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Finding aid · 53 records · 1797–1799 · Archives of California: A Documentary Calendar of the Savage Transcripts

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Date	Doc	Record	Orig. p.	Scan
1798-03-17	1	'Aprobación de señales' — approves the signals agreed with the Comisario de San Blas for identifying ships sailing thence to the peninsula's ports	2	n1
1798-03-17	2	'Salida de la fragata Concepción' — the frigate *Concepción* left 17 Nov [1797] under Tte. de Navío Jacinto Caamaño, to join the *Princesa* at San Diego & proceed to San...	3	n1
1798-03-17	3	The 12 crew of the *Concepción* & the lost paquebot *El Carlos* allowed to stay, with the Tte. de Navío's permission	4	n2
1798-03-17	4	Grants invalid status to the SF presidial soldier Salvador Higuera[s]	5	n2
1798-03-17	5	Agrees with the leave granted Fr. Hilario Torrent to retire to his Colegio de Propaganda Fide	6	n2
1798-03-17	6	Received (per Borica's 26 Nov letter) the general *plano* by the extraordinary engineer D. Alberto de Córdoba, of the reconnaissance of the terrain & coast from San Fran...	7	n3
1798-03-17	7	Founding of Mission Santa Catalina (Baja, Dominican): the advances of the new mission per the 30 Nov parte of the Comisionado, Joaquín de Arrillaga, & P. Presidente Fr. ...	8	n4
1798-03-31	8	Re sails sighted 15 Oct from Mission San Miguel — the motive for not reporting them via the *Concepción*	9	n5
1798-03-31	9	Pearl fishery (Antigua California): the pearls fished last year, the *quinto real* amounting to ~3,449 [p]; the shell shipped to San Blas & en route to Mexico	10	n5
1798-03-31	10	Re the brigantine built at San José — likely the *Activo* bound for San Blas	11	n6
1798-03-31	11	The frigates *Concepción* & *Princesa* arrived safely at San Blas (departed 7 Oct)	12	n6
1798-03-31 (cert.)	12	'Lista de reos para poblar la Península de California' — convicts + volunteers sent to populate California: the *reos* dispatched by the Viceroy via the Cmdte. Gral. + n...	15–16	n7
1798-02	13	'Nota de documentos' — an 8-item index of surrounding docs: 🌟 (1) providencias on 'los 11 individuos que dejó el Capitán Americano' (11 people left by an American captai...	17	n8
1798-10-14	14	Facilitating overland communication with New Mexico: re Arrillaga's dealings with the Río Colorado Indians from his reconnaissance of the river's margins between this pr...	18–19	n9
1798-02-28	15	Coastal-defense fortification expenses approved (the 1798 war-year push): San Diego 902.3.4 on the Batería, Casa Mata & lodging troops at Punta de Guajarras (p.20); SF p...	20–23	n9
1798-02-28	19	Mission population statistics, both Californias 1795–96: received the mission states/inventories; Antigua (Baja) per P. Presidente Fr. Jiménez = 4,337 almas (1795), 4,48...	24–25	n13

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1798-02-05 (fwd.; rep. 5 Jan 1798)	20	Mission San Francisco's LAND-SHORTAGE representation (church-vs-state): citing the *Recopilación de Indias* (lib. 6 tít. 3 ley 1; lib. 4 tít. 12 ley 9, protecting Indian...	26–29	n13
1798-01-03	21	THE AMERICAN FRIGATE *ELIZA* — per Borica's 1797 parts, the American merchant frigate *Eliza* arrived at [Monterey], captain [James Rowan?]; the Spanish gave it 187.3.1 ...	31–32	n17
1798-01-08	22	Sends 8 bandos + a R. Cédula on the extraction/destination of *reos* who take refuge in *sagrado* (church sanctuary)	33	n18
1798-01-11	23	Mission-supply/accounting (the P. Presidente of the Alta CA missions; a Monterey missionary may substitute when duties prevent his ministry)	34	n18
1798-01-15	24	8 Fernandino friars embarked for the Nueva California missions to replace the late P. Julián López + PP. Diego García, Franco. Sánchez, J.M. Fernández, Hilario Torrent, ...	35	n19
1798-01-25	25	'Sobre envío de mujeres para pobladores' — the dispatch of single, young, healthy women for the [male] colonists last sent; the Fiscal already gave dispositions; if coll...	36–38	n20
1799-07-21	26	Courier/mail transport — the *extraordinario* dispatched to the San Blas commandant; movements re the Pueblo de Santa Cruz & Puerto de la Laguna (the record jumps to 179...	38+	n21
1799 (Jan–Jul)	27	Bounded 1799 *correo*/courier-logistics cluster: how to route the California *correspondencia* — the *extraordinario* couriers, whether via Chihuahua vs Álamos/Tepic/Bue...	46–61	n22
1797–1798	37	Bounded fiscal & colonization: 🌟 the assistance regime for the settlers/pobladores destined for the Villa de Branciforte (10 p + for the first 3 yrs, then reduced; tools...	62–71	n31
1798-07-30 (for 1799)	43	The 1799 *situado* regulation for the 4 Alta-CA presidios (Monterey, SF, Sta Bárbara, SD) per the 1779 Reglamento — detailed pay tables (Gov. 4,000; Teniente 550; alfére...	72–85	n36
1798-08 (7/16)	44	Routine: order on the *hojas de servicio* of presidial officers/sergeants/cadets (quadruplicate, closed each year); receipt of the *Índice*; cadet appointment of Fernand...	81–85	n46
1798-08-21	50	Neophyte murder case (Mission San Luis Obispo): the neophyte Silverio killed his wife Rebeca at the instigation of Rosa; sentenced to the gallows (*horca*) — the Viceroy...	85–87	n47
1798-08-21	51	Soldier criminal case: the volunteer-battalion soldier Simón Casavillas wounded his company's cabo José Caballero while both on guard at Monterey; the Auditor de Guerra,...	88–89	n49
1798-07-12 (rep.); fwd. 31 Aug 1798	52	THE FRIAR-WHISTLEBLOWER DOSSIER ON MISSION-INDIAN TREATMENT. Fr. Antonio de la Concepción (Fernandino, sent 1797 to found Mission San Miguel) charges the P. Presidente F...	90–...	n49
1798-12-14	53	the diet answer verbatim — 'por comida dos cucharadas de pozole é trigo cocido... á la tarde por cena otra tanto atole; carne le da por semana para uno ó dos días... por ins...	105–...	n71
1798 (Oct 20 / Jun 20)	54	War-*donativo* drive: the King invites all under command to give *donativos* for the war given the treasury's scarcity (a note of names/employments/amounts to be formed)...	116–120	n82
1798	55	1798 ROSTER of the Alta CA missions + their friars ('Lista de los RR.PP. Ministros... desde San Francisco hasta San Diego'): SF (Ramón Abella, Juan Sáenz de Lucas), Sta Cl...	122–123	n84

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1798 (cert.)	56	Detailed 'Lista de reos para poblar la Península' (with *castas* & trades) — a fuller copy of Doc 12: name casta oficio — Cornelio Rocha (Esp., sin oficio), Juan Jos...	89+	n88
1798-05-28	57	48 Christian Indians who had fled their Mission returned voluntarily in early May; not punished (they came voluntarily); sent back w/ 2 soldiers to their immediate Missi...	136	n92
1798-04-06	58	'Rumores de rebelión de indios' — word from San José that the Indians of a ranchería plan something (→ the Amador report, Doc 59)	145	n96
1798-04-19	59	'Informe sobre hostilidad de los indios': Amador sent Indians to the rancherías to covertly learn if they plan to attack the Mission; found the Indians had gone to the r...	156–161	n100
1798-05-25	60	Smallpox inoculation/vaccine sent to Missions Sta Clara, San José & SF to practice; if the plague comes Argüello will inoculate his own family first 'dando el ejemplo'	170	n104
1798-04-15 / 05-28	61	Receipt of the Viceroy's smallpox order + a deserter-crimes bando; 🌟🌟 48 Christian Indians — Sacalanes & Cuchillones — fugitives, returned to their Mission (names the gr...	182–183+	n108
1798	62	Bounded routine: Alberni's *Concepción*-provisions order; facilitating paisanos as silver-escorts for the Correos Reales; chamois-clothing scarcity for the troops; choco...	136–202	n91
1798-06-25 / 06-17	71	The San José Indian-attack rumors proved FALSE — Argüello reports the suspicions 'nulas'; Luis Peralta, passing through San José, found the *alzamiento* rumor false, vis...	203–208	n120
1797–1798	72	Bounded routine + a few naval/armament items: 🌟 Gabriel Moraga's cadet-cords applications (1782 & 1798, SF company — the future explorer's early service); Arrillaga's Lo...	209–347	n121
1798	91	Bounded routine bandos/cédulas/fiscal: postage bandos (all employees pay *porte de cartas*); the friar Jorge Coll's retirement memorial (Comondú); Monterey-expedition fi...	348–388	n167
1798-06-06	99	'Lista de reos transportados' — the transport manifest of the convict-colonists on the frigate *Concepción*: incl. alférez José de los Reyes + his wife M ^a Eduarda Camarg...	407	n182
1799-03-16	100	1799 GARRISON & ARTILLERY STRENGTH + COST TABLE (all presidios): the Real Cuerpo de Artillería detachment (1 sgt, 1 cabo 1º, 2 cabo 2º, 14 artilleros = 18 men, \$3,621.6)...	—	n192
1798-12 (copy 7 Feb 99)	101	A SECOND commandant's answers to the 15-question mission interrogatorio (the SOUTHERN missions): escorts used for punishments; the missions peg sales to the *arancel* bu...	195–403	n197
1798-12-22	102	BORICA'S INTERROGATORY OF THE AMERICAN SAILORS — the questions alférez Ma. Rodríguez will put to the American sailors [left by the *Eliza*] 'y con particularidad al que ...	—	n202
1799 (Feb)	103	Routine bandos: the *fuero militar* ceases in non-war matrimonial causes; military-privilege re interim officers' grades; conduction of the presidio *memorias* on the *P...	437–444	n204
1799	104	Bounded routine 1799 admin with finds: 🌟🌟 the resolution of the Silverio/Rosa murder case (n223) — the death sentence commuted to 10 yrs' hard labor for Silverio at Punt...	445–738	n207

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1799-11-30	121	Sal recognized as Administrador Principal de rentas de Real Hacienda (per the oficio to Alberni) — to attend recaudación, custody, contraband causes & apprehensions; the...	737–738	n287
1799-06-26	122	'Diario de su expedición á rancherías': Castro left the Mission (1 Jun) with 13 soldiers + a cabo + 13 men from Soledad to recover fugitive Christian Indians — captured ...	—	n331
1799	123	Bounded 1799 tail: ☆ Pedro Amador's retirement request (SF company); ☆ the SF fuerte de San Joaquín + Batería de Yerba Buena reconstruction (adobe/earth/fascine — the 2n...	738–936	n288
1799-07-06	135	THE CLOSING DOCUMENT ('Fin del tomo 17'): re the seizure (*apresamiento*) of the balandra under Bernardo Suárez and the measures taken — in view of the circumstances, Bo...	932	n346

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