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Council meeting held in Mexico in January 1668 to consider the despatch of the San Diego

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Decreto del 14 de enero de 1668

Mexico catorce de henero de seis cientos y sesenta y ocho.

Al Señor Fiscal con las cartas del Señor Governador de Filipinas y la del Padre Diego Luis de S. Vitores y con lo que dixere se lleve a Junta General de Hacienda lunes diez y seis del corriente a las dies de la mañana.

Parecer del Fiscal.

Exmo. Señor

El fiscal a visto estas cartas en que parese que el Señor Presidente Governador y Capitan General de las Filipinas Diçe [que] envia el Patache que a surjido en el puerto de Acapulco para que lleve el socorro de este año y porque el piloto ó Maestre ynforma tiene neçessidad de piloto, marineros, carpintero y galagates y cirujano sea de servir V.Ex^a de que en esta Junta General se confiera de donde ó como se podra suplir la dicha gente.

Y en quanto a la mission que en su carta Dice el Padre Diego Luis de San Vitores le esta encargada por zedula de su Magd dirigida al dicho Governador para que le acuda con lo neçesario y pretende exonerarse deste cuydado ymonriendole à V.Ex^a se a de servir V.Ex^a declar[ar] no tocarle su cumplimiento.

Mexico diez y seis de henero mill y seisçientos y sesenta y ocho.

Liçenciado D. Francisco de Barreda.

Junta general.

En la ciudad de Mexico a diez y seis de Henero de mill y seis çientos y sesenta y ocho años en la Junta general de Haçienda que el Exçelentissimo Señor Marques de Manzera Virrey Governador y Capitan General desta Nueva España y Presidente de la Real Audiencia tubo con los Señores Liçençiado Don Francisco Calderon y Romero, Doctor Don Andres Sanchez de Ocampo, Liçençiado Don Juan Françisco de Montemayor y Cuenca Oydores desta rreal Audiencia Don Juan de Garnica y Contreras y Don Juan Miguel de Agurto y Salçedo cavalleros de la horden de Alcantara Alcaldes del crimen della Don Martin de Rivera, Don Juan Cervantes Casaus de la horden de Santiago Don Andres del Rosal y Rios Don Jeronimo Pardo de Lago y Don Françisco de Castro y Prado Contadores del Tribunal de Qentas desta Nueva España Valerio Martinez de Veda Oreta Contador de la Real Haçienda, Don Antonio de la Vega y Norona Contador de tributos y açogues desta Nueva España y Don Perafan de Rivera y Alarcon Contador de las rreales alcavalas:

*Haviendo visto las cartas de el Señor Governador de las Yslas Filipinas y la del Almirante que vino en la nao **San Diego** surta en el puerto de Acapulco y otra del Padre Diego Luis de Sanvitores que va a la mission y conversion de los naturales de las yslas de los Ladrones que son las de las foxas antecedentes[,] tratado y conferido sobre ello: se resolvió de conformidad de todos que se levante gente en la forma que se a echo los años antecedenes y que los offiçiales reales desta corte carguen al situado de las Yslas Filipinas todo lo que deve y por quenta del sea suplido y pagado desta rreal caxa conforme las hordenes y çedulas que tienen de su Magd. y su E.Ex^a socorra al Governador con lo que pudiere a su prudente disposiçion conforme el estrecho estado de la rreal haçienda y en lo tocante a la mision del Padre Diego Luis de San Vitores se declara no tocar a esta Junta ni a este superior gobierno mientras no se presentaren çedulas de su Magestad dirigidas y que ablen con el como le pide el Señor Fiscal y que ocurra donde le convenga y se replique que para fin de febrero saldra la nao y assi lo rresolvieron y rubricaron con su Ex^a.*

Translation**Decree of 14 January 1668.**

Mexico 14 January 1668.

To the Fiscal with the letters from the Governor of the Philippines and that from Father Diego Luis de S. Vitores and, once he has given his opinion, the file is to be seen in a General Meeting of the Treasury on Monday 16th of this month at 10 a.m.

Opinion of the Fiscal.

Your Excellency:

The Fiscal has seen these letters in which it seems that the President, Governor and Captain General of the Philippines Declares: that he sends the patache that has

anchored in the port of Acapulco to get the succor for this year, and because the Pilot or Master reports that he needs a pilot, seamen, carpenter and caulkers, and a surgeon,¹ Y.E. will be pleased to have the General Meeting consider from where or how it will be possible to supply the said manpower.

With regards to the mission, in his letter Father Diego Luis de San Vitores Declares: that he was entrusted by a decree of His Majesty addressed to the said Governor to the effect that he should support him with necessities, but he pretends to exonerate himself from this care by imposing it upon Y.E. So, Y.E. will be pleased to declare that the execution of this decree is none of your business.

Mexico, 16 January 1668.

Licentiate Don Francisco de Barreda.

General Meeting.

In Mexico City, on 16 January 1668, in the General Meeting of the Treasury that His Excellency the Marquis of Mancera, Viceroy, Governor and Captain General of this New Spain and President of the Royal Audiencia, attended with the following Gentlemen: Licentiate Don Francisco Calderon y Romero, Doctor Don Andrés Sanchez de Ocampo, Licentiate Don Juan Francisco de Montemayor y Cuenca, the Members of this Royal Audiencia, Don Juan de Garnica y Contreras and Don Juan Miguel de Agurto y Salcedo, Gentlemen of the Order of Alcantara, the Judges of the criminal court, Don Martin de Rivera, Don Juan Cervantes Casaus of the Order of Santiago, Don Andres del Rosal y Rios, Don Gerónimo Pardo de Lago, and Don Francisco de Castro y Prado, Accountants of the Tribunal of Accounts of this New Spain, Valerio Martinez de Veda Oreta, Accountant of the Royal Audiencia, Don Antonio de la Vega y Norona, Accountant of tributes and quicksilver of this New Spain and Don Perasan de Rivera y Alarcon, Accountant of the royal excises:

Having seen the letters from the Governor of the Philippine Islands and that of the Admiral who came with the galleon **San Diego**, anchored in the port of Acapulco, and another letter from Father Diego Luis de Sanvitores who is on the way to the mission and conversion of the natives of the Islands of the Ladrones, as shown in the preceding folios, discussion was held on this matter: it was decided unanimously that men be recruited in the manner done for previous years and that the royal officials of this court charge to the subsidy of the Philippine Islands everything that must be charged, and on this specific account should be charged what is debited from the royal treasury, in accordance with the orders and decrees of His Majesty, and your Excellency should succor the Governor with what he can prudently arrange, considering the state of the royal treasury. Regarding the mission of Father Diego Luis de San Vitores, it is declared that

¹ Ed. note: This means that Admiral Muñoz' letter, dated 11 January, was also in this file; therefore, it took at most 3 days to get from Acapulco to the hands of the Viceroy.

this matter is neither a business for this Meeting nor for this superior Government, in the absence of decrees from His Majesty addressed [to it], and that the Fiscal is to talk the matter over with Y.E. to see if something what can be done.¹ Also, it was declared that the galleon is to leave by the end of February, and thus they decided the matter and signed their names, along with Y.E.

1 Ed. note: They simply decided to send a message to Fr. Sanvitores, asking him to come up from Acapulco.