COSTA RICA-PANAMA ARBITRATION

DOCUMENTS

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ARGUMENT OF COSTA RICA

BEFORE THE

ARBITRATOR
HON. EDWARD DOUGLASS WHITE
CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, CONCLUDED MARCH 17, 1910.

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Title of Deputy Governor and Captain-General of the Valley of Matina, Suerre, Reventazón and Tierra Adentro in Favour of Don Antonio López del Corral.

CARTAGO, May 29, 1707.[1]

Year of 1707.

Testimony of the Title of Deputy Governor and Captain-General, made in the person of Don Antonio del Corral, released from *media annata* (half yearly revenue).

Don Lorenzo Antonio de Granda y Balvín, Governor and Captain-General of this province for His Majesty, etc.

Whereas, the position is vacant of Deputy Governor and Captain-General of the Valley of *Matina, Suerre* and *Reventazón* on the North Coast of this province, its ports and jurisdiction, and it is necessary to provide therefor, with a person of valor, character, capable and experienced also in political as well as military matters, and having also the other qualities which the King our Master (may God guard him) directs me in my Royal Title of Governor and Captain-General of this province shall be required of persons who are appointed to such positions;

And considering, that said qualities and others worthy of the highest commendation are found in the Sergeant Major, Don Antonio Lopez del Corral, who has served His Majesty more than eighteen years, both in the garrison at Orán and in the Plaza of Catalunia, the garrison of *Portobelo* and in this said province, as will more fully appear in the papers which are submitted; and using the power that I have, in the name of His Majesty, I select and appoint him as such in my stead, Deputy Governor and Captain-General of the Valley of *Matina, Suerre,* River of *Reventazón* and District of *Tierra Adentro,* and of the other ports of the North Coast of this province, as far as the *Bays of Almirante (las Vayas del Almirante)*; in order that as such Deputy Governor and Captain-General he may be present in said Valley and govern its inhabitants and the dwellers therein

[1] National Archives of Costa Rica. Historical Section. Cartago. Bundle LXXI. No. 24.

in everything political and christian, and as regards military matters he shall have under his charge and jurisdiction the guards who generally attend on those coasts, watch over and protect them, it being desirable that they do what is necessary to absolutely keep and execute the orders that I have given to them in writing, with the others that may be desirable for the Royal service, and to command and discipline the said inhabitants in military exercises so that they may be prepared for sudden attacks, which may happen at any time from the enemy who may attempt an invasion at any of those ports, making the defense necessary at the ports that he deems best, fortifying them, from whence advice may be sent to me of the designs and progress of said enemies, so that I may send help to him that may be necessary, going personally to the defense of this province;

And he shall make a general list of all the people who are found in said Valley, informing each of them that he may see that it is necessary, warning them to keep and comply with the regulations which are published by my order, not only in this city but in the Valley, punishing all who shall incur the penalties that are imposed, collecting the fines that are levied, of which remittance shall be made to me at once, in order that they may be distributed according to their application; taking care that none of the said inhabitants, nor any other person whatever shall trade or contract with any class of foreigners, nor under any pretext whatever, over which he will keep what and give me prompt advice if any of them or any part of them are guilty thereof; and as regards the rest, touching the military government, he shall punish and can punish those who are disobedient *ad modum belli* according to the laws and military regulations, and those who shall not execute his directions and commands;

And as regards political matters and causes which may come before him, he shall hear, ascertain and determine them as they shall be submitted, both civil and criminal, beginning them, investigating them and deciding them according to law, and the parties having been heard in all the different proceedings, he shall grant the appeals which shall be interposed before me for their determination;

And lastly, he shall rule the said Valley according and in the manner that it has been done and should be done, by the other

Deputy Governors and Captains-General who have been in those ports and jurisdictions, with all the rest relating to and concerning the said position, for all of which I give to him all the power, right and authority which I have and ought to have;

And I order and command all the inhabitants and other persons of whatever state or quality they may be, who may be in the said Valley of *Matina,* its ports and watches, that they shall hold in respect, submit to and obey the said Sergeant Major Don Antonio López del Corral as such in my place, as Deputy of the said Valley of *Matina,* keeping, complying with and executing all his writs, orders and mandates, which he may give in writing or verbally, as if they were my own, under penalty on the contrary of being punished with great severity, and all the rest that by reason of the said position is due, relating or belonging to him, as to all the other Deputy Governors and Captains-General of all the cities and towns and places under the dominion of His Majesty, without failing in anything;

And the grant is made to him of being relieved from the duty of *media annata* which by reason of this employment he should pay to His Majesty, in consideration of his many and good services, and that he must generally be in said Valley with arms in his hands, it being infested with pirate enemies, of which a record will be made by the Deputy of the Royal Official Judges of this province, which is dated in the city of *Cartago,* on the twenty-ninth day of the month of May, 1707 years.

Signed with my name, sealed with the seal of my arms, and countersigned by the undersigned Secretary of War, and on this stamped paper of the second class, there being none of the first at present, which I also certify.—Don Lorenzo Antonio de Granda y Balvín.—Secretary of War.—The Deputy of the Official Judges of the Royal Treasury of this province has taken the record of this title. *Cartago* and Royal Treasury, May 29, 1707 years.—Blas González Coronel.

This agrees and is a transcript of the original title, of which mention has been made, just and true, corrected and compared with that to which it refers, and that it may appear in the Royal Office under my charge I gave the present in the city of *Cartago,* on the twenty-ninth day of May, 1707 years; and before me

and witnesses, for lack of a clerk, who were Captain Don Joseph de Bibas and Ensign Manuel de Castro, residents and present.
Blas Gonzalez Coronel. Joseph de Bribas. Manuel de Castro.

Doc. 480 Certificate of Documents Relating to Expenses Made by the Royal Treasury of Cartago for the Garrison at the Port of Matina.

1804-1821.

RAFAEL VILLEGAS ARANGO, Director General of the National Archives, CERTIFIES, that in the book of accounts of the Royal Treasury kept by the Royal officials of *Cartago,* in the Province of *Costa Rica,* in the year 1804, there is found at folios 3, 4 and 5, respectively, the documents which verbatim read:

"Advised by your official letter, No. 651, of February 14, last, that you do not find any one at a *real* per league who is willing to hire out mules to transport from *Matina* to that city the arms that are unused, on account of the bad road and risk the beasts may be maltreated: you may increase the freight up to the sum mentioned in said letter, always saving as much as possible for the Royal Finances.

God keep you many years. *Guatemala,* April 7, 1804.

ANTONIO GONZÁLEZ.

To the Governor or *Costa Rica.*"

"By the enclosed copy of official letter by the President, dated 7th inst., you will see that H. W. approves the increase in freight proposed for the mules to transport from *Matina* here the arms and ammunition which H. M. has there; and it appearing to me the ten *pesos* is enough per load (or less if may be); I advise you for your information and government and that you may look for beasts to transport them, advising me of the price at which it is adjusted.

God keep you many years. *Cartago,* May 1, 1804.

THOMÁS DE ACOSTA."

"Having in view the news communicated to me by the Commander of *Matina,* dated 7th inst., which I communicated to you, we have determined to despatch a special, carrying it to

the Governor Intendant of *León*, and from there to the Most Illustrious Señor President, will you arrange for the special to leave, since we have deemed this desirable for the Royal service.

God keep you many years. *Cartago*, May 12, 1804.

THOMÁS DE ACOSTA.

Señor Don Manuel Escalante, Post Master."

At folios 8, 9, 11, 13 and 14 of proofs of expenses of the Royal Treasury, corresponding to the same year 1804, are found the following settlements:

"No. 13, Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, July 9, 1804.

Item, 792 silver pesos, which on this date I have delivered to the Chief Adjutant, Don Juan Manuel de Cañas, as paymaster of this Battalion for the pay to the Detachment of *Matina* in the first six months of this year, 72 soldiers at 9 pesos, six second sergeants at 14 and six Corporals id. at 10 pesos, as appears by the Review Rolls; and order from the Governor that all be marked No. 13, and he signs with me as correct.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN MANUEL DE CAÑAS."

"No. 17. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, Dec. 31, 1804.

Item, 792 pesos delivered to Sergeant Major Don Manuel de Cañas as paymaster, which has become due in the last six months of this year, in the detachment of *Matina*, 72 soldiers getting nine pesos, six Second Sergeants at 14, and six Corporals id. at 10, as better will be shown by the Review Rolls adjusted as which are prepared and marked No. 17, and he signed with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA, Escalante.
JUAN MANUEL DE CAÑAS."

"No. 27. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Feb. 1, 1804.

Item, 92 pesos silver, that I have delivered this date to Adjutant Major Dn. Juan Man-l de Cañas, as paymaster of this Battalion, credit of baggage made to 16 men proceeding to the De-

tachment of *Matina,* at 5 pesos each, and 3 to the watch of *Caldera* at 4; as per receipt in justification marked No. 27, and signed by the recipient.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN MANUEL DE CAÑAS."

"No. 40. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* June 25, 1804.

On this date the item, 92 pesos, delivered to the Adj. Major Dn. Juan Manuel de Cañas, as paymaster of the Battalion of this Province, baggage of one chief, and two soldiers for the exchange of the watch of *Caldera* at 4 pesos each, and sixteen for those that proceed to the Detachment of *Matina* at 5 pesos to relieve those that finish in this month; as appears by the receipts in the case that are shown of No. 40.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN MANUEL DE CAÑAS."

"No. 41. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* July 9, 1804.

Items: 92 pesos delivered to the Adj. Major Don Juan Manuel de Cañas, paymaster of this Battalion, for baggage of 16 men that came from *Matina* from the Detachment at the rate of 5 pesos, and 3 that return from the watch of *Caldera* at 4 pesos, having finished, and to come and be restored to their troop; as appears by the receipt marked with No. 41, and he signed with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN MANUEL DE CAÑAS."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* July 9, 1804.

Items: 92 pesos that by a natural oversight was omitted in the month of February, baggage satisfied Adj. Major Don Juan Manuel de Cañas, as paymaster of this Battalion, belonging to the troop of *Matina,* composed of 16 men, and 3 more of the

Vigía de la Caldera who go back at the beginning of this month, having completed their detachment; as appears by account No. 42, to which I refer.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN MANUEL DE CAÑAS."

"No. 45. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Dec. 31, 1804.

Items: 92 pesos silver, delivered to Don Juan Manuel de Cañas. Baggage for two soldiers and a Corporal, who proceed to *Vigía de la Caldera* at 4 pesos each, and 16 more for the Detachment of *Matina* at 5, all of which persons proceed to relieve those detached; as appears by the receipts which accompany and signed with me for acceptance.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN MANUEL DE CAÑAS."

Year of 1805.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, corresponding to the year 1805, at folios 16, 17, 18, 20 and 21, respectively, are found the settlements which read verbatim:

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. July 1, 1805.

Item given: 792 pesos for amount of first six months of this year settled pay of six second sergeants at 14 pesos, six corporals at 10, and 72 soldiers at 9, detached in the Valley of *Matina*, as shown by the Review rolls, and adjusted as prepared for Sergt. Maj. for his information, marked with No. 13 and he signed with me as settled."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Dec. 31, 1805.

Item given: 792 pesos, which I have this day delivered to Dn. José Ruperto Prieto as official paymaster, salary accrued in the last six months of this year, six Second Sergeants at 14 pesos

six corporals id at 10, and seventy-two soldiers at 9, which are found of the two in the Valley of *Matina,* North Sea, as appears by the adjustment shown by No. 15, review rolls annexed and he signed with me."

"General Expenses: Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* January, 1805.

Item given: 92 pesos silver, which I the Official of the Royal Treasury have delivered to Sergt. Maj. Don Juan Manuel de Cañas, baggage of 16 men that proceed to *Matina* at 1 peso and three more to *Caldera* at 4, to relieve the Detachment that have been in the past year; as appears by the receipt in the case and or. for his information.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* July 31, 1805.

Item given: 92 pesos plata, on this date delivered to Sergt. Maj. Don Juan Manuel de Cañas, baggage for sixteen men returning from the Detachment of *Matina* at 5 pesos, and three more of *Caldera* at 4, making total as per margin, and to certify it he signs with me.

GARCÍA."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* Aug. 1, 1805.

Item given: 5 pesos, delivered to Sergt. Maj., baggage of Juan Chavarría, left to fill place of Antonio Orosco, retired by illness from the Detachment of *Matina,* as appears by my signature.

GARCÍA."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* Aug. 1, 1805.

Item given: 92 pesos, delivered on June 28 to Sergt. Maj. Don Juan Manuel de Cañas for baggage of the troops, which was presented to me for the Detachments of *Matina* and *Caldera,* to which sixteen proceed, at 5, it being 40 leagues, and to *Caldera* three at 4 pesos, for 32 leagues, and for certificate he signed with me."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* Dec. 31, 1805.

Item given: 92 pesos, satisfied by the official paymaster, Baggage for sixteen men, detachment of *Matina,* until the end of this (month) at 5 pesos, and three of *Caldera* at 4, for which certifies my signature."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* 1805.

Eighty-eight pesos, satisfied for his credit to Manuel Venegas at the rate of 8 pesos each month as Master of launches and canoes of His Majesty which are used in the Valley of *Matina* and for interpreter of the *Mosquito* Nation, as per order of the superior council, in which it is directed, as per copy in evidence thereof, as appears by No. 26, he signed with me."

Year of 1806.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* corresponding to the year 1806, at folios 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, respectively, there are found the settlements which verbatim read:

"No. 16. Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* Dec. 31, 1806.

Item given: 792 pesos taken by the paymaster for pay of troops detached in the Valley of *Matina* in the last six months of this year, as certified by my signature, and also the adjustment according to the revenue rolls, made up No. 16.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"No. 20. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* January 1, 1806.

Item given: 92 pesos, delivered to Don José Ruperto Prieto, official paymaster in the Battalion of this Province, baggage for sixteen men who proceed detached to the Valley of *Matina* at 5

pesos each, for forty leagues, and 12 pesos for 4, also marched to the *Vigía de la Caldera,* to relieve those that come back from those places, and to certify it he signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* January 22, 1806.

Item given: 5 pesos that this day were delivered to the paymaster, Baggage of Cayetano Ramírez, who marches to *Matina* to take the place of Calixto Sáenz, soldier detached in that Valley, who died in said month; and to certify it he signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* Feb. 23, 1806.

Item given: 5 pesos delivered to the paymaster, baggage of the soldier that marches for *Matina,* Calixto Guzmán, to replace Antonio Solano who died, and he signed with me.

GARCÍA.
PRIETO."

"No. 22. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* April 5, 1806.

Item given: 5 pesos, baggage given to paymaster for the Soldier Vicente Baraona, who marches to the Valley of *Matina* to replace Anselmo Sanabria, who left sick; and to certify he signs it.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"No. 23. Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* May 25, 1806.

Item given: 160 pesos, taken by the paymaster, baggage of sixteen men, who proceed to relieve the detachment of *Matina* and like sum for those that return, at rate of 5 pesos, each, which

amount was taken before the order of prohibition was received, sent by the Most Illustrious Señor President, and not entered by mistake, and that it appears he signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"No. 24. Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* Oct. 10, 1806.

Item given: 7 pesos amount for purchase of a hatchet and an augur by order of the Governor of this Province for the canoes of H. M. of the Valley of *Matina,* and delivered by hand of said Governor to the Master of the launches, and I sign it, appearing by order No. 24.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* Dec. 31, 1806.

Item given. 7 *pesos* 4 *reales* amount of baggage of return of troop from *Matina,* at end of this same month, and as evidence he signs it with me, the paymaster.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"No. 37. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* Dec. 31, 1806.

Item given: 96 pesos which during whole of present year has accrued as salary at rate of 8 pesos per month to Manuel Benegas, as interpreter of *Boca de Matina* and Master of Boats of H. M. in that Valley, as shown by Receipt No. 37; and as evidence I sign it.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

Year of 1807.

In the Book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* belonging to the year 1807, at folios 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, respectively, are found the settlements which verbatim read:

"No. 17. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. May 1, 1807.

Item given: 510 pesos, to which amounted the first four months of the Detachment of *Matina,* for one Sergeant, one corporal and twelve soldiers, gaining the first 14, the second 10 and the third 9; with notice that pay of the veteran sergeant and corporal is not put in the settlement as charge their credit with those of their rank; and that it may be in evidence he signs it with me, referring to the adjustment No. of the margin and he signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Aug. 31, 1807.

Item given: 510 pesos taken by the paymaster for payment of one Sec. Sergt. volunteer at 14 pesos, one corporal id at 10, and eleven soldiers in ten months and twelve in the last two of the second four months, May, June, July and August, that they have been detached in the Valley of *Matina,* North Sea, as shown in the review rolls and adjustment with No. on margin, they prove this part, as he signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Dec. 31, 1807.

Item given: 528 pesos expended in the third period, of the Detachment of *Matina,* in the months of September, October, Nov. and Dec. of this year, for one 2nd Sergt. volunteer at 14 pesos, one corporal id. at 10, and twelve soldiers at 9, all of which pay was taken by the official paymaster who signs with me. Number of the margin. * * *

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* July 1, 1807.

Item given. Fifteen pesos taken by the paymaster for baggage of sixteen men who have been detached in the Valley of *Matina*

from the 1st of January to the end of June, at the rate of *ms.ns.* for each three individuals, forty leagues double, going and coming, and as evidence he signs it,

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO.

"On the same date, I gave the item: seven pesos, 4 rs. of the same troop, and number of men that were detached, the last six months of the year past, and without data by natural oversight and that it may be evidenced I sign it.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* Dec. 20, 1807.

I give the item: 96 pesos, which have been satisfied to the Master of Boats and Canoes and interpreter of the Valley of *Matina,* Manuel Benegas at the rate of 8 pesos each month, as evidenced by his receipt; with the No. on the margin proving this this part.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
MANUEL BENEGAS."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* Dec. 20, 1807.

I give the item: 15 pesos. Baggage of sixteen men, who have been detached in the Valley of *Matina* from first of June to end of Dec., at rate of half real per league,, for which three persons, forty double leagues, in going and returning; and as evidence I sign it.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* June 2, 1807.

I give the item: 10 pesos spent in making two axes and two machetes, and twenty of steel for the Detachment of *Matina,* counting the making of them at 5 pesos each of the machetes

and the axes at 4 pesos, all at the order of the Governor of the Province and they have been paid to Maestro Onofre Carvajal, as shown by voucher No. of the margin.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

YEAR OF 1808.

In the book of the Royal Treasury, belonging to the year 1808, kept by the Royal office of *Cartago,* Province of *Costa Rica,* at folios, 19, 20, over 22, 24, 25, over and 27, respectively, are found the settlements that verbatim read:

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* May 1, 1808.

I give the item: 528 pesos, in the first period of four months, taken by the paymaster, for payment of a Sec. Sergeant volunteer at 14 pesos, one Sec. Corporal id at 10, and twelve soldiers at 9 pesos each month, detached in the Valley of *Matina* in the months of January, Feb., March and April, as better shown in the adjustment prepared with marginal number and he signed with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* August 31, 1808.

I give the item: 528 pesos taken by the official paymaster, for payment of the second period of four months, months of May, June, July and August, of the Detachment of *Matina,* for one 2nd Sergeant volunteer at 14 pesos, one corporal id at 10, and twelve soldiers at 9 pesos each month, as appears by the review rolls and adjustment prepared with marginal No. and he signed with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE
JUAN DENGO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, Dec. 31, 1808.

I give the item: 528 pesos taken by the official paymaster in the last third, or four months period of Sept., October, November and December of this year, for payment of the Detachment of *Matina*, of one 2nd Sergeant volunteer at 14 pesos, one corporal id at 10, and twelve soldiers at 9 pesos, as better shown by the review rolls and adjustment which is annexed as proof with the marginal number, and evidence of which he signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. July 16, 1808.

I give the item: 15 pesos delivered to the official paymaster. Baggage of sixteen men, one Sergt. and Corp. going and returning of the Detachment of *Matina*, the first six months of this year, at the rate of six persons for baggage in forty double leagues; and as evidence I sign it.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, Dec. 31, 1808.

I give the item: 96 pesos given during the whole year to the Master of Boats and interpreter of the *Mosquito* Nation, Manuel Benegas, at the rate of 8 pesos per month; and as evidence I sign it.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Dec. 31, 1808.

I give the item: 21 pesos baggage of sixteen men, returning from the Detachment of *Matina*, being included in this many returning sick, and those that went to replace them, as better shown in the paper of the Corporal and which explains this part.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Aug. 31, 1808.

I give the item: 9 pesos expended by order of the Governor and Commander General in making forty-eight keys, to buy steel a real an ounce, one pound, and mend two broken axes, make a machete for service in the canoes of H. M. of the Valley of *Matina*, as shown by order of the Corporal, and receipt afterwards of the Master Blacksmith, and shown by marginal number for this part, which I sign.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

Year of 1809.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, corresponding to the year 1809, are found the entries that verbatim read:

"No. 15, Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. May 1.

I give the data: 528 pesos which were expended in the first four months period of the months of January, February, March and April, for one second Sergt. volunteer, one Corporal id at 10 pesos and twelve soldiers at 9, who were detached in the Valley of *Matina*, North Sea, as shown in the review rolls, and adjustment made and proving this part with marginal No.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"No. 18. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Sept. 1.

I give the data: 528 pesos expended in the aforesaid four months period in pay and payment of one 1st Sergt. volunteer, without pay in this place being a veteran and to be adjusted when made up, one Sergt. 2nd, at 14 pesos, one 1st Corporal, veteran without salary in this region; one id second at 10 pesos, and twelve soldiers at 9 pesos each, who were detached in the Valley of *Matina*, North Sea, in this four month period; which sum the official paymaster received as appears by the review rolls and adjustment of the matter, with No. 19.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"No. 22. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Dec. 31.

I give the data: 528 pesos, which were expended in the third four-month period in the payment of one 1st Serg. volunteer, without credit for salary in this place and being a veteran, * * * his salary included in the former part; one id second at 14 pesos, one 1st Corporal, veteran, without salary, for the reason stated, one id second at 10 pesos, and twelve soldiers at 9, who have been detached in the Valley of Matina, North Sea, and they passed review as appears by the rolls and adjustment prepared No. 23 on the margin, and he signed with me the official paymaster.

M. García Escalante.
Juan Dengo."

"No. 30. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. August 30.

I give the data: 15 pesos expended on the baggage of sixteen men, going and coming, who were detached in the Valley of *Matina* in the first six months of this year, which the official paymaster received who signs with me.

M. G. E."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. October 30.

I give the data: that there was delivered for baggage of sixteen men detached in the Valley of *Matina*, going and returning in the last semesters, and that it may be evidenced he signs it with me.

M. G. E.
J. D."

"No. 32. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Dec. 31.

I give the data. That there was given in his favor during the whole of the current year to the master of Boats and interpreter of the *Mosquito* Nation, Manuel Benegas, at the rate of 8 pesos per month, as appears by receipt, No. 33, proving this item, which signs

M. G. E.
Manuel F. Benegas."

Year of 1810.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, belonging to the year 1810, are found the entries which literally read:

"No. 24. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Jan. 6, 1810.

I give the data: 4 pesos which were expended in the purchase of material for a canoe for the River *Rebentazón*, for the passage of the troop from the Valley of *Matina*, as appears by the order in the matter, and receipt of the recipient, with marginal No. proving this item, which I sign.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"No. 38. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Dec. 30, 1810.

I give the data: 96 pesos which have been given to the Master of Boats and interpreter of the Valley of *Matina*, Manuel Francisco Banegas, for annual salary, due to him by superior order and accrued at this date, and for his guaranty I give the Document No. of the margin, he signing with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
MANUEL FRANCISCO BENEGAS."

"No. 41. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. Dec. 31, of 10.

I give the data: fifteen pesos, given to the official paymaster in June for baggage of sixteen men, marching to the relief of the troop detached in the Valley of *Matina*, at the rate of a half real per league, which finishes to the end of the year, and which is evidenced by his signing with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"Settlement by the Subordinate Treasury of *Cartago* with the persons of the said Battalion that has been detached in the Valley of *Matina*, from May 1 to end of August, of this year, with reference to the review rolls, as follows, to wit:

Valley of *Matina* from Sept. 1 to the end of Dec. of this year, with reference to the review rolls, in the form following:

REVIEW OF SEPT.

1 1st Sergt. veteran, settled as such.....
1 id volunteer at 14.....
1 1st Corporal, veteran, settled as such.....
1 2nd Corporal, volunteer, at 10.....
12 soldiers at 9 pesos, 108.....132.

REVIEW OF OCT.

1 1st Sergt. veteran, settled as such.....
1 id volunteer at 14.....
1 1st Corporal, veteran, settled as such.....
1 2nd Corporal, volunteer, at 10.....
12 soldiers at 9 pesos, 108.....132.

REVIEW OF NOV.

1 1st Sergt. veteran, settled as such.....
1 id. volunteer 2nd at 14.....
1 1st Corporal, vet. settled as such.....
1 2nd Corporal, volunteer, at 10.....
12 soldiers, at 9 pesos, 108.....132.

REVIEW OF DEC.

1 1st Sergt. veteran, settled as such.....
1 id volunteer, 2nd, at 14.....
1 1st Corporal, veteran, settled as such.....
1 2nd Corporal, volunteer, at 10.....
12 soldiers, at 9 pesos, 108.....132.

Amount . . . .528.

Voucher No. 24.

You will deliver to the Master of Boats, Manuel Banegas, one axe, and you will direct an adze to be made to build a boat

Sec. Corporal, volunteer, at 10 pesos, and twelve soldiers, at 9 pesos, and in the last two months of eight soldiers at 9 pesos, as appears by the settlement which was made up and the review rolls which justify this item. The paymaster signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"No. 12. On the same date.

I give the data: 288 pesos which were given to the official paymaster for payment of the only eight men who were left in the Detachment of *Matina,* for though the settlement and rolls show a Sergeant 1st, veteran, and a like Corporal, these were not settled here, and so the previous item gives total of third quatrimestre; all proved with the review rolls and settlement made up, signing with me the paymaster.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"No. 20. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* July 1st of 1811.

I give the data: fifteen pesos baggage delivered to the official paymaster for sixteen men that have been detached in *Matina,* from first, at the rate of half real per league, to six persons, at 42 leagues going and returning; and that it may appear he signs it with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOSÉ RUPERTO PRIETO."

"No. 26. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* Oct. 15, 1811.

I have prepared data: of 76 pesos, which were delivered to the minor children and widow of the late Manuel Benegas, interpreter and Master of Boats of His Majesty of the Valley of *Matina,* for nine months and a half, which he served in that employment, at the rate of eight pesos per month; as its evidence this voucher, No. on the margin.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"No. 40. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* November 12, 1811.

I give in data: 78 pesos which were expended by order of the Governor and Commander General, in payment for transport of

articles seized by His Majesty in the Valley of *Matina,* belonging to Don Juan Francisco Valenzuela and Don Miguel Ramírez, and justifying this item the voucher with marginal number.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

Year of 1812.

In the year 1812, in the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* are found the entries which verbatim read:

"No. 36. Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* April 30, 1812.

I give in data: 72 pesos, amount of the Detachment of *Matina,* not accounted for in the month of January, of eight men at 9 pesos, from the extract of the roll, and settled as prepared, signing with me the official paymaster.

MANUEL GARCÍA."

"No. 37. On the same date:

I give the data: 453 pesos, which in the trimestre of February to April, in which the Detachment of *Matina* has been served by the colored troops, it has amounted, made up of one 2nd Sergt. at 14 pesos, two Corporals at 10 pesos, thirteen soldiers at 9 pesos; with the note that they leave half of their salary as a gift to help in the war and the amount of this gift is 219 *pesos,* 6 *reales* and 3 *cuartillos,* deducted that corresponding to invalids, of which I have prepared a charge monthly in the book of Gifts, and appears by the review rolls and settlement made with it, No. of the margin 14, and 2, signing with me he that appears.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN ECHAVARRÍA."

"No. 38. Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* August 31, 1812.

I give the data: 696 pesos, amount of the second period of four months of the colored troops, which covers the Detachment of *Matina,* and is composed of two Sec. Sergts. at 14

pesos, two Corporals id. at 10, and fourteen soldiers at 9 pesos, which have passed review from May 1st to this date, leaving as a gift, deducted that corresponding to invalids, the amount of 337 *pesos,* 6 *reales,* 4 *maravedises,* as appears by the rolls cited, and settled as prepared with marginal number, Nos. 15 and 3. The recipient signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN ECHAVARRÍA."

"No. 43. On the same date; Dec. 31, 1812.

I give the data: 696 pesos, the amount of the third period of four months of the colored troops, which serve the Detachment of *Matina,* in the months from Sept. to end of Dec., and is made up of two Second Sergeants at 14 pesos, two Corporals id at 10, and 14 soldiers at 9 pesos, as appears by the review rolls and settlement made with marginal number, leaving as a Gift to aid the Mother Country in sustaining the war and while it continues the half of the credit, deducted first that corresponding to invalids, the amount of 337 *pesos,* 6 *reals,* 4 *maravedises* and he signs with me, the recipient.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

"No. 32. (On date of July 31, 1812).

I give the data: 15 pesos, which have been given for baggage, going and returning, to the persons detached of *Matina,* carried out the last of June, at the rate of half *real* per league to each six individuals, and at forty leagues double; and that it may be evidenced he signs it with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN ECHEVARRÍA."

"No. 34. Under date (Dec. 31, 1812).

I give the data: 15 pesos, baggage going and returning, of individuals detached in the Valley of *Matina,* to the end of December, in the last six months of this year, at the rate of a

half real per league, forty double, which were appraised to the eighteen soldiers of which it was composed.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

Year of 1813.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* corresponding to the year 1813, there are found the entries that verbatim read:

"No. 67. Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* May 6, 1813.

I give the data: 788 pesos, amount credited to the first period of four months, of the Detachment of *Matina,* which includes the months of January, February, March and April, of two Sec. Sergts. at 14 pesos, two corporals id at 11, and 14 soldiers at 10 pesos 4 rs., that have been detached, as appears by the review lists, and settled as prepared with marginal No. signing with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

"No. 70. On the 1st of September, 1813.

I give the data: 788 pesos, expended by the coloured militamen, in the second period of four months, made up of May, June, July and August, eighteen men, with two Sergts., Corporals id. and fourteen soldiers, getting, the first 14 pesos, the second 11 and the third 10 pesos, 4 rs., all as appears from the review rolls, and settled as prepared with the marginal number, signing with me the official who acts as paymaster of the company.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JUAN DENGO."

"No. 78. On the same date (December 31, 1813).

I give the data: 788 pesos, amount of the credit in the credit in the third period of four months, of the Detachment of *Matina,* of two Sec. Sergeants, at 14 pesos, two Corporals Sec. at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos and 4 rs., as appears by the review rolls, and settlement prepared with marginal No.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE."

Year of 1814.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* corresponding to the year 1814 (respectively), are found the entries that litterally state:

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* April 31,

I give the data: 788 pesos, amount of the credit of the first period of four months, of the Detachment in the Valley of *Matina,* which is made up of two Sergeants, at 14 pesos, two corporals id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos and 4 rs., each month, in January, February, March and April, as appears by the settlement prepared and extracts of reviews, which with the marginal No. vouch for this item, which he signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

"On the same date (August 31, 1814).

I give the data: 788 pesos, given as credit in the second period of four months to the coloured militiamen detached in *Matina,* which is made up of two Second Sergeants, at 14 pesos, two id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos and 4 rs., as appears from the review lists, and settlement prepared, signing with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* Dec. 31, 1814.

I give the data: 788 pesos which were expended in the third period of four months by the coloured militiamen, detached in the Valley of *Matina,* which includes the months of September, October, November and December, with two Second Sergeants at 14 pesos, two Corporals of the same class at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos and 4 reales, as appears by the settlements made and extracts of review with official signature of paymaster and marginal No. as voucher for this item.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. January 4th.

I give the data: 30 pesos by a natural oversight not put down in the year last past of the baggage of the troop of *Matina*, of the two detachments, the amount of which was received by the official who signs.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

"On the 30th of Dec., 1814.

I give the data: 30 pesos baggage, given to the fourteen men who were detached in the Valley of *Matina*, 15 that first went and returned to this city, and 15 to those who returned in like period, as appears by receipt of the paymaster, which he signs with me.

MANUEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

Year of 1815.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, corresponding to the year 1815 (respectively), are found the entries, which literally read:

"On the same date (March 29, 1815)

I give the data: 90 pesos, 6 rs., credit account of their pay to the soldiers detached in the Valley of *Matina*, in the first trimestre of the year, and that it may be evidenced he signs it with me.

M. G. E.
L. SABALETA."

"On the 1st of May, 1815,

I give the data: 697 pesos, 2rs. (per credit dated in the 2nd part of the Royal Book which was closed at the end of March 90 pesos 6 rs.), amount of the salary of two Sec. Sergts. volun-

teers, at 14 pesos, two Corporals, id at 11, and 14 soldiers at 10½ pesos, detached in the Valley of *Matina,* in the first period of four months, from January to the end of April, as appears by the review lists and settlements prepared with marginal number, signing with me an official of the same body of which he is paymaster.

M. G. E.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago.* September 6, 1815.

Item: 788 pesos, given as credit on the second period of four months, from May to August, of the Detachment of *Matina,* two Sergeants 2nd, two Corporals id and fourteen soldiers, gaining, the first 14 pesos, the second 11, and the third 10½ pesos, as appears by the review rolls and settlement prepared with No. of margin. The recipient signs with me.

M. G. E.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

"On December 31.

I give the data: 788 pesos, given to the official of the company of coloured militiamen in the third period of four months for the salary of two 2nd Sergeants at 14 pesos, two Corporals id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos, as appears by the settlement No. of the margin.

M. G. E.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* July 12, 1815.

I give the data: 18 pesos that were given to eighteen persons of the Detachment of *Matina,* for going and returning of baggage, that the individual received who acts as paymaster, signing with me.

M. G. E.
LEONARDO SABALETA."

Year of 1816.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, corresponding to the year 1816, there are found the entries that literally read:

"No. 17. Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. May 1st, 1816..

I give the data: 788 pesos given to the official of the company of coloured militiamen in the first four-months period, made up of January, February, March and April, of the present year, that they have been detached in the Valley of *Matina* and are two Sergts. at 14 pesos, two Corporals id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos, as appears from the review rolls, and settlement prepared with No. on the margin, signing with me.

M. G. E.

LEONARDO SABALETA."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*. September 1st, 1816.

I give the data: 788 pesos, given in the second period of four months, included in the months of May, June, July and August, to the company of Mulattoes, detached in the Valley of *Matina*, to two 2nd Sergeants, volunteers, at 14, two corporals id at 11, pesos, and twelve soldiers at 10 pesos, 4 reales, as appears by the settlement and review rolls signing with me the official that acts as paymaster."

"Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, Dec. 31, 1816.

I give the data: 788 pesos, given in the third period of four months, which includes September to December, to the coloured militiamen detached in the Valley of *Matina*, which is made up of two Sergts. vols. at 14 pesos, two Corporals id at 11, and 14 soldiers at 10 pesos 4 reales, as appears by the rolls and settlement with the marginal number.

On id. I give in data: 780 that have been expended in buying 300 machetes for the use of the Detachment of *Caldera* and *Matina,* at the rate of 20 reales each, as appears by the or. and receipt which justify this item, with the marginal no. The recipient signs with me. M. G. E."

Year of 1817.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* corresponding to the year 1817, there are found the entries which literally read:

"On the 1st of May, 1817;

I give in data: 788 pesos, amount of salary for the first period of four months of this year of the Detachments in the Valley of *Matina,* which is made up of two Sec. Sergts. vols. at 14 pesos, two Corporals id. at 11 and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos 4 reales, as appears by the settlement, prepared and notes of review, with the number of the margin signed with me.

M. G. E."

"On the 1st of Set. 1817.

I give in data: 788 pesos, which have been expended in the second period of four months, from May to the month of August, in the Detachments in the Valley of *Matina,* in two second Sergts. volunteers, at 14, two Corporals id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 11 pesos, as appears by the settlement prepared and review of rolls, which with the No. on the margin vouch for this item, which he signs with me.

M. G.

LEONARDO SABALETA."

"On the same date (Dec. 31, 1817).

I give the data: 788 pesos, which have been expended in the third period of four months, of September, October, November and over, in the Detachment of the Valley of *Matina,* with two

Sergts. volunteers, at 14 pesos, two corporals id at 11, and 14 soldiers at 10 pesos 4 reales, as appears by the settlement prepared and review rolls, which with No. on margin vouch this item, and he signs.

M. G. E."

"On the same date, 15 pesos which have been given for the last baggage of this year to the eighteen men, detached in the Valley of *Matina,* as appears by the form of the receipt.

M. G. E."

Year of 1818.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* corresponding to the year 1818, there are found the entries which literally read:

"No. 16. On the same date (May 1, 1818).

I give the data: 788 pesos, amount in the 1st period the credit of two Sec. Sergts. at 14 pesos, 2 corporals id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos, reales 4, detachments in the Valley of *Matina,* North Sea, of the coloured militiamen, as appears by the extracts of review and the settlement prepared with No. on margin, signing

M. G. E.
LEONARDO ZABALETA."

"No. 19. On the same date (September 1, 1818).

I give data: 788 pesos, amount of second period of four months, the credit of two second Sergts. at 14 pesos, two Corporals id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos, 4 reales, that have been detached in the Valley of *Matina,* North Sea, of the coloured militia, as appears by the extracts of review and settlement prepared with No. on margin, signing with me.

M. G. E.
LEONARDO ZABALETA."

"No. 23. On the same date (Dec. 31, 1818).

I give data: 788 pesos which they have given to the official that acts as paymaster for the Detachment of *Matina* for the pay taken from the Treasury in the third period of four months, corresponding to two Sec. Segts. at 14 pesos, 2 corporals id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10 pesos, 4 reales, as appears by the review rolls and settlement prepared with margin No.

M. G. E.

LEONARDO ZABALETA."

"No. 40. On the 7th of August.

I give the data: 19 pesos which given for baggage, going and returning, to 15 men, detached in the Valley of *Matina,* in the first six months of this year, at the rate of six persons per baggage, in forty double leagues, which they travel, signing with me

M. G. E."

"No. 45. On the 28th of November.

I give in data: 20 pesos expended in purchase of four axes for the Detachment of *Matina* and which remain in the Hall, in case the Battalion has to operate with the Insurgents of the South Sea, as per order of No. on margin, which being overlooked was not given at proper time. GARCÍA."

"No. 48. December 31.

I give the data: 19 pesos, amount of baggage of 18 men, detached in *Matina,* going and coming in the last six months of this year, signing with me the recipient. M. G. T."

Year of 1819.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* corresponding to the year 1819, are found the entries which literally read:

"No. 11. May 1st.

I give in data: 954 ps. 4 rs., amount in the first period of four months for the persons detached in the Valley of *Matina,* made up in the first two months of two 2nd Sergts., volunteers, at 14

ps., two corporals id at 11, and fourteen soldiers at 10½ ps.; but from March 2nd forward there was an increase of twelve men, by order of the Captain General as appears by the review rolls and settlement prepared with No. margin. The recipient signs with me.

GARCÍA.
LEONARDO ZABALETA."

"No. 15. September 8, 1819.

I give in data: 876 ps. 2 rs. given to the thirty men who have been detached in the Valley of *Matina,* from May 1st to June 20, and from this date to the end of August, which is reduced by two Corporals volunteers and eleven soldiers, getting the Sergts. 14 ps., the Corporals at 11, and the soldiers at 10 ps. four rs., as appears by the review rolls and settlement prepared with No. of margin, voucher of this item, which signs with me the one who acts as paymaster.

RAFAEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO ZABALETA."

"No. 21. December 31.

I give in data, 3,045 ps. given in account of the detachments, in the third trimestre of this year, in this form: on Sept. 20, 978 ps. 4 rs., Nov. 3, 689 ps. 4rs.—id 20,877 ps. ½ rl. for *Caldera* and 500 ps. for the same time of *Matina,* which, corresponding details not arriving from the Detachments in time, settlements were not closed, as appears by receipt No. margin.

GARCÍA.
JUAN DENGO."

"No. 31. On same date (Sept. 8, 1819).

I give in data: 27 ps. which were given to the 30 men who were detached in the Valley of *Matina,* for baggage going and coming, which the acting paymaster received, who signs with me.

RAFAEL GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
LEONARDO ZABALETA."

"No. 47. On August 16.

I give in data: 94 ps. 7 rs., amount of supplies taken to succor the Troops that were taken away from the Valley of *Matina* on account of the invasion of the *Mosquito* Nation, as appears by order No. of margin. GARCÍA."

Year of 1820.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago*, corresponding to the year 1820, are found the entries that literally read:

"(On the second of January, 1820.)

I give in data: 599 ps. 3 rs., given to the official paymaster for last warrant for what was due to the Detachment of *Matina* from Sept. 29 until Dec. 31, though the data ought to be 1099 ps. 3 rs., as there was given me in the last item of military salaries of the past year 500 ps., I make it now the remainder noting that therein is charged 51 ps. for baggage and lights, as will show in the settlement prepared, with extracts from the review with No. on margin, voucher for this item, which he signs with me.

GARCÍA.
DENGO."

"No. 23. (On April 4, 1820).

I give in data: 649 ps. 6 rs. given to the soldiers detached in the Valley of *Matina*, from Dec. 20, 1819, to March 20, 1820, as appears by the settlement prepared with reference to the extracts from the review, which with No. of margin vouches for this item, which he signs with me.

GARCÍA.
JUAN DENGO."

"No. 24. On the 2nd of June.

Item, of 131 ps., 1 rl. which were credit to six soldiers of the coloured militia in Feb. and March, who were detached in the

Valley of *Matina*, as appears by the settlement signed and review rolls, which with No. of the margin vouch for this, as he signs with me.

GARCÍA.
DENGO."

"No. 30. Following item of 557 ps. five and a half rls. amount of credit of one 2nd Corporal and 14 soldiers detached from this Battalion in the Valley of *Matina* from March 2nd until the end of June, credit with baggage and lights, as appears by the settlement and lists with No. in margin, signing with me.

GARCÍA.
DENGO."

"No. 35. On the same date, item of 539 ps. 1½ rs. given to one 1st Corporal volunteer, and fourteen soldiers, who were detached in the Valley of *Matina* from June 20, to last of September, as appears from the vouchers No. of margin, signing with me.

GARCÍA.
DENGO."

"No. 36. Following item of 738 ps. 2 rls. given to the official paymaster for pay of the coloured militiamen detached in *Matina* from July 1, to the end of Sept. to one 2nd Sergt. volunteer, and ten soldiers, in the monhs following, as shown by the settlement and rolls, No. margin, signing with me the official paymaster.

GARCÍA.
JUAN DENGO."

"No. 40. On same date, item 557 ps. given to the official paymaster for payment of the troop of the Battalion which has been detached in *Matina* from Sept. 20 to end of Dec., which is made up of one 2nd Corporal with 11 ps. and fourteen soldiers at 10

ps. 4 rs., including 20 ps. for lights and baggage, as appears by settlement and review rolls which with marginal No. vouch this item, which he sign with me.

GARCÍA.
DENGO."

"No. 41. On the same date item 756 ps. given to the official paymaster for pay of troop of coloured militiamen who have been detached in *Matina,* from Feb. 1 to end of Dec. and is made up of one 2nd Sergt. volunteer, with 14 ps. and 22 soldiers at 10 ps. 4 rs. as appears from the review rolls and settlement prepared with No. margin, and signing with me,

GARCÍA.
DENGO."

"No. 58. On Oct. 22, item, 119 ps. 5 rs. amount of purchase 17 guns which were brought as unused from the Valley of *Matina,* as appears by statement and order for payment No. of margin, signing with me.

GARCÍA."

Year of 1821.

In the book of the Royal Treasury of *Cartago,* corresponding to the year 1821, are found the entries which literally read:

"On the same date (Sept. 1, 1821), 683 ps. 3½ rs. which Don Juan Dengo received: as charged for the first trimestre of January, February and March for the coloured militiamen detached in *Matina,* which had one 2nd Sergt. at 14 ps. and twenty-two

soldiers at 10 ps. 4 rs., except in March for seven are only credited 15 days, as appears by the rolls, and settlement No. in margin.

G.
DENGO."

"On Sept. 1, 630 ps. 6 rs., amount of credit of fourteen soldiers detached in *Matina,* from the 21st of Dec., 1820, to 30 of April, 1821, as appears from the settlement No. of margin.

G.
ORTEGA."

"On id 60 ps. 7 rs., amount of credit of thirteen soldiers, from April 29, to end of August, detached in *Matina,* without including salary of interpreter which will be made separate, as seen by the settlement No. of margin.

GARCÍA.
ORTEGA."

On id (Dec. 23, 1821), 106 ps. 6½ rs. given to the free coloured militiamen, who went by order of the Governing Board (*Junta Gubernativa*) to change the Detachment of *Matina,* Nov. 21 to end of month of December inclusive in this baggage going and coming and lights, all as per lists of review prepared, signing with me.

G.
LEONARDO ZABALETA."

Note:

There remains to be settled the Detachments of *Matina* of Sept., Oct. and Nov., rolls not presented:—and that of *Caldera* of Nov. 17 and the month of Dec. of the year sworn.

M. G. ESCALANTE.

It is correct; and by order of Señor Secretary of State in the Department of Government, I issued the present certificate in

San José de Costa Rica, at 3 p. m. of the twenty-fourth day of April, 1911.

RAFAEL VILLEGAS,
Director.
VICTOR M. RAMÍREZ,
Official Mayor.

(SEAL; which says:
Archivos Nacionales
San José
República de Costa Rica.)

CARLOS M. JIMÉNEZ, Secretary of State in the Department of Government,

Certifies: That the preceding signature of the Director of the National Archives, which says "Rafael Villegas," is genuine.

San José, April 26, 1911.

CARLOS M. JIMÉNEZ.

(SEAL: which says:
Secretaría de Gobernación
Costa Rica.)

Doc. 481 **Memorial of the Inhabitants of Matina.**

MATINA, December 23, 1806.[1]

Señor Judge and Commandant:

The population of *Matina,* all natives of the city of *Cartago* and inhabitants of this Valley, appear before you in due legal form, petitioning in virtue of their distribution, that Joaquín Maroto may be arrested and put in jail, for he has taken leave of his senses, as is shown by the fact that he has deserted from his Detachment, has been failing in respect to you and abusing some of your servants, and even entering the hermitage and carrying off a tablet from the altar and making everyone sign on it and if any one would not he beat them, as is proved by all the inhabitants, and then he went to the house of Don Vicente del Corral

[1] National Archives of Costa Rica. Historical Section. Bundle XLXX. No. 885.

and he took his own gun which he was still carrying and on three occasions fired it off, and in this way he has terrorized the whole Valley;

And therefore we trust that you will send him to the city of *Cartago,* and bring to the knowledge of the Governor that we all say that in no way do we tolerate him in this Valley on account of the great danger to which we are exposed by his madness; for although the said Maroto at times shows signs of being good, that is for a day or a little while, for it is proved that on every occasion that he comes to this Valley all goes wrong; and by this being done (which we ask) we shall be at peace once more.

It is justice which we ask, without any malice, etc., and we sign who know at the petition of everybody. May God Guard, etc.

Matina, December 23, 1806.

Vicente Corrales. Juan Andrés García José Antonio Pacheco. Manuel Moya. Miguel Alvarado.

In view of the Memorial presented to me by the residents hereof, it appears to me to be true, as set forth therein, that he deserted from this Detachment and failed in respect to me and seeking to insult the soldiers, for which reason I undertook to arrest him and he fled, but on this date I seized him in the house of Doña María Francisca del Corral and send him to you in in order that you may do what seems best with him.

BERNARDINO ALVARADO.

Cartago, January 7, 1807.

Having seen the petition of the inhabitants of the Valley of *Matina* and the insanity of Joaquín Maroto being notorious, who was therefore and is now a prisoner in this Royal jail, he shall not be allowed to return to the said Valley, but in view of the damage the said Maroto causes in the jail and the disturbance that he makes, annoying the prisoners and the neighbors; and as he is married and has relations and needs medical attention, which he cannot get in the jail, let him be delivered to his wife or relations in order that they may attend and take care of him, keeping him with all possible security.

Let it be known by the Clerk to whom the said Maroto is entrusted and let it be recorded thereafter.

ACOSTA.

In compliance with the present order the warden of the jail delivered the said Joaquín Maroto to his wife, who was given to understand what had been directed.

LOMBARDO.

Doc. 482 Legal Proceedings Relating to Some Cacao Plantations Situated in the Valley of Matina.

CARTAGO, September 24, 1807—July 11, 1808.[1]

Señor Governor and Commander General of this Province:

Pedro Manuel Salguero, resident of this city of *Cartago,* appears before Your Honor in due form and says:

That it having been published by public proclamation that every tenant in the possession of *capellanías* should present himself, making redemption of them, or proposing before Your Honor the regular periods in which he would make such redemption, I submit to Your Honor with due humility that there are in my holding 1,900 pesos of cacao, *principal de capellanía,* belonging to the Convent of this city, which are under special mortgage on two plantations of cacao, called *Torno Largo* and *Ojo de Agua,* which I hold by myself in the Valley of *Barba;* and I am also tenant of 452 pesos of silver, belonging to the Curacy of the city of *Esparza,* and 140 pesos more of silver belonging to this said Convent, which two items amount to 592 pesos, which are charged in farms, *Toto* and *La Griega* in the Valley of *Matina,* and the house where I live.

And at my advanced age God was pleased to reduce me to absolute poverty, depriving me at the same time of my sight, for which reason and being totally insolvent, as is public and notorious, and reduced to beg for assistance with which to maintain myself according to my reputation, unable to afford any help to the said farms, nor carry out the obligations of a tenant thereof, and at the same time having no property except my dwelling house, which is mortgaged for the said 592 pesos of silver; therefore, one, twice and three times and in accordance with law, I make offer of the said farms and house and give up the right of tenancy which belongs to me, in order that Your

[1] National Archives of Costa Rica. Historical Section. Bundle XLIII. No. 901.

Honor may be pleased in virtue of my insolvency to determine as to the premises what may be proper, so that relieved of these obligations I may seek wnere I can live with my character. In view of which I beg that Your Honor may receive me as submitting in time, place and form, admitting my offer and abandonment which I make of the said premises, that I may have favor and justice therein, which I beg; and I swear in due form that I do not act from any malice but from necessity, and I do not sign being blind, but it is done by the one who appears for me.

By the one who presents himself: Josef. Greg. Cárdenas.

Notwithstanding the lien stated by this party, that it may be better provided in accord with the Sovereign provisions, let this instrument be forwarded to the Royal Subordinate Council of Consolidation of the city of *León,* so that it being before them they may provide as may be desirable in the matter, giving notice.

Government of *Costa Rica,* September 24, 1807.

THOMÁS DE ACOSTA.
JOSÉ STOS. LOMBARDO.

On the same day I gave notice of the foregoing proceedings to Pedro Manuel Salguero and that he was notified of it, I certify.

LOMBARDO.

Board of Consolidation. February 13, 1808.

Let the offer which this party makes of the premises which are mentioned, be admitted; and the Señor Governor of *Cartago* will proceed to take the proper steps for their alienation and their security in accordance with the instructions.

SALVADOR.
BUSTAMENTE.
SEVERINO ALARCÓN.

In accordance with the mandate in the foregoing document let the proceedings for alienation of the premises of which the party makes offer be proceeded with, proceeding by public sale for the fair value thereof, for which there are named as appraisers on the part of this tribunal for the house in this city Mariano Matamoros and Rafael Pacheco, and let the Syndic appoint on his part those who may be proper for said house and the plantations of *Matina,* which judge will deliver a written order for said purpose, who on his part will appoint intelligent persons in that

Valley and being sworn in conformity with law, the said proceedings will be carried out, those of this city reporting to the present Clerk and being ended any of them let them be submitted. It is provided and ordered and signed by the Government of this Province in accord with the provisional Señor Curate of this city of *Cartago,* on the 17th day of the month of March, 1808.

THOMÁS DE ACOSTA.
RAFAEL JOSÉ DE LA ROSA.

Before me, José Stos. Lombardo.

On the 26th day of the said month and year, I went to the dwelling house of Sr. Don Manuel Marchena, Syndic of the Convent of Our Father St. Francis, to whom I made known the foregoing proceedings, and being informed thereof he said: That he is agreed with the appraisers appointed and with those who shall be in *Matina* by the Judge of that Valley, without prejudice to the results of the pending suit which Pedro Salguero has with the estate of the late Don Antonio de la Fuente, that the latter may take the plantations of *Matina* and return the house of the Plaza, as belonging to the Convent as it is declared, and on appeal on the part of the late Don Antonio for eleven years; this he says and signed it.

MANL. MARCHA.
LOMBARDO.

On the 1st of April of said year a despatch was delivered to the Judge of *Matina* as provided in the foregoing document. I certify.

LOMBARDO.

Don Tomás de Acosta, Lieutenant Colonel of the Royal Forces, Governor and Commander General for H. M. of this province, Sud-delegate of the Intendant and of the Sr. Royal Commissary, &c.

Whereas, Pedro Manuel Salguero, having made offer of the *principales de Capellanía* which are held by him; and which are composed of 1,900 pesos of cacao belonging to the Convent of this city, which are stated to be under special mortgage in two plantations of cacao trees, named *Torno Largo* and *Ojo de Agua,* in the Valley of *Barbilla,* with 140 more pesos of money of the same ownership, and 450 of the Curacy of *Esparza,* which 592 pesos are charged on two other plantations named *Toto* and *La*

Griega in the Valley of *Matina* and his dwelling house; and the matter having been forwarded by this Government to the subordinate Board of Consolidation, in order that it should determine as to the statement submitted, the offer was admitted, and by accord with the Provisional Curate of this city, on the 17th of the past month, the document was prepared which reads as follows:

In accordance with the mandate in the foregoing instrument let the proceedings for the alienation of the premises of which the party makes offer be proceeded with, proceeding by public sale for the fair value thereof, for which there are named as appraisers on the part of this Tribunal for the house in this city Mariano Matamoros and Rafael Pacheco, and let the Syndic appoint on his part those who may be proper for said house and the plantations of *Matina,* which judge will deliver a written order for said purpose, who on his part will appoint intelligent persons in that Valley, and being sworn in conformity with law the said proceedings will be executed, those of this city reporting to the present Clerk, and being ended any of them let them be submitted.

And it having been made known to the said Syndic, he said: He was agreed with the appraisers appointed and that might be appointed by the said Judge. Therefore, in order that what is provided may be duly executed, I deliver the present, by which I order and command my Deputy Judge of police of the Valley of *Matina,* that informing himself of the foregoing papers he proceed as promptly as possible to the appraisal of the plantations mentioned, appointing for the purpose intelligent appraisers to his satisfaction, making return of the original measures which are taken and in virtue of this, which is dated at *Cartago,* the 1st of April, 1808. THOMÁS DE ACOSTA.

By command of His Honor, José Stos. Lombardo.

Let it be executed and complied with as commanded in the foregoing papers delivered by His Honor the Governor appointing for the purpose appraisers of the plantations mentioned, Juan de los Santo Chavarría and Simon Angulo Aquienes, and this appointment being made known to them and being accepted by them, let them be sworn in accordance with law for the performance of their duties.

Thus I provide, Don Sebastián de Guevara, Captain of Militia for H. M. and Political Judge in this Valley of *Matina,* on the 25th day of the month of April, 1808.

Before the witnesses present, who act in default of a clerk, which I certify.

SEBASTIÁN DE GUEVARA.
JUAN ANDRÉS GARCÍA.
THOMÁS ALBUROLA.

Therefore, I, the said Judge, having present Juan de los Santos Chavarría and Simón Angulo, I informed them of the foregoing papers and being fully advised of the matter they said that they accepted and will accept the appointment of appraisers of the said plantations, in virtue of which they were sworn that they would act in conformity with law, under charge of which they promised to perform their duty faithfully as they knew and understood it, and they signed it with me and those present for lack of a notary, which I certify.

SEBASTIÁN DE GUEVARA.
JUAN ANDRÉS GARCÍA.
THOMÁS ALBUROLA.
JUAN CHAVARRÍA.
SIMÓN ANGULO.

On the same day the said appraisers valued and appraised the plantation of *Torno Largo,* which is composed of 959 trees at the price of a *real* of silver for each tree, and 254 of the same at a half *real,* which both amount to 135 pesos six reales.

Item: They counted and valued the plantation called *Toto,* 1500 trees, which they appraised at one real and a half each, and 85 of the same at a half real, which both make up the amount of 286 pesos, four and a half *reales.*

Item: They do not give any value or appraisement to the plantations named *Ojo de Agua* and *La Griega,* because they are ruined.

With which, this being concluded, and in order that it may be returned to the Tribunal of the Governor by which it was

ordered and directed, the said appraisers sign it with me, with those present for lack of a clerk, which I certify.

SEBASTIÁN DE GUEVARA.
JUAN ANDRÉS GARCÍA.
JUAN CHAVARRÍA.
SIMÓN ANGULO.
THOMÁS ALBUROLA.

Let it be placed with the despatch to which it belongs and be brought.

Government of *Costa Rica.* July 7, 1808.

Considering; and in view of the exception submitted by the Syndic of the Convent in his response of the 13, let it be known by María Francisca Alvarado if she agrees to the sale or public auction which is claimed of the plantations indicated and are litigated on her part and let it be brought with her reply.

Government of *Costa Rica,* July 8, 1808.

Before me, José Stos. Lombardo.

On the same day, I, the clerk of this tribunal of His Honor and in performance of the duties of the Clerk, went to the dwelling house of Doña María Francisca Alvarado and having made known the proceeding and authority, she said, that she was agreed and was satisfied that the plantations be sold which were referred to, and their amount be deposited until the determination of the suit, which is pending between her and the Syndic of the Convent; giving this as her reply and not signing it on account of her illness, I do it so that it may appear.

JOAQUÍN GARCÍA.

In view of the foregoing response, let there be given due effect what was commanded in the proceedings of the 17th of March last.

Cartago, July 11, 1808.

T. ACOSTA.
JOSÉ STOS.
LOMBARDO.

Doc. 483 The Governor of Costa Rica to the Commandant of Matina, Advising Him That He Should Repel Force by Force if Any Hostilities Should be Undertaken Against that Port.

CARTAGO, September 13, 1808.[1]

If any English vessel shall arrive at that Port with a flag of truce (that is, with a white flag), although it be to bring some paper or papers for delivery, it shall not on that account be permitted to enter the Port, but the papers being taken it shall be made to set sail without further delay, letting it be understood that on account of the great distance from here to *Guatemala* there can be no reply in less than two months and that I have no order for any foreign vessel to remain at the Port; that it shall therefore leave and come back for the reply within the time stated, and the papers that it has brought you shall forward to me immediately.

If, notwithstanding these reasons, and the others that you may state with courteous manner and politeness, it shall persist in not leaving the Port or shall undertake any hostile act, you will use force against force in whatever way you can, and you shall at once send me word of everything so that I may take my own measures; but if any supplies, such as are produced in the valley, are needed, they shall be furnished at a fair price therefor, which they shall pay for in actual silver and under no account in merchandise of any sort. Of the receipt of this you will advise me, etc.

Cartago, September 13, 1808.

TOMÁS DE ACOSTA.

Circular to the Commandant and Judge of *Matina*.

[1] Peralta—*Lím. de C. R. y Col.*, p. 202.

The Governor of Costa Rica to the Commandant of Matina. Doc. 484

CARTAGO, March 17, 1809.[1]

In view of the serious and contagious illness from which (under date of the 11th instant) you advise me that the Senior Judge of that valley suffers, and of which some news had already reached me, as soon as you receive this you will take charge of the political command of that district and of everything that pertains thereto, with due formality of inventory, and as soon as the Captain Don Sabastián de Guevara reaches there you will deliver over to him the said command and everything that concerns it.

You will arrange that the cacao which belongs to the owners in this city may be forwarded as quickly as may be, so that the account may be closed up to the end of the past year.

May God, etc.

Cartago, March 16, 1809.

TOMÁS DE ACOSTA.

To the Señor Sergeant Commandant of *Matina*.

Report of the Governor of Costa Rica, Colonel Don Tomás de Acosta, to the Universal Minister of the Treasury, Concerning the Commerce and Cultivation of Tobacco. Doc. 485

CARTAGO, April 19, 1809.[1]

It is not possible for *Costa Rica* to establish any commerce by sea or land; because upon the sea good ports are necessary, with a place where cargos are to be received and delivered not very far therefrom, and that there shall be consumers and that the cargos shall come promptly and consist of desirable products. Let us see if such is the case in this province.

Upon the North Sea there is no commodious port, because in reality *Matina* is not one, but it is rather an open roadstead buffeted by the winds of the first quarter which blow during

[1] Peralta, *Lím. de C. R. y Col.*, p. 293.

[1] General Archives of the Indies at Seville. Peralta, *Lím. de C. R. y Col.*, p. 203.

the most of the year, raising a sea so strong that vessels cannot maintain themselves at anchor and the one that does not set sail perishes; where the savage tribes who live along from Cape *Gracias á Dios* to the River *Chagres* travel to and fro the greater part of the year and rob the vessels indifferently when they are intoxicated. For this reason navigators avoid these shores and so much so that during the two years that I have held this command only two vessels came in from necessity, and one of these perished upon the coast by stranding.

The Port of *Mohín,* which lies toward the South, is well sheltered and has a good anchorage; but its entrance is narrow and only suitable for sloops, schooners and other vessels which draw but little water. It is troubled by the barbarous Indians, and in common with this suffers by the distance from the places where cargos are to be received and delivered; because from *Mohín* to *Matina* it is seven leagues along the beach of arid sand, without any water to drink; beside which at *Matina* there is no regular population except the scattered cacao plantations, and this product is not the most desired for exportation; nor is there a settlement which consumes any important quantity of goods.

This has to be done by this city and the other settlements inland, the least distant of which from the sea is thirty or forty leagues, and over the worst roads I ever travelled in Spain or America. So that even though the ports of the North Sea had all the advantages imaginable, no commerce could be expected by them, in view of the inconveniences presented by the distances of the principal ports and the roughness of the roads, and where it rains the greater part of the year, so that consequently whatever is transported and brought to *Matina* suffers some damage.

There are from 55,000 to 60,000 souls in this province (some one city regularly settled has more) and their poverty is notorious. Therefore there is no inducement to attract commerce, even if it should be conceded all the privileges imaginable; and if to this be added the facts as to the distances and the roads, still less would they come here, because it is unquestionable that trade is most active where the consumption of what is brought in is the quickest and the more prompt it is to get what

is to be carried back in return. These things being lacking, ports that are safe and commodious and products suitable for exportation, it is evident that there will never be any commerce by the North Coast, for it is reduced to these—to tobacco which is stopped to not very good sugar, wheat and other grains of the region.

On the South there is the Port of *Punta de Arenas,* very capacious, sheltered, with sufficient water for any vessel and with a good anchorage. But what can come in by that port? From *Panama,* only some European goods which have passed through three or four hands, getting very dear and consequently slow and difficult of sale. And what can go out? The products of the country, which have already been referred to, which on account of their inferior quality are not wanted when they have those of *Peru;* so for these reasons those who have recently taken products from here to *Panama* are getting out of that business. But has not this province had, or does it not have, any trade with any other port of the South Sea? No, Señor, nor can it have, unless it be tobacco with the Kingdom of *Peru* or with that of *Mexico.*

From all the foregoing it may be concluded; that in order to get this province out of the misery in which it lies, there is no other means except that of conceding to it the supply of tobacco to this Kingdom, that of *Mexico* and *Peru.* This, Señor, is the opinion to which I am led by honor, conscience and the experience which I have had in *Costa Rica;* as to which Your Majesty will decide as shall be for your Royal pleasure.

May God guard the C. C. R. R. (the catholic royal person) of Your Majesty for many happy years, of which the Monarchy has need.

Cartago, April 19, 1809.

Señor: A. L. R. P. (at the Royal feet) of Your Majesty.

TOMÁS DE ACOSTA.

Doc. 486 The Governor of Costa Rica to the Judge of Matina.

CARTAGO, June 3, 1809.[1]

I enclose you herewith a copy of the order which I received by this mail from the M. I. S. P. (Most illustrious Señor President) Governor and Captain-General of this Kingdom, dated the 6th ultimo, referring to the great vigilance and many precautions which must be taken regarding the vessels that come from Spain, and therefore, not only because we do not know the signatures of those who despatch those vessels, but on account of this port not being declared a minor one, except for those that may come from *Cartagena de Indias,* I command you under no pretext to admit any vessel which does not come from said *Cartagena,* and this after having observed everything provided for in said copy, so that we shall be free of any fraud; but if by reason of necessity any vessel should arrive there from any port in Spain, you will not only carry out judicially the necessary measures required by the needs of such arrival, but also whatever said superior order provides, and all under the personal responsibility of yourself and of the Sergeant Commandant of the detachment there, to whom I send a like copy, so that in everything you shall proceed in accord, in a matter so important to the Royal service and the public peace. Of the receipt of this you will give to me due acknowledgement.

May God guard, etc.

Cartago, June 3, 1809.

TOMÁS DE ACOSTA.

To the Señor Judge of *Matina.*

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[1] *Supra,* p. 206.

The Municipal Council of Cartago is Authorized to Spend a Sum for Repairing the Matina Road. Doc. 487

1810.[1]

May you be pleased to present to the Superior Board of the Royal Treasury of this Kingdom, the annexed statement of this Municipal Council (*Ayuntamiento*), relating to the expense which the road from *Matina* urgently requires; and of its receipt you will give me advice. May God guard you many years.

Cartago, March 5, 1810.

THOMÁS DE ACOSTA.

SEÑORES OF THE SUPERIOR BOARD OF THE ROYAL TREASURY:

The Noble Municipal Council of *Cartago* submits to Your Honors,—that from the 13th to the 17th, inclusive, of December, last past, there was suffered in the Valley of *Matina* and upon its road to this city such a heavy rain and strong winds that trees have fallen and in many places breaks have been caused, which have made the way impassable and the pack-trains cannot carry on their traffic. The Municipal Council being informed of this accident, with the accord of its President sent viewers to look over the territory with a view of opening another highway leading to *Matina*, the present one being continually undergoing repairs, which have been very expensive for the inhabitants here; the viewers being charged that if such was not found they should investigate the damages which the road had undergone and estimate what its repair would cost. The Commissioners did in fact go and after sixteen days going in the woods they are satisfied there is not in the whole extent of *Matina* any other section more suitable for the traffic by pack-trains than the one that they had been accustomed to use for many years; that to repair the damages caused by the storm during the days above mentioned, they estimate that fifteen men in a like number of days can make it passable; and that they estimate the cost of this work will amount to 200 pesos, more or less.

[1] National Archives of Costa Rica. Historical Section. Bundle XLIV. No. 929.

Article 34 of the Ordinances of Intendants provides that no expense from funds of public lands exceeding 40 pesos shall be incurred without the previous authority being had from the Superior Board of the Royal Treasury; therefore, we come to Your Honors, begging that we may be permitted this indispensable appropriation from the funds, without which the trade in

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR: The Fiscal of H. M. says: That Your Worships are authorized to grant your Superior permission, in order that the Governor and Municipal Council of *Cartago* may expend from their public land funds the 200 pesos which they request, for the repair of the road from *Matina*. *Guatemala*, May 12, 1810.

Royal Audiencia, May 14, 1810. It having been considered by us, let the permission be granted for the expenditure of 200 pesos from the public land funds for the repair of the road from *Matina*, with the provision that an account be rendered of its expenditure, for which purpose let a letter be written by the *Escribanía de Cámara* (office of the Secretary of the Chamber) and let the corresponding amounts be taken.

ALTEQUIETA.
CAMPUZANO.
SERRANO POLO.
JUAN HURTADO.

On the 16th of May, 1810, the Señor Fiscal was informed of the foregoing Royal Document and he affixed his rubric, which I certify.

JOSEPH RODRIGO CARBALLO, Notary.

This has been done before me as there is no person present for the foregoing matter. CARBALLO.

Let the amount be taken. General Accounting Office of Public Land Funds. May 18, 1810. Letter was written the said day. Send statement to P. and Collector.

I will communicate to this Noble Municipal Council the permission which was granted in the Decree of the 14th of the month last past, so that the public land funds may be charged with 200 ps. for the repair of the road from *Matina*, with which I discharge the direction of Your Worships of the 18th of the last month. May God guard you many years.

Cartago, June 27, 1810.

THOMÁS DE ACOSTA.

Sr. DON JUAN HURTADO, Sec. of Chamber."

Doc. 488

Appointments of Judges of Matina.

1815-1819.[1]

In the city of *Cartago,* on the first of January of 1815, I, Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, military and political Governor of this Province of *Costa Rica,* for the King our Master, Don Fernando VII, in compliance with the Royal Order of July 30, of the year last past, in which he provides that all matters be put in the same order and condition as they had in the year 1808; and only having in this year, in this city, two *Alcaldes Ordinarios,* one *Alcalde de Provincia* with Royal Title, one attorney general and one *Mayordomo de Propios* (Superintendent of estates) appointed by my predecessor in virtue of Chap. Eleven of the Ordinance of Intendants; under the same Royal authority and in virtue of the said Royal Order of July 30, I appoint as First *Alcalde* of this city, Señor Col. Don Juan Francisco de Bonilla; and as Second, Don Ramón Ximénez; Attorney General, the Captain of Grenadiers, Don Joaquín de Oriamuno, and as *Mayordomo de Propios* the Lieut. Don. Manuel Sáenz, who each took the corresponding oath as provided by the laws and continued in the conduct and exercise of their functions, signing with me, and the witnesses present, with whom I act in lieu of a Clerk; which I certify.

JUAN DE DIOS DE AYALA.
JUAN FRANCISCO DE BONILLA.
RAMON XIMÉNEZ.
JOAQUÍN OREAMUNO.
MANUEL SÁENZ.
JOSEF IGNACIO DE RUCABADO.
JOAGUÍN CARAZO.

In the city of *Cartago,* on the first of January, 1816 years. I, Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, Knight of the Order of Santiago, Lieut. Colonel of the Royal Forces, political and military Governor for H. M. of this Province of *Costa Rica,* and subdelegate of the Intendant therein as provided in the mandate by the King our Master in the Royal *cédula* of July 30, 1814,

[1] National Archives of Costa Rica. Historical Section. Bundle XLV. No. 1044.

and the provision in Article Eleven of the Royal Ordinance of Intendants; lacking still a Municipal Council (*Ayuntamiento*) in this city, it being incomplete; exercising the power which H. M. confers upon me in the said Article, I proceed to make the selection of *Alcaldes Ordinarios* and the other officers of justice for this city and the settlements of this province, to serve in the present year in the following form:

For this city: First *Alcalde,* Don José Santos Lombardo; Second id. Don Pedro Carazo; *Procurador Síndico,* Don Ermenegildo Bonilla; *Mayordomo de Propios,* Don Joaquín Carazo.

For *San José*: First Alcalde, D. Rafael Gallegos; Second id. Don José Francisco Madriz.

For *Heredia:* First *Alcalde,* Don Pedro López; Second id. Don Antonio Heyes.

For *Alajuela*: First *Alcalde,* Don Fermín González; Second id. Don Franco Barquero.

For *Bagaces*: Deputy Governor, Don Manuel Fernández.

For *Esparza*: id. Petty Judge Juan Campos.

For *Ujarrás*: id. Eduardo Picado and Marcos Morales.

For *Pueblo Nuevo*: id. Don Manuel Conejo.

For *Escazú id.* Don Francisco González.

For the Village of *Barba*: id. Francisco Mexías.

For *Matina*: id. Francisco Barrios.

With this I concluded this selection, which I approve according to law, interposing as I do interpose my authority and judicial decree as I can and ought for their greater surety and validity;

And the foregoing persons being present as selected (with the exception of the Second *Alcalde* for *San José* and Deputy of *Bagaces,* on account of absence) they accepted respectively the said positions; in virtue of which, separately, before witnesses in my presence, with whom I acted for lack of a notary, I received from them the oath in due form and according to law, under which they each promised to discharge faithfully and legally the duty which was conferred upon them, saying at the conclusion of the oath: So I swear, Amen: and having de-

livered the insignia of justice to those who are to administer it, they signed with me and said witnesses, to which I certify.

Juan de Dios de Ayala.	Nicolás de Peralta.
Matías Araya.	José Stos. Lombardo.
Pedro José Carazo.	Ermenegildo Bonilla.
Joaquín Carazo.	Josef Rafael de Gallegos.
Pedro Anto. López.	Anto. Reyes.
Fermín González.	Franco Barquero.
Manuel Campos.	Franco González.
Eduardo Picado.	

In the city of *Cartago,* on the first of January, of 1817 years, I, Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, Knight of the Order of Santiago, Colonel of the Royal Forces abroad, political and military Governor for H. M. of this Province of *Costa Rica,* subdelegate of the Intendant.

In view of the mandate by the King, our Master, in the Royal *cédula* of July 30, 1814, and the provision of Article Eleven of the Royal Ordinances of Intendants, lacking still a Municipal Council (*Ayuntamiento*) in this city, it being incomplete, exercising the powers which H. M. conferred upon me in the said Article, I proceed to make selection of *Alcaldes Ordinarios* and other officers of justice for this city and the settlements of this province, that they serve in the present year, in the form following:

For this city: First *Alcalde,* the Captain of the Army and of this Provincial Batallion, Don Joaquín de Oreamuno; Second id. Don Joaquín Carazo, Lieut. of this Provincial Batallion: *Procurador Síndico,* the Captain of the Battalion of this Province, Don José Antonio García; *Mayordomo de Propios,* Don Nicolás Peralta.

For *San José*: First *Alcalde,* the Lieut. Col. Don Félix Fernández; Second id. Don Hilario Zeledón.

For *Heredia*: First *Alcalde,* Don Julián Zamora. Second id. Don Juan de Jesús Porras.

For *Alajuela*: First *Alcalde,* Don Juan Alfaro; Second id. Don. José Miguel Zamora.

For *Bagaces*: Dep. Gov. Don Manuel Fernández.

For *Esparza*: Don Alejandro Aguilar.

For *Ujarrás*: Petty Judge Manuel Morales.

For *Pueblo Nuevo*: Franco. Anto. Conejo.

For *Iscasú*: id. Bartolo Guerro.

For *Pueblo de Barba*: id. Don Bernardo Rodríguez.

For *Matina*: id. the Sergt. of coloured troops Simón Gutiérrez.

With which I concluded this selection, which I legally approve, interposing my authority and judicial decree as I can and ought for their greater surety and validity; and the foregoing persons selected being present, being re-eligible the Dep. of *Bagaces,* Don Manuel Fernández, for which reason his presence is not necessary, they accepted respectively the said positions; in virtue of which separately before witnesses, in my presence, with whom I acted for lack of a notary, they received from me the oath in due form and according to law, under which they promised to faithfully and legally execute the duties conferred upon them, saying at the conclusion of the oath: So I swear, Amen. And having delivered the insignia of justice to those who were to administer it, they signed with me and the said witnesses; to which I certify.

Juan de Dios de Ayala.	Joaguín Oreamuno.
Joaquín Carazo.	Josef Antonio García.
Nicolás Peralta.	Bernardo Rodríguez.
Féliz Fermández.	Ilario Zeledón.
Juan Alfaro.	Julián Zamora.
Juan de Jesús Porras.	Simón Gutiédrez.
Miguel Zamora.	Manuel Mora.
Francisco Conejo.	Alejandro Aguilar.

By the Petty Judge of *Iscasú*:

FÉLIX OREAMUNO.
JOAQUÍN DE IGLESIAS.
JOSÉ GREGORIO CÁRDENAS.

In the city of *Cartago,* the first of January, 1818 years; I, Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, Knight of the Order of Santiago, Colonel of the Royal Forces abroad, political and military Gov. for H. M. of the Province of *Costa Rica* and subdelegate of the Intendant therein; under the mandate of H. M. in Article Eleven of the Royal Ordinance of Intendants and the recent Royal *cédula* of September 1, 1816, in obedience to which during the whole of the month last past there have been proclaimed

the offices of *Regidores* of which this *Cabildo* is lacking, without any applicant having appeared; for which reason and there being no Municipal Council in this said city, not having any other person than the *Alcalde Provincial,* Don Manuel Marchena who may serve in virtue thereof and in order to punctually and duly carry out the said Royal Resolution as I have arranged it, with opinions of counsel in a document of this day, in the despatch of the matter which for the same purpose I directed thereafter to be sent to the Archives of the *Cabildo;* exercising the powers which have been granted to me in such matters by H. M. in the said Article to make selection of *Alcaldes Ordinarios* and other officers of justice for this city, and the places included within this command, together with the *Regidores* who are to compose the Noble Municipal Council, *Síndico Procurador* and *Mayordomo de Propios,* who are to serve in the present year, in the following form:

For this city: First *Alcalde,* the Lic. Don Rafael Barroeta; Second id. Don José Santos Lombardo; Royal Ensign, Don Miguel Angel Núñez del Arco; *Alguacil Mayor,* the Sub-Lieut. Don Ramón Jiménez; Public Executor (officer who serves executions), the Sub.-Lieut. Don Joaquín Hidalgo; *Regidor sencillo,* the Lieut. Don Joaquín Prieto; id. Don Vicente Fábrega; *Procurador Síndico,* Don Manuel María Peralta; *Mayordomo de Propios,* Don Alexandro García Escalante.

For the city of *San José*: First *Alcalde,* Don José Ana Jiménez; Second id. Don Romualdo Saborío.

For the town of *Heredia*: First *Alcalde,* Don Blas Pérez; Second id. Don Francisco Borbón.

For the town of *Alajuela*: First *Alcalde,* Don Juan Agustín Lara; Second *Alcalde,* Don Silvestre Ramos.

For *Bagaces*: Dep. Gov. Don Manuel Fernández.

Judges *preventivos*:

For *Esparza*: Don Julián Rodríguez.
For *Pueblo Nuevo*: Don Manuel Conejo.
For *Barba*: José Morillo.
For *Iscasú*: Santiago Delgado.
For *Ujarraz*: José María Acuña.
For *Matina*: Francisco Almerique.

With which this selection is concluded, which I approve for all legal purposes and for its greater surety and validity I interpose my authority and judicial decree as I can and ought. And the persons selected being present, before witnesses, in my presence, for whom I act for lack of a clerk, from each one separately I received the oath, which they made in legal form, by which they respectively promised to well, faithfully and legally discharge the duty which had been conferred upon them, and at the end of the oath they said: So I swear and Amen: and having delivered the insignia of justice to those who were to administer it, they signed with me and said witnesses: which I certify.

Juan de Dios de Ayala.	Rafael Barroeta.
José Santos Lombardo.	Miguel Angel Núñez del Arco.
Ramon Ximénez.	Joaquín Hidalgo.
José Joaquín Prieto.	Vicente Fábrega.
Manuel María de Peralta.	José Ana Ximénez.
Josef Nicolás de Oreamuno.	Romualdo Saborío.
Blas Pérez.	José Franco de Borbón.
Juan Agn Lara.	Silvestre Ramos.
Manuel Conejo.	José María Acuña.
Alexandro García Escalante	

In the city of *Cartago,* on the first of January, 1819: I, Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, Knight of the order of Santiago, Col. of the Royal Forces abroad, political and military Governor for H. M. of this Province of *Costa Rica,* and Sub-delegate of the Intendant therein.

In view of the mandate by H. M. in Article Eleven of the Royal Ordinances of Intendants, exercising the power which was granted to me to make the selection of Royal Judges and other officers of justice in the settlements of this province, with the exception of this city, there having been established therein a Municipal Council in virtue of the recent Royal *cédula* of February 1, 1816, in virtue whereof I ought to make and do make it in the following manner:

For the city of *San José;* for First *Alcalde,* Don José Francisco Madriz; Second id. Don Lorenzo Zumbado.

For the town of *Heredia*: for First *Alcalde,* Don Pedro López; Second id. Don Cipriano Pérez.

For the town of *Alajuela:* for Second *Alcalde,* Don José Angel Soto; First id. Don José Francisco Saborío.

For *Bagaces*: for Dep. Gov., the Captain Nicolás Oreamuno.

For *Esparza*: for Judge *preventivo,* Juan Chávez.

For *Ujarrás*: for Judge *preventivo,* Esteban Morales.

For *Matina*: for Judge *preventivo,* Simón Gutiérrez.

For *Barba*: for Judge *preventivo,* Don Ignacio Ugalde.

For *Isasú*: for Judge *preventivo,* Manuel León.

For *Pueblo Nuevo*: for Judge *preventivo,* Francisco Antonio Conejo.

With which the selection was concluded, which is approved, and for its greater surety and validity I interpose my authority and judicial decree, so far as I legally can and ought; and those selected being present, before the witnesses, in my presence, with whom I acted for lack of a notary, from each one separately I received the oath, which they took in form of law, under which they promised to faithfully and legally discharge the duty which was conferred upon them; and at the end of the oath they said: So I swear and Amen: and having delivered the insignia of the Royal justice to those who should administer it, they signed it with me and the said witnesses: which I certify.

By the illness of the Sr. Gov. and by his order: Rafael Barroeta.

José Franco Madriz.	Lorenzo Sumbado.
Pedro Anto. López.	Cypriano Pérez.
Jph. Savorío.	Ignacio Ugalde.
José Angel Soto.	Esteban Merales.
Franco. Antonio Conejo.	Simón Gutiérrez.

For Manl. de Jesús Leon and as witness: Joaquín Carazo. Antolino Ramírez.

Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, Governor of Costa Rica, Initiates a Public Subscription for the Repairing of the Matina Road. Doc. 489

1817-1819.[1]

BELOVED INHABITANTS OF COSTA RICA:

Your Governor speaks to you: your faithful friend, who from his entry into this delightful country has had no other desire than to secure the prosperity and improvement which is justly your due; but I have never been able to fulfill your vast ideas which have gone no further than discussion, and all the efforts that have been planned have been frustrated, notwithstanding your patriotism has always concurred to secure the result desired but which has not been attained. And therefore it is that unfortunately, every day the misery becomes more acute which is so deeply felt in my heart and I do not wish to leave this Province nor lose your kind companionship without there being some change in this sad situation of inaction in which you are involved by the absolute lack of commerce to provide for the exportation of the valuable fruits and other products with which it abounds. But hesitating over this unfortunate situation of yours, my soul already seems flooded with joy at the prospect of its future felicity, so that this Province, which is now the object of scorn and derision, shall be the emulation of others and surely make the name of *Costa Rica* distinguished in the Kingdom. You will feel the effect of it.

The Valley of *Matina*, which is only distant from this city thirty leagues, and the Port of which is opened in the North, produces the valuable product of cacao, and although its farms have been planted since 1656 and have suffered the greatest neglect, they flourish in the woods abundantly: what would they do if they were cultivated and re-established? And those lands and that climate can produce every kind of grain. But in that settlement if the laborer plants too much it is lost, as you have always noticed, because there is no outlet for it, nor can it be consumed. From the port of *Matina* to those of *Cartagena, Portobelo, Cha-*

[1] National Archives of Costa Rica. Historical Section. Bundle XLI. No. 1088.

gres, San Andrés and others of interest, the distance is well known to be short and there is no need to state it, nor is it necessary to refer to the poverty of those places. On the South you have the Port of *Punta de Arenas,* at the same distance; that is to say, from the latter to the one on the North it is sixty leagues: which section (the envy of many Kingdoms) promises the greatest advantages for the establishment of permanent communication with a steady and active commerce from one Sea to the other.

From all that has been said, and more that could be stated and with which you are familiar, there will be evident the utility of being able to convert your products into cash, which is so much lacking, as you know. It is clear that many strong arms being employed, which are now without employment resting in idleness, the farmer could extend his plantings very greatly, assured of the benefit and that he would reap the reward of his toil. The owners of pack-trains and of cattle would arrange to multiply their fortunes, convinced of the value which their animals and carrying capacity would have. The Royal Collection Offices, which are now in such a low state, would obtain large increases in the ingress of duties on imports and exports. And lastly (foreseeing other benefits which are apparent) many persons of the Province, who have deserted it on account of their great poverty, would come back to it, gladly, children to their fathers and husbands to their wives, which ties they severed with great sorrow, as you know and are witnesses.

Yes, this is all an absolute truth. But how have you been deprived and still are deprived of such happiness? How shameful it is to tell it, but it must be stated. All the efforts of a Province, not able to provide for a road that only measures at the most thirty leagues, which from time immemorial has been travelled over sharp ridges and steep hills and miry swamps, and without the help of houses, which has cost the life of entire families and a tremenduous number of mules which have perished and are continually being lost. You well know that there is in this no exaggeration—but never yet has the inertia been overcome with which the one thing has been postponed which can sustain your existence. Let then this indolence cease; let this misery come to an end, and by remedying the evil take meas-

ures against the impending catastrophe. Let every one help with money: let egotism be abandoned, and there is here happiness for all. It is indispensable for this purpose that there shall be an abundant voluntary contribution, in which there is no doubt that the piety and the benevolence of the authorities of the Church will cooperate, both by reason of their patriotism and the general good that will result and be transmitted to posterity. There will be opened, therefore, a general subscription in this city, in *San José* and the towns of *Heredia, Alajuela, Ujarrás* and *Bagases,* in charge of their respective judges, organizing Boards in each place of all the principal residents and other influential persons, who, animated with the inspiring sentiments that have been brought out in this discourse, can and should contribute according to their means and ability.

If that which is contributed is deemed sufficient, which should not be less than 1,500 pesos, before going farther, steps will be taken to form a General Board of the Judges and principal residents of said settlements, in order to discuss what is desirable in this matter. With which, if it shall be successfully carried out, you will have attained your remedy and I shall be satisfied.

Cartago, June 4, 1817.

JUAN DE DIOS DE AYALA.

In the town of *Heredia,* on the 1st of March, 1818 years.

The undersigned residents thereof, having gathered in the consistorial hall of the Cabildo, in order to discuss the desirability of the opening of the old Port and road of the Valley of *Matina,* it was unanimously agreed that the first thing to discuss is the opening of the said Port in such a manner that it shall be free, and without the least hindrance; and for this the residents here offer to contribute in proportion with the residents of *Cartago* and *San Josef*: and when the opening of the said Port shall take place in the manner aforesaid, it shall be determined in what manner and in what amount it shall contribute for the opening of the road mentioned: and that for the opening of the said Port a pilot be named who shall be satisfactory to *Cartago, San Josef* and *Heredia,* who shall do the work with residents of *Matina* who are already accustomed to the climate,

in order not to expose the people of these places, for whose pay and expenses the preceding offer is made, and for their guaranty they sign it with the Señor First *Alcalde* and the Second.

Blas Pérez.	Franco de Borbón.
Gordiano Paniagua.	José Franco. Porras.
Juan de Jesús Porras.	Thomás González.
Jph. Julián Rodrígz.	Pedro Anto. López.
Cypriano Pérez.	Manuel Paniagua.
José Antolín González.	Thomás Ugalde.
Josef de la Rosa Sáenz.	José Manl. Herrera.
Venansio Alvarado.	Joaquín Salazar.

Gov. of *Costa Rica.* March 3, 1818.

Let it be added to the papers in the matter

AYALA.

In the city of *San José,* on the 7th day of the month of March, 1818.

We, the provisional *Alcaldes Ordinarios* of this said city, being in this Capitular Hall with the permission of the Sr. Curate, Don Manuel Alvarado, and the most prominent residents whose signatures appear, with the purpose of arranging in regard to the repair of the Port and road of *Matina,* which was started by a proclamation of the Sr. Gov. of the Province in the past year; and this neighborhood desiring that this object may be fully accomplished on account of the good that will result to the entire Province, it was resolved:

That it being reported that the towns of *Heredia* and *Alajuela* not having up to the present time offered any sum that may be relied upon for the aforementioned work, and this community having subscribed as its part 500 *pesos,* more or less, and the city of *Cartago* the same, as appear by the subscriptions of that and of this city, it is agreed that these amounts shall be used in the aforesaid work, beginning with the opening of the Port, and that in order to begin the same there shall go to survey it Don Pedro Acuña or Don Antonio Pinto, the only learned persons who are unoccupied in this Province, and the compensation of the one who shall go shall be left to the consideration of the Treasurer who shall be appointed, who consult in regard to this

and other expenses for this purpose with the Señor Curate, Don Manuel Alvarado and Don Manuel Alvarado.

That the collection of the amounts subscribed in this neighborhood shall be proceeded with, for which purpose there is appointed for the interior precinct of this city Don Manuel Antonio Aguilar; and for the suburbs the respective sealers, who shall deliver to the Treasurer in order that the proper credit may be made.

That Don Hilario Zeledón shall be appointed as such Treasurer, who will make suitable arrangements with the one who shall be appointed in *Cartago*.

That while the residents of the towns of *Alajuela* and *Heredia* refuse to assist in this effort for the general welfare, it appears very just that a provisional tax be imposed upon them, until it is equal to that which has been done by this city and that of *Cartago*, for which a sufficient amount would appear to be, four reales per muleteer and one peso for each saddle or cargo animal, and as much more for each head of cattle which goes to *Matina*, and two reales for each pig; and that the proceeds of this tax be invested in the repair of the same road and Port.

That when the repair of the said road is taken up and proceeded with, which shall be as promptly as possible, a foreman with ten men shall go from this city and the same from *Cartago*; the selection and arrangement for the workmen to be made by the Treasurer with his associates.

And lastly, in regard to the impost that is imposed upon the residents of *Heredia* and *Alajuela* the Governor take counsel with the Royal Audienca of the Kingdom for its approval, but the people of this city and of *Cartago* being contributors shall always be exempt.

With which this proceeding is ended, of which a copy shall be sent to the city of *Cartago*, being dated in *San José, ut supra*.

José Rafael de Gallegos.	Féliz Fernández.
Manuel Alvarado.	Ilario Zeledón.
Benito Alvarado.	Féliz de Bonilla.
Eusebio Rodríguez.	Onofre García
José Francisco Madriz.	Féliz de Mora.
Anselmo Aguilar.	Camilo de Mora.
Manuel Alvarado.	Cipriano Fernández.
Manuel Antonio Aguilar.	

This is a faithful copy of the original. *San José,* March 10, 1818.

JOSEF RAFAEL DE GALLEGOS.
FÉLIZ FERNÁNDEZ.

Being advised of your official communication, No. 1917, I am pleased to see efforts which have been made for the welfare of the Province under your command, for your lands being even more fertile than others of this Kingdom and your location so much better adapted for the development of traffic with both Seas by reason of closeness and convenience than many others, it is very much to be regretted that your people have not availed themselves of these advantages offered to them and are reduced to misery. In the proclamation which Yr. Hon. made to them last year I observe that you touched the real point of their well-being, for it cannot be attained in a Province where roads and ports are not provided for the exportation and the importation of products; and *Matina* being one of those that can take care of a considerable traffic it is evident that it will be able to start it with *Trujillo, Omoa* and other of our American ports, which will be helped with the wheat, flour, cacao, potatoes and other products that are produced abundantly in these lands, to the benefit of your inhabitants and generally of those who are thus helped.

Therefore, all the efforts and endeavors of Y. Hon. should be exerted to realize your project of improving and repairing the road which leads to *Matina.* Y. Hon. should insist upon this plan, which is in fact the best that has been suggested. Let your persuasive powers be used to incite your citizens to carry it out: and there should be made use of for this the worthy ecclesiastics and Parish Priests, so that they may exhort their parishioners to assist a work which appears offers so many advantages and using all the influence which their ministerial office affords. For that purpose you will show this communication to all the Curates and express to them in my name that besides the keen satisfaction which it will afford them to perform this important service for the King and their Country, they may count upon the protection of this Government, which will give an account to H. M. and will praise the merit which is deserved by each one

and there can be no doubt of the just appreciation of their Sovereign in the rewards suitable to their career and condition.
,Of what Y. Hon. may do and effect in this matter, I trust that you will give me a detailed account. May God grant Y. Hon. many years.

Guatemala, Nov. 3, 1818.

CARLOS URRUTIA.

Sr. Gov. of *Costa Rica.*
Let it be kept and complied with.

By the Most Excellent Señor President, Gov. and Captain General of the Kingdom; and consequently let the foregoing communication be added to the preceding in the matter.

And meanwhile and notwithstanding the various Boards of citizens which have been formed for this purpose, not only in this city but in that of *San José* and the towns of *Heredia* and *Alajuela*, it has not been possible to carry out the foregoing project, which will promote the general welfare of this Province, because now the benevolence of H. E. no less than the paternal affection of H. M. is interested in the Royal Ordinance of Intendants *Causa de Policía* (policy affairs): therefore, this government desiring on its part not to neglect any labor or effort in order to have the satisfaction of carrying out the purposes which animate them and as shown in the proclamation of June 7th of last year; at the same time showing an obedience due to the mandate of the Superior Authority.

In virtue whereof I should command and I do command that an official communication be sent, containing the foregoing by H. E. to the Curates of the principal towns of this Province for their due information and the purposes intended; and this being done, with the aid of the said Parish Priests, the worthy ecclesiastics, judges, officials and other influential residents, there shall be taken up in each locality respectively the matter of how best to carry out the complete repair of the road of *Matina,* the only means that can be made use of for the common advantage of the Province the evident misery of which requires such a remedy.

For this purpose the general concurrence of all the inhabitants is indispensable, and that in proportion to their ability and

the patriotism which should animate them in a matter of so much importance, they should manifest it openly; and as this object will be one which has the full attention of this Government, the aforesaid Boards will proceed, not only to persuade but to take the individuals that may be especially indicated and duly give an account of them to the Supreme Authority, as directed. And to begin in this city there is appointed the 15th day of the current month, for which the proper notice shall be given by the Porter of the Cabildo, to whom the order is given therefor.

And for this which I provide I also command it and I sign, Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, Lieut. Col. of the Royal Forces, Governor and Com. Gen. for H. M. of this Province at *Cartago*, December 2, 1818.

With witness, for want of a notary, which I certify.

By order of the Sr. Governor, who is ill:

RAFAEL BARROETA.
JOAQUÍN CARAZO.

On the 4th day of the said month there was sent to all the Curates the official communications provided in the foregoing papers. CARAZO.

In the city of *Cartago,* on the 7th day of the month of January, 1819 years.

I, Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, Lieut. Col. of the Royal Forces, Political and Military Governor for H. M. of this Province; for the purposes of what is provided in the foregoing paper, not having been able to be present on the day designated, on account of having been seriously ill; and there being in this Government building the ecclesiastics of this city, the officers of the Provincial Batallion and other employees and principal residents of this said city, there was read the official communication of the Most Excellent Sr. President, Governor and Captain General of this Kingdom, and the document prepared by me in pursuance thereof; and all being informed and understanding the benevolent purposes of H. E. and desirous that they aid this Government for the general welfare of the Province, by unanimous consent it was resolved, as follows:

That there shall be at once duly undertaken on the part of this city, always counting upon *San José* and the towns of *Here-*

dia and *Alajuela,* the repair of the road of *Matina,* for which there shall be opened a new subscription, in separate lists, which shall be delivered to Don Manuel María Peralta, so that he may proceed to receive from each individual what he has promised, and the whole shall be delivered to the *Alguacil Mayor,* Don Pedro Carazo, who is appointed by this Board as Treasurer, in order that under his direction the necessary expenses be made, paying the men, providing for the provisions and supplies, which should be made up of corn biscuit, meat, sugar and cacao, for the maintenance of the necessary men, and wages being paid at the rate of a real and a half in silver and food; and the Foreman, who shall be Hilario or Zúñiga, appointed by this Board, shall receive four reales daily, the Treasurer providing the tools necessary for the purpose; therefore all the expenses which are incurred for this purpose are hereby approved.

With which this Board adjourned and they signed with me those present:

For the Governor, on account of illness,

RAMÓN XIMÉNEZ.
FÉLIX DE JESÚS GARCÍA.
MIGUEL DE BONILLA.

(There follows a signature which cannot be deciphered.)

PEDRO JOSÉ CARAZO.
JUAN JOSÉ DE BONILLA.
JOSEF ANTONIO GARCÍA.
JUAN GUTIÉRREZ.
JOSÉ STOS. LOMBARDO.
MANL. GARCÍA ESCALANTE.
JOAQN. OREAMUNO.
MIQUEL ANGEL NÚÑEZ DEL ARCO.
MANUEL MARÍA DE PERALTA.
JOAQUÍN CARAZO.

As on account of the illness with which I am suffering I am not able, as I would like, to preside at the Boards which are being formed for this purpose in the city of *San José* and towns of *Heredia* and *Alajuela,* I authorize to act therefor in my place the Captain of Cavalry and provisional subdelegate of the Royal Treasury, Don José Santos Lombardo, who associated with the

Alcaldes Ordinarios of that city and the towns will proceed in the matter with full effect, in order that thus success may be achieved and the important end promptly attained to which are directed the wise and benevolent intentions of the Most Excellent Sr. Captain General, to whom due report must be made, as he has directed, and let there be effective action in this matter of the contribution by this city and its suburbs; and for this which I provide I thus command it, Don Juan de Dios de Ayala, Lieut. Col. of the Rl. Forces, Political and Military Governor for H. M. of this Province, in *Cartago,* the 11th day of the month of January, 1819 years.

With witness, for lack of a notary, on this paper there being none official of the corresponding period; which I certify.

On account of illness, by order of the Sr. Governor,

RAMÓN XIMÉNEZ.
JOAQUÍN CARAZO.
IGNACIO LLORENTE.

In obedience to the mandate of the Sr. Gov. of this Province, and accepting the commission which he has been pleased to confer upon me, I went to the city of *San José* and the towns of *Heredia* and *Alajuela,* for the purpose aforesaid, to which end there was sent an official communication to the *Alcaldes* thereof, in order that respectively on the 16th and 18th and 19th days of the present month the Boards may meet which are to act in the said city and towns, and that the corresponding notice be given in each one.

And for this which I provide, I thus command, and I sign Don José Santos Lombardo, Captain of Cav., provisional subdelegate of the Royal Treasury and in charge of this matter. Made in *Cartago,* January 11, 1819.

With witness for lack of a notary:

JOSÉ STOS. LOMBARDO.

On the same day the foregoing official communications were sent.