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No answer made.

Although by letter of December 31st of last year I answered the communications which Your Lordship sent with your index of November 20 last, I now make particular reference to number 145, rendering my thanks to Your Lordship for your well-taken measures.

The excellent reception, treatment, and attention extended to the Tancagues; the naming of a capitán, which title Your Lordship conferred upon the Indian [El] Mocho; and the public, complimentary manifestation of the possession of said title: all these are measures which oblige these Indians to gratitude and faithfulness. They also serve to attract the other northern [Indian] nations // <sup>lv</sup> and preserve their allegiance and the peace promised. Contributing more than anything else to these ends was Your Lordship's facilitating the safe return of the Tancagues, in view of the [presence of a] greater number of their enemies the Lipanes. And since the Lipanes, in their clandestine affairs and strife, illustrate the mistrust under which they exist and the fear that consternates them, as well as the favorable and beneficial results of Your Lordship's measures, I have no doubt that these benefits--which I have always promised myself from your zeal, prudence, and

ability--will continue to accrue.

God protect Your Lordship many years. Arispe,  
January 26, 1780.

El Cav[alle]ro de Croix  
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