

and execute punctual and literally all the content of the preinserted royal decree without going against it in any way, without permitting under any excuse that the punctual and effective fulfillment of all commanded would be delayed, suspended or objected, having it published by proclamation thus to be of knowledge of all, because this is my will.

Given in San Lorenzo on the eleventh day, of the month, of November of the year, of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven. I, the King.

By command of the King our Lord;

Thomas del Mello

In order that in the kingdoms of the Indies the content of the inserted royal cedula would be fulfilled and observed, and thus there would be fixed the penalties against the ones that have been regulars of the company of Jesus, in these and in those kingdoms which would return to them against the cited pragmatic sanction, and against those that would help them, or that knowing about them, would not give an account of it, and all the rest which it is expressed.

In the Royal Presidio of Our Lady of Pilar de los Adaes, on the twenty-first day of the month of January of this year of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, I, don Hugo Oconor, knight of the Order of Calatrava, sergeant major of the expeditionary staff of America, and governor of this province of Texas, having seen the preceding royal decree issued by His Majesty (may God keep), standing and uncoif, I, the said governor took it in my hands and as a sign of my due obedience to the sovereign commands, I kissed it and placed it upon my head by which attention, being indispensably precise that its content should have the required, effective and puntual fulfillment, I command to remit the original to the judges and justices of this province, so each one of them should place their obedience keeping testimony of it in their respective archives, and done this, it should be remitted to me.

Thus I provided, ordered and signed, acting in my own presence with my attesting witnesses in the absence of a notary. In Witness thereof I certify.

Hugo Oconor

Witness: Juan Antonio de Arze y Amaya

Witness: Juachin Ruiz

.C. 2v-3 in E.  
10-18-1767.

In the Royal Presidio of San Agustin de Ahumada, on the seventh day of the month of February of the year of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, I, don Melchor Afan de Ribera, captain of infantry, major assistance of the expeditionary staff of America and provisional captain of this aforesaid presidio, having arrived today about four in the afternoon the preceding royal dedule issued by His Majesty (may God keep), and remitted by the señor Governor don Hugo Oconor, standing and uncoif I, the said captain took it and as a sign of my due obedience to the sovereign commands, I kissed it and placed it upon my head, and by virtue of the command ordered upon me, I published it before my company with the accostumed solemnity of proclamation, and took testimony to the letter which is filed in the archive under my charge.

In witness thereof, I signed it in this aforesaid presidio, on the said day, month and year with my attesting witnesses, acting, as delegate judge in the absence of a public or royal notary of which there is none under the terms prescribed by law, and on this present ordinary paper for no stamped paper is available.

In witness <sup>3</sup>//thereof I certify.

Melcher Afan de Ribera

Witness: Francisco de la Portilla Pacheco

Witness: Nicolas de Villafuerte

C. 3-3v in E.  
10-18-1767,

In the Royal Presidio of La Bahia del Espiritu Santo, on the twenty-eighth day, of the month of February of the year of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, I, don Francisco de Thobar, captain and major justice of the said presidio, having seen the preceding royal cedula issued by His Majesty (may God keep) and remitted by the señor governor of this province, standing and uncoif I, the said captain took it, and as a sign of my due obedience to the sovereign commands I kissed it. By virtue of the command placed upon me, I published it before my company with the accustomed solemnity of proclamation, being also present the small neighborhood that lives here.

I took testimony to the letter which it is filed in the archive, under my care. In witness thereof, I signed it in the same day, month and year, and in the stated presidio with my attesting witnesses, with whom I act as receptoría as it is known, and on this present ordinary paper for no stamped paper is available. In witness thereof I certify:

Francisco de Thobar

Witness: Joseph Ygnacio O Neale

Witness: Joseph Gutierrez.

C. 3v in E.  
10-18-1767.

In the Royal Presidio of San Antonio de Bexar and Villa of San Fernando, on the twenty-first day of the month of March of the year of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine I, don Luis Antonio Menchaca, captain of this said royal presidio, and major justice of the said Villa of San Fernando, having seen the preceding royal cedula issued by His Majesty (may God keep), and remitted by the Señor Governor of this province don Hugo Oconor, standing and uncoif I, the said captain took it and kissed it, and placed it upon my head as a sign of my due obedience to the sovereign commands. By virtue of what it is ordered upon me, I published it by proclamation with the solemnity which it is required //from the accustomed parts.

I took testimony to the letter, which it is filed in this archive, under my care, returning the original as provided. In witness thereof, I signed it in this said presidio today on the said day, month and year, with my attesting witnesses with whom I act as receptor in the absence of a public or royal notary of which there is none, and on this present ordinary paper. In witness thereof, I certify:

Luis Antonio Menchaca

Witness: Antonio Bustillos y Zaballos

Witness: Luis Mariano Menchaca

C. 3v-4 in E.  
10-18-1767.

It agrees with its original which was remitted to the señor governor of this province as ordered by the one to which I remit it, from where I, don Luis Antonio Menchaca, captain of this Royal Presidio of San Antonio de Bexar, and major justice of the said Villa of San Fernando, order to copy and had it copied, truly corrected and adjusted. Present to see it transcribed, corrected and adjusted were Xavier Seguin, Santiago Liñar and Pedro Flores, all, residents of this said Presidio of San Antonio de Bexar, where it is done today, on the twenty-fifth day, of March of the year of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, acting as delegate judge with my attesting witnesses in the absence of a public or royal notary and on this present ordinary paper for lack of the corresponding. In witness thereof, I certify:

Witness

Luis Anto. Menchaca

Luis Mariano Menchaca

(Rubric)

(Rubric)

Witness

Joseph Antonio Bustillos y Zaballos

(Rubric)

CC. 4 in E.  
10-18-1767.

....of the month of February of ,the year, of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, I, don Melchor Afan de Ribera, captain of infantry, mayor assistant of the expeditionary staff of America and provisional captain of this said presidio, having arrived today about four in the afternoon the preceding royal cedula issued by His Majesty (may God keep) and remitted by the señor governor of this province don Hugo Oconor, standing and uncoif I the said captain took it and as a sign of my due obedience to the sovereign commands kissed it and placed it upon my head, and by virtue of what was ordered of me, I published it before my company with the accustomed solemnity of proclamation.

I took testimony to the letter, which is filed in the archive under my charge. In witness thereof I signed it in this aforesaid presidio on the said day, month and year, acting with my attesting witnesses as delegate judge in the absence of a public or royal notary of which there is none under the terms provided by law, and on this present ordinary paper for no stamped paper is available. To all of which I certify.

Melchor Afan de Ribera

(Rubric)

Witness:

Nicolas de villafuerte

(Rubric)

Witness:

Fran.<sup>co</sup> de la Portilla Pacheco

(Rubric)

C.F. 1 in E.  
10-18-1767.

In the Royal Presidio of La Bahia del Espiritu Santo on the twenty-eighth day of the month of February of the year of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, I, don Francisco de Thobar, captain and major justice of the said presidio, having seen the preceding royal cedula issued by His Majesty (may God keep) and remitted by the señor governor of this province, standing and uncoif I, the said captain took it, and as a sign of my due obedience to the sovereign command kissed it, and by virtue of the command placed upon me, I published it before my company //with the accustomed solemnity of proclamation, being also present the ~~small~~ neighborhood that lives here.

I took testimony to the letter which is filed in the archive, under my charge. In witness thereof I signed it on the said day, month and year, and in the aforesaid presidio with my attesting witnesses with whom I act as receptoría as it is known, and on the present ordinary paper for no stamped paper is available. To all of which I certify:

Francisco de Thobar

Witness:

(Rubric)

Joseph Ygnacio O Neale

(Rubric)

Witness:

Joseph Gutierrez

(Rubric)

C.F. 1-1v in E.  
10-18-1767.

In the Royal Presidio of San Antonio de Bexar and Villa of San Fernando on the twenty-first day of the month of March of the year of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine I, don Luis Antonio Menchaca, captain of the said royal presidio, having seen the preceding royal cedula issued by His Majesty (may God keep) and remitted by the señor governor of this province don Hugo Oconor, standing and uncoif I, the said captain took it, kissed it and placed it upon my head, and as a sign of my due obedience to the sovereign commands and by virtue of what was ordered of me, I published it by proclamation with the solemnity required to the accustomed parts.

I took testimony to the letter which is filed in the archive, under my charge, returning the original as prescribed. In witness thereof I signed it in this said presidio on the said day, month and year with my attesting witnesses with whom I act as receptor in the absence of a public or royal notary, and on this present ordinary paper for no stamped paper is available. To all of which I certify:

Witness:

Luis Antonio Menchaca

(Rubric)

Luis Mariano Menchaca

(Rubric)

Witness:

Joseph Antonio de Bustillo y Zaballos

(Rubric)

C.F. lv-2 in E.  
10-18-1767.

sign of my due obedience to the sovereign commands, and by virtue of what was ordered of me, I published it by proclamation before my company with the accustomed solemnity.

I took testimony to the letter which is filed in the archive under my charge. In witness thereof I signed it as delegate judge in the absence of a public or royal notary of which there is none under the terms provided by law and on the present ordinary paper for no stamped paper is available. To all of which I certify:

Witness:

Melchor Afan de Ribera  
(Rubric)

Nicolas de villafuerte  
(Rubric)

Witness:

Francisco de la Portilla Pacheco  
(Rubric)

C. Flin E.  
10-18-1767.

In the Royal Presidio of La Bahia del Espiritu Santo, on the twenty-eighth day of the month of February of the year of one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, I, don Francisco de Thobar, captain and major justice of the said presidio, having seen the preceding royal cedula issued by His Majesty (may God keep) and remitted by the señor governor of this province, standing and uncoif I the said captain took it and as a sign of my due obedience to the sovereign commands, kissed it, and by virtue of what is ordered of me I published it before my company with the accustomed solemnity of proclamation, being also present the small neighborhood that lives here.

I took testimony to the letter which is filed in the archive, under my charge. In witness thereof I signed it on the said day, month and year in //lv the aforesaid presidio with my attesting witnesses with whom I act as receptoría as it is known, and on the present ordinary paper for no stamped paper is available. To all of which I certify:

Francisco de Thobar

(Rubric)

certify

Witness:

Joseph Ygnacio O Neale

(Rubric)

Witness:

Joseph Gutierrez

(Rubric)

C.F. 1-1v in E.  
10-18-1767.