SELECTIONS FROM THE
CATALOGUE OF THE SPANISH COLLECTION
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Part II

Correspondence, Empresario Contracts, Decrees,
Appointments, Reports, Notices & Proceedings pertaining to
Austin’s Colony

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PREFACE

How to Use the selections in this Catalogue

Each entry in the topical list has been assigned a number, followed by the addresser and addressee and the description of the document or expediente. The place of origin, nature, and length of the document are noted in parentheses at the end of the description. The last line of each entry supplies the date of the record and its location. The location of the record is given by a number such as \textbf{43/2, p. 138}, where 43 refers to the box, 2 is the folder number, and p. 138 is the page number, usually found in the upper-right corner of the record. The location of items included in the copybooks kept by the political chief of Nacogdoches is given by reference to the specific copybook (PCCVP, PCNSS, or CPCNA), followed by the page number. If a translation of a document has been located, this is also noted at the end of the entry. The abbreviation RTEC, for example, refers to a bound volume of translation in the Texas General Land Office called “Record of Translations of Empresario Contracts.”

Signs and Abbreviations

A. Autograph
D. Document
Df. Draft
L. Letter
S. Signed
[ ] Information supplied from a source other than the document
… Omissions
[? ] Doubtful
Comm. Commissioner
Gov. Governor
GSC General Business Regarding the Spanish Collection
\textit{Laws}… Kimball, J. P., \textit{Laws and Decrees of the State of Coahuila and Texas}…
\textit{Papers}… McLean, Malcolm, \textit{Papers Concerning Robertson’s Colony in Texas}
PCCVP \textit{Correspondence between the Political Chief of Nacogdoches and the Ayuntamiento}
PCNSS \textit{Political Chief of Nacogdoches to Secretary of State Government}
RTEC \textit{Record of Translations of Empresario Contracts} (bound volume of manuscript translations at the Texas General Land Office)

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TOPICAL LIST

Austin’s Colony (#1-13); see also #723-834, #1369-1372

1. Flores, Commissioner Gaspar
List of titles issued in Austin’s first colony showing grantee names, amount granted, and date of title; compiled by Commissioner Gaspar Flores. (12 pp.)
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2. Stephen F. Austin’s second empresario contract
Stephen F. Austin’s 1825 colonization contract with the state of Coahuila and Texas, with copies of the following documents: Austin’s petition to the supreme executive power requesting permission to settle 200-300 families in the area of his first colony and to establish a town on Galveston Island or at some other point on Galveston Bay suitable for a port (11/6/1824); a communication from Austin to the governor of Coahuila and Texas concerning settlers bound for his colony that had remained on the Trinity and Neches rivers and his proposal to locate settlers near the San Antonio Road to counter Indian incursions, and remitting a small map of Galveston Island and bay with the promise to send a more exact map at a later date (2/4/1825); Governor Rafael Gonzales to Austin consenting to the settlement of 300 families and specifying the terms and conditions of the contract (4/27/1825); Austin’s acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract (6/4/1825); Austin’s communication to the governor asking permission to settle 500 families (including on Galveston Island) and requesting the enactment of a law guaranteeing the settlers’ ownership of their slaves (4/4/1825); the governor’s consent to locate 500 families in the area designated in Austin’s contract and notice that the matters pertaining to the establishment of a port at Galveston and to the introduction of slaves was the purview of the Mexican Congress (5/20/1825). This copy made by Juan Antonio Padilla on 7/15/1825. (Expediente, copy, 12 pp.)
1/20/1827 RTEC, p. 53 29/3, p. 23

5. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de] to Gaspar Flores
Informing Flores of his appointment as commissioner for Austin’s colony. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 1 p.)
4/21/1826 RTEC, p. 52 29/3, p. 21

Transmitting copies of the colonization laws and instructions to commissioners by which Austin is to be governed as commissioner of the “Coast Colony.” See Box 29:4, pp. 23-35 for these laws and instructions. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 1 p.)
7/9/1828  29/4, p. 1

8. Stephen F. Austin’s “Coast Colony” empresario contract
Stephen F. Austin’s 1828 colonization contract, the “Coast Colony” contract, with copies of the following documents: Austin to the governor of Coahuila and Texas requesting permission to colonize the littoral leagues (6/5/1826); Governor Víctor Blanco to the minister of state and relations reporting favorably on Austin’s
petition (7/17/1826); Minister Cañedo to the governor communicating the president’s approval of Austin’s request (4/22/1828); Austin to the governor asking to be appointed commissioner for the littoral leagues and for authorization to designate and take his premium lands (6/2/1828); the terms and conditions of the contract, including the appointment of Austin as commissioner (Article 4) (7/9/1828); Juan Antonio Padilla’s certification of the copy (7/12/1828); and Austin’s acceptance of the terms and conditions of the contract, indicating the number of settlers to be included (7/29/1828). [Note: Begins on p. 3-4 and continues on p. 9.] (Expediente, copy, 13 pp.)

9. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of the Dept. of Béxar, to Stephen F. Austin
Transcribes a communication of 4/22/1828 from the minister of state and relations reporting the president’s approval of Austin’s request to colonize the coast leagues between the Lavaca and the San Jacinto rivers. The margin of the first page includes a response in the hand of Samuel M. Williams dated 6/2/1828. (Béxar, L.S., 2 pp.)

5/14/1828 29/4, p. 5

10. [Viesca, Gov. José María] to [Stephen F. Austin]
Copy of the 1824 National Colonization Law (see letter from Viesca to Austin in Box 29:4, p. 1.) (Copy, 4 pp.)

7/9/1828 29/4, p. 23

11. [Viesca, Gov. José María] to [Stephen F. Austin]
1825 Colonization Law of the state of Coahuila and Texas (Samuel Bangs imprint, 1828). (Leona Vicario, imprint, 4 pp.)

7/9/1828 29/4, p. 27

12. [Viesca, Gov. José María] to [Stephen F. Austin]
Instructions to commissioners, 1827. (Leona Vicario, copy, 5 pp.)

7/9/1828 29/4, p. 31

13. Stephen F. Austin’s “Little Colony” empresario contract
Stephen F. Austin’s 1827 colonization contract ("Little Colony"), with copies of the following documents: Austin to the governor of the state requesting permission to settle 100 families and to establish a town above the San Antonio Road on the Colorado River (10/11/1827); the conditions and terms of the contract (11/20/1827). This copy made by Juan Antonio Padilla on 11/20/1827. (Expediente, copy, 7 pp.)

11/20/1827 RTEC, p. 131 29/5, p. 1

14. Navarro, José Antonio to Stephen F. Austin
Discussing aspects of Navarro’s commission to issue titles to settlers in the area of Pecan Point (Wavell’s colony). References to Milam, Chambers, and José María Carbajal. (Béxar, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

6/24/1830 29/6

15. Harris, Gowan to H. C. Gray and A. Harris
Sale of Gowan Harris’ printing press to H. C. Gray and A. Harris. This document is in English. (Brazoria, D.S., 2 pp.)

8/1/1834 29/8

327. Austin, Stephen F. to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledges a communication relative to the appointment of Ramón Músquiz as political chief of the department of Béxar. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)

1/7/1828 123/3, p. 41 RTEC, p. 274.

328. Austin, Stephen F. to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledges a communication informing that Músquiz had assumed the office of political chief of the department of Béxar. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)

1/15/1828 123/3, p. 42 RTEC, p. 274.

Gaspar Flores’ Correspondence Book (#347-368)

347. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to [Gov. José Ignacio de Arizpe]
Acknowledging a communication of 4/21/1826 appointing him commissioner to distribute land under Austin’s colonization contract (No. 1). (Béxar, copybook)

0/0/1826 123/6, p. 63
348. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Requesting instructions from Saucedo in light of Stephen F. Austin’s communication advising that Flores could commence to distribute land under Austin’s second contract (No. 2). (Béxar, copybook)

11/28/1826  123/6, p. 63

349. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Stresses the importance of demarcating the 10 coast leagues and inquires who is to pay for the expense of surveying them (No. 3). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

1/13/1827  123/6, p. 63

350. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Stephen F. Austin

Requests Austin to propose two surveyors for the purpose of beginning land distribution under Austin’s second empresario contract (No. 4). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

1/15/1827  123/6, p. 64

351. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Vice-Governor Víctor Blanco

Acknowledges an order to put Roberto Luis [Robert Lewis] and Francisco A. By. [sic] in possession of 10 leagues of land (No. 5). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

1/18/1827  123/6, p. 64

352. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Acknowledges receipt of a communication from the political chief inserting an order of the vice-governor authorizing Flores to complete the business of Austin’s first colony (No. 7). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

4/19/1827  123/6, p. 64

353. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Acknowledges receipt of a communication from the political chief inserting an order of the vice-governor authorizing Flores to complete the business of Austin’s first colony (No. 7). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

4/19/1827  123/6, p. 64

354. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Vice-Governor Víctor Blanco

Acknowledges receipt of a communication of 3/7/1827 transcribing a letter sent by the governor to Austin relative to the limits of his colony (No. 8). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

4/24/1827  123/6, p. 65

355. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Vice-Governor Víctor Blanco

Reports why his work had not commenced before this time and requests advice on the fees that as commissioner he is authorized to collect from the colonists (No. 9). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

4/24/1827  123/6, p. 65

356. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Stephen F. Austin

In consideration of his inability to supervise the surveys due to illness, encloses surveying instructions to Austin and asks him to make certain that they are observed (No. 10). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

5/10/1827  123/6, p. 65

357. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to [Stephen F. Austin]

Instructions to surveyors (No. 11). (San Felipe de Austin, copybook)

5/10/1827  123/6, p. 66

358. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Gov. José Ignacio de Arizpe

Acknowledges the governor’s order of 5/31/1827 on copying the documents and titles of Austin’s first colony into a bound record book (No. 12). (Béxar, copybook)

7/8/1827  123/6, p. 66
359. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Gov. José Ignacio de Arizpe
Gives reasons for not having completed his commission and advises of his intention to return to Austin’s colony in the fall (No. 13). (Béxar, copybook)
7/8/1827 123/6, p. 66
RTEC, p. 288.

360. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Acknowledges receipt of a communication from the political chief inserting an order of the governor relative to the settlers who were to be admitted by the empresarios in their colonies and to restricting settlement in the coast and border leagues to those who had the consent of the central government (No. 14). (Béxar, copybook)
7/17/1827 123/6, p. 67
RTEC, p. 288.

361. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Responds to a request from the vice-governor of the state for information regarding the land granted under Austin’s first contract and on the payments made or due on them (No. 15). (Béxar, copybook)
8/29/1827 123/6, p. 67
RTEC, p. 289.

362. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Ramón Múquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Inquires who is to pay for the cost of copying the titles and documents of Austin’s first colony into the bound record book (No. 16). (Béxar, copybook)
1/29/1828 123/6, p. 68
RTEC, p. 289.

363. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Ramón Múquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Reports on his commission and on the number of titles issued under Austin’s first and second contracts (No. 17). (Béxar, copybook)
8/1/1828 123/6, p. 68
RTEC, p. 290.

364. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Ramón Múquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Transmits the petitions of several colonists who had requested five-league grants in Austin’s colony (No. 18). (Béxar, copybook)
8/1/1828 123/6, p. 68
RTEC, p. 290.

365. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Ramón Múquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Acknowledges his appointment as commissioner to put Capt. Francisco Rojo in possession of four leagues of land near the Neches River (No. 19). (Béxar, copybook)
8/29/1828 123/6, p. 68
RTEC, p. 290.

366. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Ramón Múquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Acknowledges receipt of a communication regulating the fees to be paid the commissioners for their services (No. 20). (Copybook)
8/29/1828 123/6, p. 69
RTEC, p. 291.

367. Flores, Comm. Gaspar
Notes completion of the itemized report on land grants under Austin’s first empresario contract (No. 21). (Copybook)
12/20/1828 123/6, p. 69
RTEC, p. 291.

368. Flores, Comm. Gaspar
Log of Flores’ trips to and from San Felipe de Austin in 1826, 1827, and 1828 in the exercise of his commission. (San Felipe de Austin, 2 pp.)
12/7/1828 123/6, p. 69
RTEC, p. 291.

398. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to Samuel P. Browne
Appointment of Samuel P. Browne as surveyor in Austin’s colony. (San Felipe de Austin, D.S., 2 pp.)
3/1/1831 123/9, p. 114
RTEC, p. 315.

477. Austin’s “Coast Colony” contract
Terms and conditions of Stephen F. Austin’s 1828 “Coast Colony” colonization contract. This copy dated 3/27/1832. See also Box 29:4. (Leona Vicario, copy, 5 pp.)
7/9/1828 124/11, p. 293
482. Stephen F. Austin and Samuel M. Williams' "Upper Colony" empresario contract

Terms and conditions of Stephen F. Austin and Samuel M. Williams’ empresario contract, often referred to as the “Upper Colony” contract. This copy dated 6/30/1831. (Leona Vicario, copy, 5 pp.)

RTEC, p. 190.

489. Piedras, Col. José de las, Military Commandant of the Frontier, to Stephen F. Austin

Requesting Austin to deny admission in his colony to Alexander Thompson and the families with him because of their illegal entry into the country. (Nacogdoches, copy, 3 pp.)

RTEC, p. 224.

490. Eca y Músquiz [Gov. Rafael] to [Ramón Músquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Transcribes the governor’s communication to Miguel Arciniega naming him commissioner for Austin’s colony. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 4 pp.)

RTEC, p. 225.

491. Mier y Terán, Manuel de, Commandant General, to Stephen F. Austin

Authorizes Austin to admit as colonists Alexander Thompson and the other families that came with him. (Matamoros, copy, 1 p.)

RTEC, p. 226.

502. Irala, J. Mariano, Secretary of the State Government, to Political Chief of Dept. of Brazos

Communication accompanying the decree returning to Stephen F. Austin and Samuel M. Williams the colony for which they had contracted with the government. (Monclova, L.S., 1 p.)

RTEC, p. 241.

503. Irala, J. Mariano, Secretary of the State Government, to Political Chief of Dept. of Brazos

Copy of the communication returning Austin and Williams’ colony to them (original in Box 124:22, p. 432 1/2). (Monclova, copy, 1 p.)

RTEC, p. 242.

504. Viesca, Gov. Agustín to Inhabitants of Coahuila and Texas

Decree returning Austin and Williams’ colony to them. (Monclova, imprint, 1 p.)

RTEC, p. 234.

505. Miller, James B., Political Chief of Dept. of Brazos, to Comm. William H. Steele

Notifying Steele that Austin and Williams’ colony had been returned to them and that his commission had been suspended. Steele instructed to make due return within 15 days of his work connected with Robertson’s colony. This document is in English. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 1 p.)

RTEC, p. 235.

506. Miller, James B., Political Chief of Dept. of Brazos, to Thomas Barnett

Ordering Barnett to serve the order suspending Commissioner William Steele and to make due return on his proceedings. This item is in English. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 1 p.)

RTEC, p. 235.

507. Saucedo, José Antonio, Political Chief of Texas

Copy of Saucedo’s order establishing the boundaries of the judicial and military district under Stephen F. Austin’s responsibility. (San Felipe de Austin, copy, 1 p.)

RTEC, p. 241.

508. Austin, Stephen F. to Gov. Rafael Gonzales

Cover letter to accompany signed agreement concerning the settlement of 300 families within the limits of Austin’s already established colony and copies of Saucedo’s correspondence relative to the boundaries of the colony. (San Felipe de Austin, copy, 1 p.)

RTEC, p. 242.

509. Gonzales, Gov. Rafael to Stephen F. Austin

Acknowledging Austin’s communication of 6/4/1825 (Box 124:23, p. 453), reporting that the number of families for the proposed colonization was increased to 500, and
indicating that he lacked the authority to grant permission to settle the island of Galveston. (Saltillo, copy, 2 pp.) 7/15/1825 124/23, p. 455 RTEC, p. 243.

Measures Regulating Anglo-American Immigration into Texas (#510-521)

514. Mier y Terán, Manuel de, Commandant General, to [Antonio Elozúa,] Principal Commandant of Texas
Remitting the copy of a form to be required of Austin’s colonists upon their arrival in Texas. (Matamoros, L.S., 3 pp.) 8/21/1830 125/1, p. 8 RTEC, p. 347.

520. Gonzales, Gov. Rafael to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Texas
Transmitting a petition from settlers on the Trinity River and advising him to inform them through Stephen F. Austin that the lands they occupied would soon be open to colonization and that they could be admitted as colonists if they obtained the consent of the corresponding empresario and commissioner. Passed by Saucedo to Austin on June 13, 1825. (Saltillo, L.S., 2 pp.) 5/19/1825 125/2, p. 17 RTEC, p. 351.

521. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de] to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Texas
Acknowledges the petition from 58 inhabitants on the San Jacinto and Trinity rivers requesting annexation to Austin’s colony and gives his reasons for not acceding to it. (Saltillo, L.S., 2 pp.) 2/7/1827 125/2, p. 18 RTEC, p. 351.

562. Viesca [Gov. José María] to [Ramón Múñquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Remits copies of empresario contracts and list of grants, and requests papers pertaining to Austin’s colony taken from Juan Antonio Padilla. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 2 pp.) 6/10/1830 125/7, p. 70 RTEC, p. 381.

573. [Múñquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to Ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin
Requesting an account of payments collected and due on grants and sales of land. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.) 9/14/1831 125/8, p. 82

578. [Múñquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to Gaspar Flores, Administrator of State Revenues
Requesting a report on his classification of land in Austin’s colony. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.) 11/12/1831 125/8, p. 89

Governor of Coahuila and Texas
Acknowledges receipt of copies of empresario contracts and list of lands sold and granted to Mexicans and reports that the papers relative to Austin’s colony taken from Padilla would be forwarded when received (see Box 125:7, p. 70). (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.) 7/3/1830 125/7, p. 71 RTEC, p. 381.

567. [Múñquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to [Francis White Johnson,] Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin
Communicates the commandant general’s demands for enforcement of the prohibitions of the law of April 6, 1830, and requests the alcalde to submit the required monthly statement of foreigners arriving in his district. (Béxar, Df., 1 pp.) 3/16/1831 125/7, p. 75 RTEC, p. 383.

568. Johnson, Francis White, Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin, to Ramón Múñquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledges the communication of March 16, 1831 (see Box 125:7, p. 76) and offers an explanation of why immigrants were still being received in Austin’s colony. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.) 4/2/1831 125/7, p. 76 RTEC, p. 383.

579. Flores, Gaspar, Administrator of State Revenues, to Ramón Múñquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Clarification regarding the classification of land
in Austin’s colony (see Box 125:8, p. 89). (Béxar, L.S., 2 pp.)

11/16/1831 125/8, p. 90

582. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Regarding the expiration date of Austin’s contract for 500 families. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
12/14/1831 125/8, p. 93

671. [Músquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to [José María Viesca,] Governor of Coahuila and Texas
Transcribing a letter from Stephen F. Austin accompanying his map of Texas and notes. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)
3/14/1830 125/19, p. 218

686. Letona [Gov. José María de] to [Ramón Músquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Transcribes a communication from the commandant general on the advisability of removing the scattered settlers and families who were not part of a colony into the colonies of Green DeWitt and Austin; instructions to political chief. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 2 pp.)
7/14/1831 125/20, p. 234

687. [Músquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to [José María de Letona,] Governor of Coahuila and Texas
Communicating that he had requested from Austin a report on the number of settlers in Texas who did not live within a colony, another from José Antonio Navarro concerning his plan for relocating these settlers in DeWitt’s colony, and indicating certain difficulties relative to this measure. (Béxar, Df., 3 pp.)
8/14/1831 125/20, p. 235

688. [Músquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to Stephen F. Austin
Cover letter to accompany the transcribed letter of 8/14/1831 from Músquiz to the governor (Box 125:20, p. 235), sent to Austin for his information and for submission of the report requested of him. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)
8/17/1831 125/20, p. 237

692. Letona [Gov. José María de] to [José Antonio de la Garza,] Acting Political Chief of

Dept. of Béxar

Reporting that the political chief’s communication to Austin of 9/11/1831 on Austin's obligation to notify the political chief when acting as commissioner had been transcribed. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 2 pp.)
4/11/1832 125/20, p. 242

716. Cos, Martín Perfecto de, Commandant General, to [José Domingo Ugartechea,] Principal Commandant of Coahuila and Texas
Communication advising of the introduction of foreigners attracted by the unauthorized conveyance of land in Austin’s colony and ordering the principal commandant to assist the competent authorities in restricting this practice. (Lipantitlán, L.S., 1 p.)
9/28/1835 125/22, p. 275

722. Atascosito Settlers
Proceedings initiated by families living between the Trinity and San Jacinto rivers [Atascosito District] seeking authorization from the central government to settle there, with copies of the following documents: Col. Ahumada to Commandant General Bustamante forwarding the petition of the Atascosito settlers (copy of the petition and list of the petitioners found here) (11/2/1827); Bustamante to Ahumada requesting a report on the settlers (11/26/1827); Ahumada’s report (12/17/1827); Bustamante to Stephen F. Austin requesting a report on the settlers (1/28/1828); Austin’s report to Bustamante (3/4/1828); Bustamante to the governor of Coahuila and Texas forwarding the petition and the reports (7/3/1828); the governor to the minister of state and relations forwarding the petition and reports (7/28/1828); Minister Cañedo to the governor advising that the petition had been approved (8/27/1828); Governor Viesca to the political chief of Béxar informing of the president’s approval of the petition (11/11/1828); and the political chief to the governor acknowledging receipt of his communication (12/7/1828). This copy dated 5/12/1832. (Expediente, copy, 13 pp.)
12/7/1828 125/24, p. 286
RTEC, pp. 135-138.
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723. Baron de Bastrop to Antonio Martínez, Governor of the Province of Texas
Inquiring whether Governor Martínez had recommended him to the provincial deputation as surveyor for the new [Austin] colony. (Béxar, A.L.S., 1 pp.)
1/28/1822 126/1, p. 1

724. Baron de Bastrop, Vice-President of the Junta Gubernativa of Province of Texas, to Postmaster of Béxar
Communicating that Luciano García had assumed the position of interim governor of Texas following the discontinuation of the junta gubernativa. (Béxar, imprint, signed, 1 p.)
7/8/1823 126/1, p. 2

725. 1823 Imperial Colonization Law, with order that it be publicized. (Saltillo, imprint, 2 pp.)
1/20/1823 126/1, p. 3

726. Baron de Bastrop to Luciano García, Governor and Political Chief of Texas
Reporting on his meeting with the colonists on the Colorado and on having informed them of Austin’s appointment as judge and military commander of the colony; gives notice of plans to begin surveying. (Castleman’s on the Colorado River, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
8/11/1823 126/1, p. 5

727. Gonzales, Gov. Rafael to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Transcribes the answer sent to Austin relative to his complaint about certain individuals from La Bahía, San Antonio, Rio Grande and other places congregating in his colony and requests from the political chief a report on the number of Mexican families locating in the new settlements. (Saltillo, L.S., 2 pp.)
4/6/1825 126/1, p. 6

728. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Census of Austin’s colony, 1826; includes cover letter. (San Felipe de Austin, D.S., 20 pp.)
3/28/1826 126/2, p. 7

729. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de] to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Acknowledging receipt of the communication transmitting Austin’s explanation for his failure to map Galveston Bay. (Saltillo, L.S., 1 pp.)
3/30/1826 126/3, p. 18

730. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Providing an account of his reconnaissance of Galveston Bay and arguments for establishing a customs house provisionally at the mouth of the Brazos instead of at Galveston. Also, Austin’s notes to accompany his map of Galveston Island. This copy dated at Béxar 4/16/1826. (San Felipe de Austin, copy, 6 pp.)
3/18/1826 126/3, p. 19

731. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Cover letter to accompany list of expenses incurred in examining the bay, island and port of Galveston; list not found here. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
3/27/1826 126/3, p. 23

732. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de] to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Acknowledging receipt of Austin’s map and report of Galveston Island and informing that they would be forwarded to the supreme government. (Saltillo, L.S., 2 pp.)
5/5/1826 126/3, p. 24

733. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Requesting the appointment of a commissioner for his colony and recommending Seth Ingram and Horatio Chriesman as surveyors for his colony and James Kerr for DeWitt’s colony. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
5/8/1826 126/3, p. 25
734. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Giving reasons for not answering letters (trip with Arciniega to put him in possession of land for Juan Antonio Padilla, preparing campaign against the Indians, etc.). (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
5/8/1826 126/3, p. 26

735. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Communicating his willingness to accept land in compensation for expenses incurred in mapping the island, bay and port of Galveston. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
5/8/1826 126/3, p. 27

736. Viesca [Gov. José María] to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Answering Austin’s questions concerning the manner of governing his colony; contains instructions on establishing the ayuntamiento, limits of the municipality, the militia, and the Austin colony records. Communicated by the political chief to Austin on 12/11/1827. (Saltillo, L.S., 4 pp.)
11/17/1827 126/3, p. 28

737. Viesca [Gov. José María] to [Ramón Músquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Gaspar Flores to cease acting as commissioner, replaced by the appointment of Juan Antonio Padilla as commissioner general. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 2 pp.)
12/20/1828 126/3, p.30

738. Flores, Gaspar to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Acknowledging his replacement as commissioner by Juan Antonio Padilla. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
1/27/1829 126/3, p. 31

739. Austin, Stephen F. to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Remitting his original map of Texas and notes for the purpose of having them forwarded to the president of Mexico. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
7/23/1829 126/4, p.33

740. Austin, Stephen F. to Lorenzo de Zavala, Minister of the Treasury

Transcribing his communication to the political chief of Texas relative to forwarding his map of Texas to the president of Mexico. Indicates that a copy of the map in English had been sent to Philadelphia for publication but that the version sent to Mexico was more complete and accurate. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
7/23/1829 126/4, p. 34
745. Arciniega, Miguel to Ramón Múñquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Transcribing Arciniega’s appointment by the governor as commissioner for Austin’s colony. (Béxar, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
11/26/1830 126/4, p. 40

746. Austin, Stephen F. to [Ramón Múñquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledges receipt of the communication on Arciniega’s appointment as commissioner and indicates his intention to depart on Dec. 15 for the state capital to assume his duties as deputy in the state Congress. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
11/30/1830 126/4, p. 41

747. [Múñquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to Comm. Miguel Arciniega
Acknowledging the communication transcribing Arciniega’s appointment as commissioner; instructs him on the manner of preparing the report of his activities. (Df., 2 pp.)
2/2/1831 126/4, p. 42

748. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to [Ramón Múñquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledging a communication relative to frontage of surveys on rivers, creeks or lakes. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
6/14/1831 126/4, p. 43

749. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to [Ramón Múñquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Requesting clarification of the instructions on the amount of frontage on watercourses. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
6/14/1831 126/4, p. 45

750. Múñquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Comm. Miguel Arciniega
Answers Arciniega’s inquiry of 6/14/1831 (Box 126:4, p. 45) relative to frontage on watercourses. (Goliad, Df., 1 p.)
6/25/1831 126/4, p. 46

751. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to [Ramón Múñquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledging instructions pertaining to the order of preference when the same land had been granted to several individuals. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
6/28/1831 126/4, p. 48

752. Múñquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Comm. Francisco Madero
Requesting a report on the boundaries established for the town of Liberty and encroachment on the boundary set for the municipality of San Felipe de Austin. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)
7/31/1831 126/5, p. 50

753. Chriesman, Horatio, Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin, to Ramón Múñquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledging receipt of the instructions related to individuals authorized to obtain land from the state government who request to be put in possession of it. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
5/26/1832 126/5, p. 51

754. Múñquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin
Relative to measures for apprehending certain criminals if Stephen F. Austin failed to arrest them. (Béxar, copy, 2 pp.)
9/27/1832 126/5, p. 52B

755. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to [Ramón Múñquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledging instructions relative to reporting on the individuals authorized to obtain land from the state government who applied to be put in possession of their land. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
5/29/1832 126/5, p. 52A

756. Valle, Santiago del, Secretary of the State Government, to Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Transmitting an order from the vice-governor instructing Arciniega to suspend his activities as commissioner in light of the insubordination in Austin’s colony. (Monclova, L.S., 2 pp.)
5/20/1833 126/5, p. 53

757. [Arciniega, Miguel,] Acting Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to [Santiago del Valle, Secretary of the State Government]
In response to the communication dated May
20, 1833 (Box 126:5, p. 53), acknowledges his suspension as commissioner for Austin’s colony and gives the approximate number of titles issued by him, asking that he be allowed to postpone a full report until the fall when the annual illness in the colony had subsided and he could travel safely to San Felipe de Austin, where he left his records. (Béxar, Df., 3 pp.)

6/15/1833 126/5, p. 54

758. [Ximénez, Manuel,] Acting Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to Vice-Governor of Coahuila and Texas

Requesting a decision on Miguel Arciniega’s reasons for refusing to assume office as alcalde of Béxar. (Béxar, Df., 3 pp.)

4/7/1833 126/5, p. 56

759. Arciniega, Miguel to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Explaining his reasons for refusing to serve as alcalde of Béxar. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 13 pp.)

3/21/1833 126/5, p. 57

760. Trudeau, Félix, Spanish Agent at Natchitoches, to [Antonio Martínez,] Governor of Texas and Cabildo of Béxar

Letter vouching for the good character and intentions of Moses Austin, deceased, and his son Stephen F. Austin. (Natchitoches, L.S., 3 pp.)

7/12/1821 126/6, p. 65

761. Austin, Stephen F. to Antonio Martínez, Governor of the Province of Texas

Austin’s plan for distributing land to colonists (translated to Spanish by Baron de Bastrop). (Béxar, copy, 2 pp.)

8/18/1821 126/6, p. 67

762. [Martínez, Antonio, Governor of the Province of Texas] to Stephen F. Austin

Approval of Austin’s land distribution plan subject to the modifications the supreme government might wish to make. (Béxar, copy, 1 p.)

8/19/1821 126/6, p. 68

763. [Martínez, Antonio, Governor of the Province of Texas] to Stephen F. Austin

Authorizing Austin to select a site on the Colorado River for his colony and to sound the Colorado from said site to its mouth; indicates also the items that the colonists could introduce duty free and those on which duties would be collected; Austin to be responsible for the conduct of his colonists. (Béxar, copy, 3 pp.)

8/14/1821 126/6, p. 69

764. Buentello, Tomás [Alcalde of La Bahía,] to Antonio Martínez, Governor of the Province of Texas

Cover letter with Buentello’s comments accompanying Manuel Becerra’s itinerary of his trip with Austin to explore the area of his proposed settlement. (La Bahía, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

9/19/1821 126/6, p. 71

765. Becerra, Manuel

Itinerary of a trip with Stephen F. Austin to the area of the proposed settlement. (Presidio de La Bahía, D.S., 2 pp.)

9/11/1821 126/6, p. 72

766. López, Gaspar, Commandant General, to [José Félix Trespalacios,] Governor of Texas

Transcribing the captain general’s approval of the measures adopted and of the rules and regulations given by Bastrop for installing the civic and military authorities of Austin’s first colony. (Saltillo, L.S., 2 pp.)

1/5/1823 126/6, p. 74

767. [Trespalacios, José Félix, Governor of Texas] to Baron de Bastrop

Instructions relative to the civil and military organization of the settlers on the Colorado and Brazos rivers. (Béxar, D., 2 p.)

11/10/1822 126/6, p. 75

768. Bastrop, Baron de to [José Félix Trespalacios, Governor of Texas]

Report of Bastrop’s trip to the Colorado River to install the civic and military authorities in Austin’s first colony (Box 126:6, pp. 77 and 78). Includes Bastrop’s instructions to the newly designated authorities (Box 126:6, p. 77). (Béxar, copy, 5 pp.)
769. Austin, Stephen F. to Junta Gubernativa of Texas
Reporting his arrival in Monterrey and the approval by the supreme government of Mexico of his new settlement in Texas (in English). (Monterrey, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

5/20/1823 126/6, p. 79

770. Austin, Stephen F. to Junta Gubernativa de Texas
Giving notice of his arrival in Monterrey and the approval of his new settlement. Draft translation to Spanish by Bastrop, 6/4/1823. Original in Box 126:6, p. 79. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)

6/4/1823 126/6, p. 80

771. Establishing Austin’s Colony
Establishing Austin’s colony, with the following documents: a communication from Captain General Anastasio Bustamante to Commandant General Gaspar López (3/20/1823); copy of the report of the Council of State relative to Austin’s proposed settlement (1/14/1823); copy of the imperial decree of 2/18/1823; copy of Austin’s memorial re ratification of his contract [see in Registro, p. 10] (4/5/1823); copy of a decree of the Supreme Mexican Congress [see in Registro] (4/11/1823); copy of the decree of the supreme executive power (4/14/1823); Austin’s request to Felipe de la Garza, political chief and commandant general of the Eastern Interior Provinces, for clarification of his authority (5/27/1823); report of the Committee of the Provincial Deputation relative to Austin’s request for clarification (6/2/1823); resolution of the most excellent provincial delegation in assembly (6/11/1823); decree of Felipe de la Garza (6/16/1823); and the appointment of Baron de Bastrop as commissioner (7/16/1823). (Expediente, copies, L.S., 19 pp.)

1823 126/7, p. 81
Translations of Records [Registro], pp. 8-15.

772. Council of State
Copy of the report of the Council of State relative to Austin’s proposed settlement in Texas. (Copy, 4 pp.)

1/14/1823 126/8, p. 91

773. Imperial decree relative to Austin’s proposed settlement in Texas (this copy made in Mexico City on March 11, 1823). (Mexico City, copy, 4 pp.)

2/18/1823 126/8, p. 93

774. Bastrop, Baron de to Luciano García, Interim Governor of the Province of Texas
Acknowledging his appointment as commissioner for Austin’s colony and reporting his readiness to undertake his commission. (Béxar, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

7/26/1823 126/9, p. 95

775. Bastrop, Comm. Baron de to Luciano García, Interim Governor of the Province of Texas
Communicating his planned departure the following day to fulfill his commission. (Béxar, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

7/26/1823 126/9, p. 96

776. Bastrop, Comm. Baron de to Luciano García, Interim Governor of Province of Texas
Reporting that Indian hostilities had caused delays in surveying on the Colorado River and announcing his departure to locate a site for the town of San Felipe de Austin either on the Colorado or the Brazos rivers. (Castleman’s on the Colorado, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

8/28/1823 126/9, p. 97

777. [Austin, Stephen F.] to Luciano García, Interim Governor of Province of Texas
Reporting the theft of horses by Indians and requesting information on the troops that were to be sent to help defend the colony.

(Castleman’s on the Colorado, A.L., 2 pp.)

8/28/1823 126/9, p. 98

778. Gonzales, Gov. Rafael to Alcalde of Béxar
Transmitting a copy of the National Colonization Law of August 18, 1824. (Saltillo, imprint, 3 pp.)

9/14/1824 126/9, p. 99

779. Saucedo, José Antonio, Political Chief of Texas, to Stephen F. Austin
Approval to extend the jurisdiction of Austin’s colony to the San Jacinto River. (Béxar, copy, 1 p.)

9/21/1824 126/9, p. 101
780. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Texas
Reports giving possession of land to José de Sandoval and requests approval. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
9/2/1825 126/9, p. 102

781. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de] to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Authorizing Gaspar Flores to close the business of Austin’s first contract. (Saltillo, L.S., 2 pp.)
2/7/1827 126/9, p. 103

782. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Acknowledging his appointment to conclude the business of Austin’s first contract. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
4/18/1827 126/9, p. 104

783. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de] to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Transcribing a communication to Gaspar Flores on the use of a bound book or "registro" to record the documents and titles of Austin’s first colony. (Saltillo, L.S., 3 pp.)
5/31/1827 126/10, p. 105

784. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de]
Copy of the document relative to the "Registro" (Box 126:10, p. 105). (Copy, 3 pp.)
5/31/1827 126/10, p. 107

785. Blanco [Gov. Víctor] to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Transcribing the official request from the state Congress for information about land distribution and dues collected in Austin’s first colony. (Saltillo, L.S., 3 pp.)
8/1/1827 126/10, p. 109

786. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Cover letter accompanying a report relative to the swearing of the oath of allegiance to the state Constitution; report not found here. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
12/29/1827 126/10, p. 111

787. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Reporting on his arrival at San Felipe de Austin and on his readiness to begin the work pending Austin’s arrival. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 1 p.)
3/11/1828 126/10, p. 112

788. Austin, Stephen F.
James A. E. Phelps given an extension of six months to remove his family to Texas. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 1 p.)
1/12/1832 126/10, p. 113

789. Austin, Stephen F. to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of the Dept. of Texas
Requesting instructions on surveying land in advance of the appointment of a commissioner and on fees to be collected from the colonists. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 6 pp.)
9/13/1825 126/11, p. 114

790. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de] to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Cover letter transmitting a copy of Austin’s contract for 500 families. (Saltillo, L.S., 2 pp.)
5/6/1826 126/11, p. 118

791. Austin, Stephen F. to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas
Petition to settle 500 more families in Texas; request for the establishment of a port at Galveston and that emigrants be allowed to bring their slaves and servants and that a law be passed guaranteeing their property rights. (San Felipe de Austin, copy, 3 pp.)
4/4/1825 126/11, p. 120

792. Gonzales, Gov. Rafael to Stephen F. Austin
Granting Austin permission to settle 500 more families. (Saltillo, copy, 1 p.)
5/20/1825 126/11, p. 122

793. Austin, Stephen F. to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Requesting the presence of Commissioner Gaspar Flores to complete matters pending in the colony. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
1/15/1828 126/11, p. 123
794. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledging notice of his election as alcalde of Béxar. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
1/27/1829 126/11, p. 124

795. Austin, Stephen F. to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Acknowledging the election of Gaspar Flores as alcalde of Béxar but requesting that he be allowed to continue in the colony as commissioner at least until April. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 1 p.)
1/12/1829 126/11, p. 126

796. [Músquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to Stephen F. Austin
Transcribing the governor’s communication on Arciniega’s appointment as commissioner for Austin’s colony. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)
11/25/1830 126/11, p. 128

797. [Músquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to [Rafael Eca y Múzquiz,] Governor of Coahuila and Texas
Reporting that he had informed Austin of Arciniega’s appointment as commissioner for his colony. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)
12/5/1830 126/12, p. 129

798. White, Walter C. [Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin,] to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Cover letter enclosing a list of persons who received land from Commissioner Gaspar Flores in 1827 and 1828. For list see Box 126:12, p. 131. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)
10/31/1831 126/12, p. 130

799. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to [Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar]
List of titles issued by Gaspar Flores in 1827 and 1828 showing classification of land and amounts due. See Músquiz letter of Nov. 8, 1831 (Box 126:12, p. 137) with reference to classification of land. See also letter in Box 126:12, p. 140. (San Felipe de Austin, D.S., 3 pp.)
1/30/1832 126/12, p. 131

800. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Alcalde of Austin
Acknowledging receipt of list of land dues and instructing that colonists be notified of penalties for nonpayment of dues. (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)
11/8/1831 126/12, p. 133

801. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to [Ramón Músquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Cover letter and list of amounts due on titles issued by Commissioner Gaspar Flores under Austin’s contract for 500 families and on four titles in Austin’s first contract [pp. 134-136]. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., D.S., 5 pp.)
11/2/1831 126/12, p. 134

802. [Músquiz, Ramón,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to Comm. Miguel Arciniega
Communicating a request to reclassify lands included in the list reported under date of Nov. 2, 1831 (see 126:12, pp. 135-136). (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)
11/8/1831 126/12, p. 137

803. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Cover letter accompanying a list of lands granted by Gaspar Flores in 1828 and 1829 [sic] and reclassified as per instructions from Músquiz dated Nov. 8, 1831 (see Box 126:12, p. 138). List not found here. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
12/28/1831 126/12, p. 139

804. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Comm. Miguel Arciniega
Returning list of reclassified lands dated 12/28/1831 for surveyors’ signatures and instructing that a copy of the list be provided to the ayuntamiento for purposes of collecting the amounts due. For the list prepared by Arciniega see Box 126:12, p. 131. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)
1/4/1832 126/12, p. 140

805. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin
Instructing that the collection of land dues proceed in accordance with the list of reclassified lands provided by Arciniega. (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)
1/4/1832 126/12, p. 141
806. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Inquiring whether the stepchildren of colonist Hatch could receive a separate grant. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

1/25/1832 126/13, p. 142

807. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Comm. Miguel Arciniega

Advising that the stepchildren of Hatch were not entitled to land while they remained dependants of their parents. (Béxar, copy, 2 pp.)

2/2/1832 126/13, p. 144

808. Chriesman, Horatio, Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin, to [Ramón Músquiz,]

Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Communicating receipt of a list of reclassified land dues from Commissioner Arciniega; collections to be made in accordance therewith. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)

2/7/1832 126/13, p. 145

809. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel, to [Ramón Músquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Cover letter to accompany a list of reclassified land dues on grants made by Gaspar Flores in 1827 and 1828. For list see Box 126:12, p. 131. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

2/7/1832 126/13, p. 146

810. Letona [Gov. José María de] to Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Advising that colonists introduced prior to June 4, 1831, could be legally included in Austin's 1825 contract and given possession of land. Notice of this decision given to Commissioner Arciniega on May 2 [1832]. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 2 pp.)

4/12/1832 126/13, p. 147

811. Arciniega, Comm. Miguel to [Ramón Músquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Acknowledging receipt of a decision by the governor on the admission of 78 families [under the terms of Austin's 1825 contract]. (Béxar, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

5/3/1832 126/13, p. 148

812. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Comm. Miguel Arciniega

Communicating the decision of the governor on the families that could be included in Austin's 1825 contract. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)

5/2/1832 126/13, p. 149

813. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to [Horatio Chriesman,]

Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin

Advising that the ayuntamiento should collect land dues and make arrangements for remitting the amounts collected. (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)

5/8/1832 126/13, p. 150

814. Chriesman, Horatio, Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin, to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Communicating the posting of public notices listing the colonists and amounts due the government on their land. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)

5/26/1832 126/13, p. 151

815. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar to [Horatio Chriesman,]

Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin

Inquires whether land dues had been collected, requests the names of colonists who had not paid, and asks for an immediate response to his inquiry. (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)

9/27/1832 126/13, p. 152

816. Chriesman, Horatio, Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin, to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Advising that the land dues on land titled by Gaspar Flores in 1827 and 1828 had been collected from all but J. Vance and Ralph Wright and that all amounts collected were used to outfit Lt. Col. Ugartechea's troops. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)

10/13/1832 126/14, p. 153

817. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Alcalde of San Felipe de Austin

Advising that the ayuntamiento had no right to dispose of funds due the state on land fees collected and that the amount expended in aiding Lt. Col. Ugartechea's troops had to be repaid immediately to the state's coffers. Advises further that the titles of Jesse Vance and Ralph Wright were declared forfeited for
nonpayment of dues. (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)

10/23/1832 126/14, p. 154

818. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Samuel M. Williams, Receiver of State Treasury

Informing him of the notice to the alcalde [of San Felipe de Austin] on the improper use of state funds and the order to repay the state accounts. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)

10/23/1832 126/14, p. 155

819. Flores, Gaspar to Stephen F. Austin

Communicating the death of José Antonio Saucedo and requesting an account of amounts due from Bastrop's estate. (Béxar, L.S., 2 pp.)

10/24/1832 126/14, p. 156

820. Eca y Múzquiz [Gov. Rafael] to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Relative to collecting land fees due from Austin's first contract and from his 1825 contract with the state. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 2 pp.)

11/6/1832 126/14, p. 157

821. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin

Informing the ayuntamiento of the governor's communication of 11/6/1832 (Box 126:14, p. 157) on the collection of land dues and requesting that payments be made and that a monthly report be prepared showing dues collected. (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)

11/22/1832 126/14, p. 158

822. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to [Rafael Eca y Múzquiz,] Governor of Coahuila and Texas

Advising that, in keeping with the governor's order of 11/6/1832 (Box 126:14, p. 157), he had instructed the ayuntamiento of San Felipe de Austin to collect the amounts due on Austin's first contract and attaches copies of his official communications relative to collecting dues on Austin's second contract [copies not found here]. (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)

12/20/1832 126/14, p. 159

823. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to José Antonio Saucedo, Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Inquires who is to pay for the cost of surveying the coast leagues reserve. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)

1/13/1827 126/15, p. 160

824. Arizpe [Gov. José Ignacio de] to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Advising that until such time as a determination could be made of who should pay for surveying the coast leagues reserve, the decision of whether a given location was in or outside the reserve should be made by the commissioner and the surveyor at the site by consulting the map. (Saltillo, L.S., 2 pp.)

2/7/1827 126/15, p. 161

825. Flores, Comm. Gaspar to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Dept. of Texas

Acknowledging receipt of letter regarding the coast leagues (Box 126:15, p. 161). (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)

4/18/1827 126/15, p. 162

826. Viesca [Gov. José María] to [Ramón Músquiz,] Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Transcribing the approval of Austin's "Coast Colony" by the president of Mexico. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 2 pp.)

5/3/1828 126/15, p. 163

827. Austin, Stephen F. to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar

Acknowledging approval of the "Coast Colony" by the president of Mexico. (San Felipe de Austin, L.S., 2 pp.)

6/2/1828 126/15, p. 164

828. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to [José María de Letona,] Governor of Coahuila and Texas

Reporting that the political chief's office was not officially advised of Austin's appointment as commissioner for his "Coast Colony" and requesting that Austin be asked to act in this capacity in concurrence with the political chief's office. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)

9/11/1831 126/15, p. 165

829. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of
Dept. of Béxar, to [Gov. José María de] Letona
Requesting a copy of Austin’s “Coast Colony” contract. (Béxar, Df., 1 p.)
9/25/1831 126/15, p. 166

830. Letona [Gov. José María de] to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
Advising that Austin’s appointment as commissioner for his “Coast Colony” could not be verified from the records in the government’s office and that, upon his arrival to the capital in January, Austin would be questioned in this regard. (Leona Vicario, L.S., 2 pp.)
10/11/1831 126/15, p. 167

831. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to [José María de Letona,] Governor of Coahuila and Texas
Cover letter to accompany copy of Article 4 of Austin’s “Coast Colony” contract in which he is named both empresario and commissioner. Copies of Article 4 follow here on pages 169 and 170. (Béxar, Df., 3 pp.)
11/5/1831 126/15, p. 168

832. Austin and Williams’ empresario contract
Conditions of Stephen F. Austin and Samuel M. Williams’ “Upper Colony” empresario contract for 800 families. (Leona Vicario, copy, 4 pp.)
2/25/1831 126/16, p. 171

833. Músquiz, Ramón, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to [José María de Letona,] Governor of Coahuila and Texas
Acknowledges receipt of a copy of Austin and Williams’ empresario contract and of a list of the purchasers and settlers who received the consent of the government to locate in the department of Béxar. (Béxar, Df., 2 pp.)
7/30/1831 126/17, p. 173

834. Austin, Stephen F. to Ramón Músquiz, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar
In response to the political chief’s communication of 8/17/1832, reports on the number of families that had not received titles and on the advisability of including them in Austin and Williams’ contract and settling them in the interior of the colony. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 4 pp.)
6/20/1824 126/17, p. 174

Austin’s Colony (#1369-1372); see also #1-13 and #723-834

1369. Aldasoro, Ambrosio Maria de, Texas Representative in the Provincial Deputation, to the Ayuntamiento of Béxar
Communicating the approval by the political chief and the provincial deputation of the Eastern Interior Provinces at Monterrey of Moses Austin’s petition to settle 300 families in Texas and approval to establish a port at San Bernardo Bay. (Monterrey, L.S., 4 pp.)
1/17/1821 129/26, Doc. 1

1370. Martínez, Antonio, Governor of Texas, to Alcalde of Béxar
Transcribing a letter from the superior political chief communicating the decision by the provincial deputation that land distribution to Austin’s colonists was the responsibility of the ayuntamiento in whose jurisdiction the colony was established. Requests that the ayuntamiento of Béxar appoint a person of confidence to accompany Austin on his trip to explore possible settlement areas. (Béxar, A.L.S., 4 pp.)
8/14/1821 129/26, Doc. 2

1371. Comm. Baron de Bastrop to Luciano García, Acting Governor of Texas
RTEC, p. 190
Reporting on the selection of a place to establish the town of San Felipe de Austin and on its advantages. (Brazos River, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
10/20/1823 129/26, Doc. 3

1372. Austin, Stephen F. to [José Antonio Saucedo,] Political Chief of Texas
Requesting Saucedo to come to the colony or to send Commissioner Baron de Bastrop for the purpose of issuing land titles to the settlers. (San Felipe de Austin, A.L.S., 2 pp.)
6/20/1824 129/26, Doc. 4

1765. Austin, Stephen F. to emigrants
Notice to emigrants who had not received title to present themselves for the purpose of obtaining a certificate of reception from Austin upon satisfying the requirements of the law and paying the corresponding fees (in English). (San Felipe de Austin, imprint, 1 pp.)
11/20/1829 "Austin’s Register of Families,"
Vol. 1, inside front cover

1766. Austin, Stephen F. to President of the Senate of Texas

Austin’s statement of the facts and motives related to his involvement in the Upper Colony/Robertson’s colony. (Columbia, L.S., 9 pp.)

12/5/1836 GSC, Box 4:19

1767. Perry, James F. by his attorney Gail Borden, Jr. to the Texas Congress

Draft of a letter giving the history of the connected map of Austin’s colony and asking for additional time to complete the map and the report on Austin’s discharge of his duties as empresario requested by the Senate. (Df., 6 pp.)

0/0/1837 GSC, Box 4:22

1769. Zavala, Lorenzo de Austin to Stephen F. Austin

Concerning a league of land for his family, the Consultation, and his general situation. Austin’s instruction to Gail Borden about Zavala’s land are included with this document. (Lynchburg, A.L.S., 3 pp.)

11/30/1835 28/68

1770. Navarro, Angel, Political Chief of Dept. of Béxar, to Ayuntamiento of Goliad

Requests a report on the claim by the widow of Nicolás Carbajal that she had been dispossessed of her land by the actions of Commissioner José Jesús de Vidaurri. (Béxar, A.L.S., 4 pp.)

2/12/1835 133/18