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The governor of the province of Texas reports that 5 Cumanches stole 15 horses and 2 mules, and that the Indian Andrés, from the same nation, went to bring them back.

On the 14th of the current [month] it was reported to me that five Indians of the Cumanche nation had stolen fifteen horses and two mules. It was fruitless to pursue them right away, since they had two days' head start and were fleeing in great haste, according to the report.

On the 17th of the same [month] I arranged for the Indian Andrés, from the same nation, to go to their rancherías accompanied by another [Comanche] in order to inform their chiefs about the theft and to bring the horses back to me. // ^{lv} [Andrés] carried a letter to them which he had requested, and he promised to bring [the animals] back and that the culprits would be punished, as [the Comanches] have promised since they made peace. I shall report the results of [all this] to Your Lordship for your intelligence.

God keep Your Lordship many years. San Antonio de Béjar, January 19, 1789.

Rafael Martínez Pacheco

Lord Commandant General }
Don Juan de Vgalde }

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