceroy of New Spain, regarding the king's

having approved the ruling made by His Excellency in the case and [i.e., "of"?] qualifications for military command which arose between the governor-intendant of Puebla and veteran Lieutenant Don José Junco, consequent to the testimony taken by the subinspector and [made] by the audit-
or de guerra of the viceroyalty. [As a result] of this incident // ^{lv} His Majesty has ordered that, henceforth, if the military [officers] who receive intendancies have not sought them but rather have been granted them by His Majesty because he thinks it advantageous to his service, they will retain in their command the rank or longevity which they may enjoy. But if they achieve the intendancy through solicitation, they should be deprived of military command, even though they may have greater rank or longevity than the officer upon whom [the command] should fall. I am aware of this [MS insert: "sovereign"] resolution, [which has been] filed in [the office of] this government, as Your Lordship instructs me in an official letter of December 9 last, in which you enclose [the resolution] to me.

God keep Your Lordship many years. S[an] Antt[on]io de Béxar,
January 18, 1789.

Lord Commandant General }
Don Juan de Vga[ld]e }

Raphael M[ar]t[í]n[el]z Pacheco.

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