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Date	Doc	Record	Orig. p.	Scan
1833-04-27	1	Accompanies a copy of the Circular of the Min. de Justicia y Negocios Eclesiásticos re the new Presidente, Secretario del Estado y del despacho de Hacienda D. José M ^a Bo...	1–2	n1
1836-09-13	2	Circular of 20 Setiembre (no. 3) re how the subaltern offices close their accounts on 31 October each year	3–4	n1
1838-03-3	3	Order of the Presidente: no public office may pay in property/effects ('mesillas de viedas') what it owes its employees; only in cash	7–8	n2
1838-04-2	4	Accompanies 3 copies of the Decreto del Congreso Genl (Min. de Hacienda, 14th inst.) re the Tribunal / revisión de Cuentas	9–10	n2
1838-04-31[sic]	5	Reports that the Comandante of the French fleet has blockaded the Republic's ports; the Presidente has ordered that no foreign-flag vessel be admitted at any port of the...	11–13	n2
1838-06-8	6	Notice that by superior order the Puerto de Tecolutla is opened to foreign commerce in the Mexican gulf	14	n2
1838-06-12	7	Accompanies a cuaderno containing the ultimatum of Baron Deffaudis (French minister — Pastry War)	15–16	n3
1841-08-3	8	Direc. Genl has not received the monthly account-copies (cuentas de caja y estados) for Monterey Mar 1840–Aug 1841; demands notices of ships' entries/departures long ove...	17–18	n3
1841-08-18	9	Order that the derecho de Consumo be collected punctually without delay/prejudice to the Erario	19–20	n3
1841-11-2	10	On the claim of the Promotor Fiscal of the Distrito de Veracruz re juicios de Comisos in Aduanas Marítimas + the 8% the law assigns Promotores/Contadores; Presidente Pro...	21–22	n4
1841-11-10	11	Suprema orden: the 'vistas' (customs inspectors) are in all cases to be considered aprehensores de Comisos, whether alone or in concurrence with other employees (re the ...	24–26	n5
1841-11-6	12	Order of the Presidente that employees watch scrupulously over the export of moneda menuda (small coin) abroad	27–28	n5
1841-12-27	13	Accompanies 2 copies of the Supremo Decreto (Min. de Hacienda, 18 Oct.) suppressing the Tribunales de Circuito y Juzgados de Distrito, transferring hacienda business to ...	29–30	n6
1842-01-12	14	Relative to the establishment of a military hospital for invalids	31–32	n6
1842-02-3	15	Circular ordering Departmental Treasurers to post a bond (fianza) to the satisfaction of the Tesorería general, set at 2,000 pesos for the Tesorero of Alta California	33–34	n6
1842-01-25	16	Confers the Despacho on Ciudadano José Manuel Micheltorena, General de Brigada, Ayudante Genl de la Plana Mayor del Ejército — in propiedad the Comandancia General e Ins...	35–37	n7

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1842-02-15	17	Orders that all unpaid responsabilidades be collected forthwith, using the facultad coactiva	37-40	n7
1842-02-11	18	Sends copy of the Suprema orden (Min. de Hacienda) for better understanding of the Decreto of 16 Dec. suppressing the Jefes Superiores de Hacienda + the attributions of ...	41-42	n8
1842-02-17	19	Communication to the Comandante de Puebla [transmitted]	43-44	n8
1842-02-26	20	Reglamento para la circulación de la moneda de cobre (copper-coin circulation regulation)	45-46	n8
1842-03-4	21	Decreto del Presidente Santa Anna: vessels importing arms, powder & war matériel incur the penalty of Comiso (confiscation)	47-48	n9
1842-04-6	22	'Tomaguías' [tornaguías — customs return-guides]	54-55	n9
1842-04-30	23	Certify that General Micheltorena is owed 2,268 pesos 6 rs as alcance de su sueldo (back pay)	55	n9
1842-04-20	24	Recomienda de orden del Presidente que se vigile estrictamente que los empleados cumplan con los deberes de sus empleos	58-60	n10
1842-04-28	25	Notifies that Manuel Castañares has posted the fianza guaranteeing his responsibility as Administrador de la Aduana Marít. de Monterey	61-62	n10
1842-06-2	26	Accompanies 2 copies of the reglamento del papel sellado de nueva clase, usos y valores	63-64	n10
1842-05-24	27	Orders which sello (stamped-paper class) each profession uses (1st = doctors/lawyers/scientific professors; 2nd = escribanos/procuradores; 3rd = teachers of 1st letters ...	65-66	n11
1842-09-10	28	On the notas originales de precios corrientes Mexican Consuls must send per art. 58 of the Arancel vigente, to be forwarded to the Dirección Genl de Rentas	68-69	n11
1842-06-7	29	Orders remittance of the notices for forming the Balanza de Comercio for the year	71-72	n12
1842-06-14	30	De orden del Presidente: military Comandantes named Prefectos of a District who do not enjoy more salary than their military pay are to be given 40 pesos by the respecti...	73	n12
1842-06-27	31	Re-establishes the Estanco de Naipes (playing-card monopoly)	74	n12
1842-06-30	32	Transmits the War/Marine minister's order: given excessive private letters to the President & ministers, all persons with representations of grievance must channel them ...	75-76	n13
1842-06-30	33	Presidente's order (via Jefe de la Plana Mayor, directors of Artillery & Engineers, Comandantes Generales): henceforth military of all classes not to wear barba larga, b...	77-79	n13
1842-07-5	34	Accompanies 2 copies of the reglamento (Min. de Hacienda, 27 June) for collecting the derecho de Consumo in all Aduanas	80	n14
1842-07-6	35	Presidente resolved that where a Promotor Fiscal is lacking in any Departamental capital or port, the head of the corresponding office assumes those functions	81	n14
1842-07-1	36	Decreto of 16 April re Contribuciones y salarios; accompanies tariff showing the percentage to be discounted from each asignación	82	n15
1842-07-9	37	Circular re confiscación of 439 pesos 6 rs effected at Veracruz	83-84	n15
1842-07-6	38	Besides the 6 classes of stamped paper for despachos, establishes a 7th at 4 rs each sello, for despachos/nombramientos of employment or Comisiones	85-86	n15
1842-07-12	39	Accompanies a copy of the Supremo Decreto (Min. de Hacienda) establishing the 7th sello for despachos	87-88	n16
1842-07-9	40	Receipt for 4 boxes (cajones) of official correspondence sent by/with Capt. [J.B.R.] Cooper of California aboard the goleta *California*	89	n16
1842-07-19	41	Received the Cortes de Caja, Estado de ingresos y egresos of the year + the ajuste for 1838 & 1841	90	n16

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1842-07-19	42	Circular: the Presidente named Dn Francisco Ferré Consul of the Republic at the Puerto de Burdeos (Bordeaux)	91–92	n17
1842-07-14	43	Cortes de Caja for May & June not received; verify with punctuality	93	n17
1842-07-27	44	Order to collect tornaguías from individuals owing the Erario	94–95	n17
1842-07-30	45	Circular disposing the amortization of the moneda de Cobre antigua	96–98	n18
1842-08-1	46	Deals with the importation of Tabaco y Cigarros	99–100	n18
1842-08-6	47	Expedientes not concluded at the extinction of the Banco Nacional to be concluded within 60 days for the Erario's benefit	101–102	n18
1842-09-10	48	To comply with the superior order, requests report on the widows & orphans of former employees of the Renta del Tabaco	103–104	n19
1842-09-19	49	Presidente orders diputados' dietas paid punctually from Contribuciones directas via the Tesorerías Departamentales	105	n19
1842-09-22	50	The parte de los Comisos to be divided between the 1st & 2nd Comandante de Celadores	108–109	n20
1842-10-8	51	Cover-oficio remitting the printed communication above (of interest to Calif.)	110–111	n20
1842-10-14	52	The Erario to be a partícipe in the papel-sellado proceeds (from old copper coin) for its introduced funds pending amortization	111–112	n20
1842-10-22	53	Tabaco-branch employees to present their despachos at that branch's dirección	112	n21
1841-10-23	54	Accompanies suprema orden: seized foreign-branch rama, hilazas & manta be burned with the prescribed formalities	113–114	n21
1842-10-24	55	[brief fiscal oficio]	115	n23
1842-10-26	56	The Dirección del ramo del Tabaco has passed to that of Pólvora, papel sellado y Naipes	116–117	n23
1842-10-31	57	Presidente concedes to the Puertos de Mazatlán y Acapulco for 10 years the municipal derecho de ½ real per barrel/tercio of foreign goods introduced	118–119	n23
1842-10-26	58	Presidente orders the employees in the Dirección del Ramo de Tabacos reduced to fewer number	120	n23
1842-10/11	59	(a) new pauta de Comisos for interior commerce (p.121); (b) 2 Nov. decreto reglamenting the Admin. de la renta de la pólvora (p.122); (c) 3 Nov. accompanies the 24 Oct. ...	121–123	n24
1842-11-4	60	Circular concerning sueldos Militares	124	n24
1842-11-5	61	Accompanies 2 copies re the Reglamento de Pólvora	125	n24
1842-11-5	62	Orders remittance of a copy of the monthly Corte de Caja	126	n25
1842-11-7	63	Circular: música introduced via the Aduana, written or printed, is exempt from duties	12?	n25
1842-11-17	64	To publish/circulate the Estados-Cortes de Caja de operación, remit them monthly for insertion in the Diario del Gobierno	127–128	n25
1842-11-28	65	For failure to remit the Casa de Inválidos amount, cannot proceed; collect & remit punctually	131	n26
1842-11-28	66	Communication on the ascenso (promotion) of an Alférez	132	n26
1842-12-3	67	Presidente admitted the resignation of Min. de Hacienda Ignacio Trigueros; the oficial 1º Francisco Mª Lombardo takes charge of the Despacho	133–134	n26
1842-12-10	68	Presidente disposed that in the Tesorería genl José Cervantes be substituted provisionally by Antonio Batres, and Ignacio Mas provisionally by Tranquilino Vega, both wit...	135	n27
1842-12-29	69	Hacienda employees to take the juramento the Decreto of the 23rd prescribes — before the Gobernador (for the one who so corresponds), the Jefes principales before the Te...	136–137	n27
1843-01-24	70	To speed the renta del tabaco & free it of compromises, Presidente disposes that no duties be paid on the importation of foreign tobacco, rapé or paper	138–139	n28
1843-02-10	71	Circular re sueldos of officers en receso (on inactive pay)	140	n28

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1843-02-13	72	To protect national industry, Presidente orders all paper consumed in Hacienda & Guerra offices, Tribunales & Juzgados, and all public authorities & corporations be of n...	141–142	n29
1842-02-14	73	No duties on modest sums disembarked from foreign warships for their crews' expenses, but full duty on any embarked cargo whatever its amount	143–145	n29
1843-02-22	74	On the bienes de temporalidades of religiosos exclaustados, destined for objects of public beneficence	146–147	n30
1843-03-1	75	Owing to failing health, the Despacho de Hacienda resignation of D. Manuel E. Gorostiza admitted; continue in office until another named	148–149	n30
1843-03-3	76	Reports that Gen. Antonio López de Santa Anna, his health restored, resumes as Presidente sustituto de la República	150–151	n30
1843-03-13	77	Direct communication to the Administradores of the Aduanas Marítimas of Veracruz & Tampico [transmitted]	154–155	n31
1843-03-18	78	Account to the Min. de Hacienda for the donativos raised for the Texas War within the Departamento (guerra de Tejas)	156	n31
1843-03-18	79	On the Promotor fiscal de Hacienda de Mazatlán: in a silver Comiso the 9% of Arancel art.58 was not applied	157–158	n31
1843-03-24	80	Offices paying salaries with capitación discount to send notice of the sum collected per accompanying model	159	n32
1843-03-30	81	Circular ordering padrones de giros mercantiles + accompanying model	161–162	n32
1843-03-30	82	Administradores to comply with the 17 Jan. prior-year disposition & activate the remisión/ajustes of expedientes of the same year	184	n32
1844-03-31	83	Presidente orders the frontier Aduanas of Taos in Nuevo México & El Paso del Norte in Chihuahua opened to foreign commerce	185	n33
1843-04-1	84	Derechos de Patente	186–187	n33
1843-04-1	85	Remit the fianza employees of responsibility must post, by return post	188	n33
1843-04-5	86	Concedes to Chalco an annual feria for 10 years	189	n33
1843-04-7	87	Presidente orders that during the war sustained against the sublevados de Texas & disidentes de Yucatán, import duties be raised 20%	190–193	n34
1843-04-12	88	Requests notice of national sealed effects in the diverse Aduanas & of algodón guided by them	194–195	n34
1843-04-15	89	Deals with Comisos de las Aduanas	126–127	n34
1843-04-15	90	Administrador to designate the Vista & employees who handle each cargo's despacho as convenient	596–597	n35
1843-04-15	91	On the Adm. de Tabaco's consulta re introduction of aguardiente de uva: what duty must be paid	198–199	n35
1843-04-18	92	On use of the Contribuciones books; make aclaraciones in the respective Cortes de Caja per instructions from govt	200	n35
1843-04-24	93	Remit the presupuestos of expenses that Tesorería must cover	201	n36
1843-04-30	94	Presidente orders that on no account may the fondo de tornaguías be disposed of without express govt order; violation = effective responsibility	202–203	n36
1843-05-2	95	Watch employees in the handling of the ramos de Tabaco, pólvora, naipes y papel sellado, & report to the Dirección genl	204–205	n36
1843-05-3	96	Presidente named D. Pedro Garmendia Consul of the Republic at the Puerto de Valparaíso, salary 3,000 pesos/yr	246–247	n36
1843-05-3	97	Collect a tax on numerario leaving for another Departamento, without prejudice to the export duties at the Puerto	207–210	n37
1843-05-31	98	Offices may not externalize/divulge what pertains to them, but may give testimonio, copies & notices of public-service interest	211–212	n37
1843-05-26	99	On the clavazón fundida & moneda de fierro whose introduction has been erroneously permitted through ports of the Republic	213–214	n37

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1843-05-20	100	Remit annually to the Min. de Hacienda the hojas de servicio with reports on employees depending on the Tesorería	215–216, 8–9	n38
1843-03-30	101	Various cargo ajustes for the year missing/lacking resumen; exige exact compliance; reclaim the carpetas de exportación (alphabetical, with value of national effects exp...	218–220	n38
1843-05-30	102	Presidente conceded a mariscal[?] to the guarda-costas de Veracruz	221	n39
1843-05-31	103	Given delays in despachos, remit the papel sellado de despachos, expedite patentes, pay the sellos' value; failure = personal responsibility	222–223	n39
1843-06-1	104	On the inversión de caudales del Adm. de Tabacos de Coahuila transferred to that of Calif.	224–225	n39
1843-06-21	105	Take razón in the Libros preventivos of all despachos expedidas; the paying offices to hold the Certificado de entero	226	n40
1843-06-22	106	To liquidate the dietas of the members of the H. Junta Nacional Legislativa, await notice of what each has been paid	227	n40
1843-06-22	107	See the extract above p.226	227–228	n40
1843-06-23	108	Decreto conceding an annual feria to the Ciudad de Celaya	230–233	n41
1843-06-26	109	On suspension of the alcabala duty paid by aguardiente de caña, azúcar y mieles	234–235	n41
1843-07-8	110	This Dirección genl de Alcabalas communication = same as the extract p.230–33 (Celaya feria)	236	n41
1843-07-11	111	Recognize the firma at the margin of D. Santiago Gartén[?], to whom is conceded the ejercicio de Decretos issuing from the Min. de Hacienda in all docs of official chara...	237–238	n42
1834[43]-07-11	112	All Hacienda-branch employees to present themselves in uniform on 16 September, by express order of the Presidente	239–240	n42
1843-07-11	113	Communicates the annual feria conceded to Celaya	241–242	n42
1843-08-xx	114	Send the Tesorería genl in time the data needed to form the ramos the Sup. Gob. must present to Congreso when it opens sessions in Jan. 1844	242	n43
1843-08-2	115	Presidente declares judicial-branch employees not comprised among those [suspended?]; their salaries paid punctually	243–244	n43
1843-08-22	116	Presidente orders serious attention to the missing monthly Extractos de revista; none received for the current year's elapsed months	245	n44
1843-08-22	117	On the illness of D. Ignacio Trigueros: during it the oficial mayor of the Contaduría to despatch [in his place]	247	n44
1843-08-26	118	Employees to wear the uniform designated for each office, except military who wear their own	248–249	n44
1843-08-31	119	Presidente disposes payment continue only to inutilized/on-campaign military or others in service	250	n45
1843-08-31	120	Communication relative to Desertores	251	n45
1843-08-31	121	On the arrendamiento of the salinas de Ceuta (Sinaloa) & Isla del Carmen (B. Calif.)	252–254	n45
1843-09-9	122	Do not remit correspondence in Oficios; it interferes with the promptness the Correo must reach its destination	255–256	n45
1843-09-12	123	The faculties of Comandantes Generales over Hacienda offices are limited to watching the good handling of los responsables & the legal distribution of ingresos — they ma...	257	n46
1843-09-19	124	Presidente strongly orders remittance of the missing monthly Cortes de Caja; the delay raises suspicion of mala versación	258–259	n46
1843-09-23	125	Directores/Tesoreros/Administradores to propose employees for vacancies & new-creation destinos, of merit, aptitude & adhesion to the institutions/public order	260–261	n47
1843-09-23	126	The fondos destined to sueldo de inválidos not to be invested in any other object	263	n47

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1843-10-3	127	The fondos de Loterías not to be used for objects other than those destined	264	n48
1843-10-3	128	In no military-Hacienda office of any class are jefes/oficiales with cuerpo to be employed, unless they prefer to give themselves de baja	265–266	n49
1843-10-5	129	Accompanies the Decreto of 23 Sept. prohibiting foreigners from Comercio al menudeo (retail trade)	267	n49
1843-10-4	130	Accompanies the Decreto of 1 Feb. faculting the Junta de Fomento del ramo de Minería to contract a 2-million-peso loan under stated hypothec	268–269	n49
1843-10-12	131	Reglamento de Comisarias: at each year's end make a corte comprensivo de ramos de ingresos y egresos, remit 2 copies to Hacienda	270	n50
1843-10-13	132	Concesión de privilegio to D. José M ^a Lozada for steam navigation on the Ríos del Tabasco, without paying entry/exit duties	271–275	n50
1843-10-13	133	Remits 2 copies of the Aduanas Marítimas fronterizas [circular]	276–277	n50
1843-10-13	134	See the extract of pp.271–5 [Lozada Tabasco steam privilege]	278–282	n51
1843-10-16	135	Circular on habilitación de Minas de Azogue & cessation of the 4% tax on numerario circulating between Departamentos — 'en nada se refiere á las Minas de Azogue de Calif...	283–285	n51
1843-10-17	136	Circular on delays in juicios de Comisos from recusaciones of jueces	286–287	n51
1843-10-18	137	Circular on the sistema de Contribuciones directas	288–289	n52
1843-10-19	138	Suspension of pay to teniente de Marina Miguel Nañez[?]	290–291	n52
1843-10-30	139	Correction to the recusaciones-de-jueces circular ('interinamente' should read 'enteramente')	292–293	n52
1843-11-4	140	Accompanies 2 copies of the sellos used by the Aduana de Puebla	274–275[sic]	n52
1843-11-6	141	For due clarity in the Extractos de revista de la Tropa, follow models 1–11 of the Reglamento de Comisarias	297	n53
1843-11-7	142	On the haberes de Granaderos y Húsares de los Supremos Poderes	298	n53
1843-11-7	143	Re the 19 Sept. decreto: each aparato destilatorio to pay monthly contribution for aguardiente production	290–291[sic]	n53
1843-11-18	144	Communication on the arqueo de buques mercantiles arriving at the Puertos de la República (merchant-ship tonnage/registry)	301–303	n54
1843-11-18	145	Accompanies the Decreto of 13 Oct. re 10-year duty exemption conceded to Café Nacional	304–305	n54
1843-11-11	146	Presidente disposes that this one time the Tesorerías Departamentales & del Ejército have libros de cuentas made for 1844, foliated, presented to the Gobernador for auth...	306	n54
1843-11-13	147	Notes non-compliance with the decreto ordering collection of the papel-sellado value in Despachos; collect from those who received despachos without paying	307–316	n55
1843-11-17	148	The Recaudación to form a list of the Pueblos it comprehends, in 6 columns per the model	317–318	n55
1844-09-14	149	Monte Pío conceded to Dña Luisa Argüello de Zamorano, widow of the Teniente-Coronel Inspector del Departamento de la Alta California (Agustín V. Zamorano)	569–572	n90
1844-09-17	150	Presidente orders the Adm. de la Aduana Marít. de Mazatlán deliver monthly, in preference, 3,000 pesos íntegros to the Comandante Genl de la Alta California for socorros...	(14 Sept 1844)	n90
1845-03-08→29	151	Cluster: 40-pesos/mo discount to oficial de salud militar Faustino Moro; jubilados paid half-salary; Presidente interino names D. Luis de la Rosa Secretario de Estado de...	599–603	n95
1846-01-20→24	152	Cluster: how meritorios are admitted in Hacienda offices; papel-sellado abuse in giro de libranzas	731–734	n116