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Scope and Content
This collection, assembled from various sources, including the T. W. Norris and Cowan Collections, contains official letters and reports, mainly pertaining to Rivera y Moncada's military governorship of California from 1774 to 1777. It includes correspondence (originals and contemporary copies) with Father Serra, Anza and others. The papers have been arranged chronologically. A calendar and list of correspondents is appended.

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Folder 8
Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
[Carta a] Antonio Bucareli y Ursua, Aug. 30, 1774. Suggests exploration and mapping of the port of San Francisco by Capt. Juan Pérez, and remits diary and inventory taken at Monterey (nos. 3, 6 and 7).

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Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
[Carta a] Antonio Bucareli y Ursua, Aug. 31, 1774, concerning further reports on a large river near San Francisco and the advisability of mapping it.

Folder 10
Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
Diario, Jan. 1-Sept. 14, 1775. Daily account of life at Monterey Presidio, including copies of orders and correspondence with Father Serra, Juan Soler, Alejo Antonio Duarte, Miguel Pieras and Bruno de Hezeta, and concerning Indian problems, salaries, mission affairs, etc. Contemporary copy, with last entry in hand of and signed by Rivera y Moncada. Partial transcript available.

Folder 11
Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
Diario, Sept. 15-Oct. 28, 1775. Continuation of preceding document, containing copies of correspondence with Junípero Serra, Bruno de Hezeta, José Joaquín Davila y Rotea, Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra, and Juan Soler. Last entry in hand of and signed by Rivera y Moncada.

Folder 12
Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
[Cartas a] Fernando Xavier de Rivera y Moncada. Blotter copies of letters, 1774-1776.

Oct. 28, 1774: announcement of Felipe de Neve as Governor of California.
Jan. 1-2, 1775: three letters concerning Anza's expedition to California.
Aug. 23, 1775: re presidio volunteers.
Jan. 1776: two letters, one re Fages' account books, the other re ships and supplies for the presidios.

Folder 13
Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
[Correspondencia con José Francisco Ortega, Aug. 1775-Jan. 1776] Copies, concerning the founding of a new mission, placed between Monterey and San Gabriel, including Rivera y Moncada's order for Ortega to inspect the place, report by Ortega, etc.

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Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
[Carta a] Antonio María de Bucareli y Ursua, June 5, 1775

Folder 15
Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
[Carta a] Antonio María de Bucareli y Ursua, Aug. 10, 1775, concerning Fages' accounts.

Folder 16
Extractos de los Papeles y cartas recibidas del Comandante D. Fernando de Rivera y Moncada, Oct. 29, 1775-May 18, 1776. Extracts from papers and letters by Rivera y Moncada and including one from Father Serra.

Folder 16a
Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
[Carta a] Antonio Bucareli y Ursua, May 1, 1776.

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Folder 17
Anza, Juan Bautista de, 1735-1788
[Cartas a] Fernando de Rivera y Moncada, Dec. 28, 1775-May 3, 1776. Fourteen letters, written during the second expedition to California.

Folder 18
Anza, Juan Bautista de, 1735-1788
Relación de los Caballos, Mulas ... en el Presidio de San Diego ... May 2, 1776. Report on number of horses, etc., belonging to his expedition that are at San Diego, with certification by Rivera y Moncada, and a receipt for flour signed by Anza.

Folder 19
Rivera y Moncada, Fernando Xavier de, d. 1781
[Correspondencia con Juan Bautista Anza] Feb. 20-May 24, 1776. Copies, mainly relating to the founding of the presidio and mission at San Francisco.

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**Croix, Teodoro, Caballero de Croix, 1730-1791**

Oficio ... pidiendo los auxilios ... sobre aumento de tropas, ocupacion del Canal de Santa Barbara, y establecimiento del nuevo Pueblo ... de los Angeles... 1779-1781. File of reports and letters as Comandante General, Provincias Internas, to the Viceroy, Martín de Mayorga, concerning plans to settle colonists in California, with instructions to Rivera y Moncada who was to lead the expedition, and communications relating to the financing of the expedition and lack of transport vessels. Contemporary copies by Antonio Bonilla and originals.