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Scope and Content
These documents, gathered by Edward S. Wallace, were purchased by The Bancroft Library in April 1960. They include originals and transcripts of selected items from the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations: correspondence, a study on tropical plants by Eugenio Bánó, a study on the rural farm problem in Germany by J. Corbel, and a collection of seals from various countries.

The original manuscripts for the most part consist of routine letters, but contain many autograph signatures of important historical personalities. The first nine documents, 1764-1766, relate to the payment of a tax known as the Media Anata at Zacatecas. The transcripts, from internal evidence, probably were made from material in the archives of the ministry. A partial index of correspondents may be found at the end of this report.

Box 1
- Correspondence and documents, original material, arranged chronologically.
- Transcripts
  - Bánó, Eugenio
    - Estudios sobre varias plantas tropicales de México, undated
      Written as Mexican consul in Budapest, this essay contains studies of tropical plants of Mexico, including: coffee, sugar cane, vanilla beans, cocoa, rubber and tobacco.
  - Corbel, J.
    - El problema obrero rural [ca. 1910]. A study on the rural labor problem in Germany, written as Mexican consul in Nuremberg, Germany, and dedicated to Pedro Lascurain.
  - Collection of seals from Brazil, Cuba, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador, the United States of America, Uruguay and the Vatican, some attached to envelopes addressed to the President of Mexico.

Box 2
- Alamán, Lúcas, 1792-1853
  - Note addressed to members of congress requesting recognition of the government of Guatemala. Mexico. Nov. 6, 1823.
  - Decree, printed, with MS notations, stating that the government has the power to eject any foreigners whose presence may be prejudicial to the public order. Feb. 22, 1832.
  - See also Aug. 31, 1824.
- Alfonso XIII, King of Spain, 1886-
  - To the President of Mexico (Calles), conferring on him the order of Charles III. San Sebastian. Aug. 1, 1910.
- Almonte, Juan Nepomuceno, 1803-1869
- Alvarez, Juan, pres. Mexico, 1790-1867
  - Letter to the Secretary of State and Relations, stating that he has received letters for the ministers of Colombia and Chile and will forward them. Acapulco. Dec. 10, 1827.
- Antonio, bp. of Puebla
  - See Pérez Martínez, Antonio Joaquín, bp., 1763-1829
- Arroyo, Luis de
  - Letter to the Minister of Foreign Relations, reporting on the celebration of the 55th anniversary of the Independence. Written as Mexican consul general from New York, Sept. 20, 1865.
- Aspíroz, Manuel
  - See Apr. 24, 1869
- Azcarate y Lezana, Juan Francisco de, d. 1831
- Baranda, Manuel
Partial list of correspondents and documents

Letter to President[?], informing that circular order concerning the national guard has been sent to all governors. Mexico. May 8, 1847.

Barragán, Miguel, 1789-1836
Appointment of Anastasio de la Pascua as official of the Mexican Legation, countersigned by José Justo Corro. Mexico. Sept. 18, 1835.

Barro, José María de
Letter to José María de Bocanegra, giving news received from Guatemala that the Plenipotentiary Minister of the Low Countries who has just arrived offers his services as intermediary, and has been accepted, in dispute between Guatemala and San Salvador. Apr. 23, 1829.

Bermúdez de Castro, Salvador

Bermúdez Zozaya, José Manuel
See also Oct. 31, 1822.

Bocanegra, José María de
Letter to envoy in Colombia, stating that the president has been informed of news in envoy's letter and the newspapers have been received. Aug. 25, 1829.

Bolivar, Simón, 1785-1830
See transcripts in Box 2, Book 2.

Bustamante, Anastasio, pres. Mexico, 1780-1853
Letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, sending on a letter given him by José Matías Moreno who cannot continue his trip because he has no money. Tepic. Jan. 30, 1847.

Calderón de la Barca, Ángel
Letter to José María Ortiz Monasterio, concerning orders to be given for his personal wine to be cleared through customs. San Angel. Apr. 25, 1841.

Calero, Manuel, 1869-
Note to the Senate, acknowledging receipt of decree granting Manuel Azueto permission to receive a decoration from the Emperor of China. Mexico. Dec. 5, 1911.

Carpio, Manuel, 1791-1860
Letter to the Minister of foreign relations, Manuel Diez de Bonilla, acknowledging his nomination to the Academia de la Historia. Mexico. Feb. 6, 1854.

Carranza, Venustiano, pres. Mexico, 1859-1920

Carvajal, Francisco S.

Ceballos, Juan Bautista
Draft of letter to Pope Pius IX, notifying the Pope that he (Ceballos) has been named President of Mexico, succeeding Arista. [Mexico. 1853]

Chocano, José Santos, 1875-1934
See transcripts in Box 2, Book 2.

Comonfort, Ignacio, pres. Mexico, 1812-1863
Letter to Manuel Doblado, with report on talks with chiefs of Huasteca, requesting removal of Plutarca San Juan and Antonio Lara, which measures, together with troops from Huejetla, may bring about peace. Asks for orders permitting him to take these steps and asks also for money. Tampico. July 4, 1862.

Corona, Ramón, ca. 1837-1889
Letter to Minister of Foreign Affairs, inquiring whether anything has been published on the recognition of payment to the legitimate heirs of Moctezuma, since one Pedro Moctezuma has written twice from Lisbon concerning this matter. Madrid. June 26, 1879.

Corro, José Justo
Letter to the Minister of Relations stating that he has been informed that the President has revoked the order that Francisco Xavier Espeleta leave the country. Guadalajara. Nov. 26, 1828.

See also Sept. 18, 1835.

Creel, Enrique C.

Degollado, Santos, d. 1861

Díaz, Porfirio, pres. Mexico, 1830-1915
Document giving full powers to Jesús Zenil to sign agreement for Red Cross ships to be exempt from paying duty in Mexican ports. Also signed by Ignacio Mariscal. Nov. 16, 1904.

Diego-Fernández, Salvador
Letter to Pedro Lascurain, concerning his post in Spain and thanking Lascurain for his recommendation. Aug. 7, 1912.

Díez de Bonilla, Manuel
Draft of letter, written as Minister of Relations, to be sent to various countries informing them of protest of the President of Mexico against McLane, U.S. envoy. Mexico. Apr. 14, 1859.

Doblando, Manuel, 1818-1865
Letter to the Minister of Relations, stating that he has received decree and has arranged for its publication. Aug. 24, 1855.

Dubois de Saligny, Count
To Minister of Relations, concerning Zario’s promise to send to Madrid a mission to remove Pacheco’s expulsion. Mexico. Nov. 29, 1861.

Echeverría, Javier
Letter to the Minister of Foreign Relations[?], sending sealed stationary in compliance with an order. Feb. 14, 1846.

Escobedo, Mariano, 1827-1902
Letter stating that he has been informed that the employees of his department are to assist at the opening of congress. Mexico. Sept. 15, 1876.

Espinosa y Dávalos, Pedro, abp., 1793-1866
Letter to the Minister of Relations, acknowledging receipt of information concerning the organization of a new cabinet. Guadalajara. Apr. 5, 1859.

Esquivel Obregón, Toribio, 1864-
Letter to Francisco León de la Barra, stating that he has received letter recommending that Manuel Rivera Rio retain his actual position. Mexico. Mar. 5, 1913.

Fernández del Castillo, Pedro
See June 22, 1829.

Gamboa, Federico, 1864-

García Icazbalceta, Joaquín, 1825-1894
Letter to the Minister of Relations, thanking him and the President for his nomination to the Academia de la Historia. Mexico. Feb. 6, 1854.

Garza y Ballesteros, Lázara de la, abp., 1785-1862
Letter to Octaviano Muñoz Ledo, acknowledging receipt of letter and stating that he will meet with the bishops. Mexico. Dec. 27, 1839.

Gómez Farías, Valentin, 1781-1858
Document concerning revision of laws, with signatures of José María Cortés y Esparza and Juan de D. Arias. Mexico. July 19, 1856.

Gómez Pedraza, Manuel, pres. Mexico, 1789-1851
Letter to the Secretary of Relations, announcing that he has referred letter 39 of May 9 to the Secretario de Hacienda by order of the President. Mexico. May 10, 1828.
González Ortega, Jesús, 1824-1881
See Sept. 17, 1860.
Gregorius XVI, Pope, 1765-1846
Guerrero, Vicente, 1782-1831
Letter to José Guerra, concerning the care of mules and horses for the march to take place on Monday. Apr. 21, 1826.
See also Aug. 31, 1824.
Herrera, José Joaquín, 1792-1854
Letter acknowledging receipt of letter of the plenipotentiary minister to London who complains of exclusion at the British court, which information has been passed on to the committee of Foreign Relations. Mexico. Aug. 21, 1844.
Herrera, Manuel de
See Nov. 13, 1821 and Oct. 31, 1822.
Herrera y Cain, S.
Huerta, Adolfo de la
Huerta, Victoriano, 1854-1916
Iglesias, José María, 1825-1891
Letter to Minister of Relations[?] concerning the President's desire that not all diplomatic information be published. Mexico. Mar. 2, 1861.
Isabel II, Queen of Spain, 1850-1904
Letter to the President of Mexico, countersigned by Juan de Zavala, acknowledging receipt of news that Alvarez is president. Jan. 30, 1856.
Iturbide, Agustín de, Emperor of Mexico, 1783-1824
Contemporary copy of address delivered upon victorious entry into Mexico City. Mexico. Sept. 27, 1821.
Document giving Don Ignacio Saldaña a medal of "segunda epoca," printed form filled in. Also signed by José Mendivil. May 17, 1822.
Decree concerning José Manuel Zozaya's capture by pirates and naming Eugenio Cortés to take his place as envoy to the U.S. Mexico. Oct. 31, 1822.
See also transcripts in Box 2, Books 1 and 2.
Lacunza, José María de, d. 1868
Letter to the Ministro de Hacienda, requesting that 600 pesos be paid to O. Salvador de Iturbide for travel expenses as secretary of the Mexican Legation in Washington. July 7, 1849.
Lafragua, José María, 1813-1875
Letter to Juan Juarez y Navarro, requesting Navarro to send his appeal in defense of Santa Anna. Aug. 23, 1832.
Lascunain Paredes, Pedro, 1856-1952
Letter to the Senate, acknowledging the receipt of the death notice of José Zubieta. Mexico. May 22, 1912.
Lázaro, bp. of Mexico
See Garza y Ballesteros, Lázaro de la, abp., 1785-1862
Lerdo de Tejada, Sebastián, pres. Mexico, 1820-1889
Printed decree concerning naturalization, addressed to the Governor of Coahuila. Mexico. Apr. 11, 1870.
Lombardini, Manuel Maria, pres. Mexico, 1802-1853
Letter to the Minister of Relations[?], requesting information, which should be in the Archives, to complete his file on José Vicente Miñon. With note in margin that request was sent on to the Archives. Mexico. Aug. 23, 1851.
López-Portillo, José

Madero, Ernesto

Oath of office. Also signed by Francisco I. Madero. Mexico. Nov. 6, 1911.

Madero, Francisco Indalecio, pres. Mexico, 1873-1913

See Nov. 6, 1911.

Mariscal, Ignacio, 1829-1910


See also Nov. 16, 1904.

Márquez, Leonardo, 1820-1913

Letter to the Minister of Relations[?], stating that the legation to Constantinople of which he is in charge arrived safely in Martinique and they will continue their journey at 8 p.m. Martinique. Mar. 1, 1865.

Mata, José María, 1819-1895

Letter to the Minister of Relations, acknowledging appointment as envoy of Mexico to Washington. New Orleans. Mar. 30, 1858.

Maximilian, Emperor of Mexico, 1832-1867

Letter to Castillo, sending draft of letter addressed to the Count of Montholon and to Drouin de Lhuys in Washington, communicating incident that took place on the banks of the Rio Grande, so that they can inform the U.S. Chapultepec. Jan. 15, 1866.

See also transcripts in Box 2, Book 3.

Mejía, Ignacio, 1814-1906

Letter to the Minister of Relations[?], acknowledging letter from the Minister of War, stating that he has obeyed instructions to prevent the landing of any French filibusters who had been under the command of Count Gaston Rousseau de Boulbon in Sonora and who had capitulated there. Oaxaca. Dec. 16, 1852.

Mexico. Archivo general de la nación.


See also transcripts in Box 2, Book 3.

Michelena, José Mariano de


Miramón, Miguel, 1831-1867

Letter to the Minister of Relations, acknowledging receipt of letter and stating that necessary instructions have already been given. Puebla. Feb. 18, 1859.

Muñoz Ledo, Octaviano


Murphy, Tomás

Letter to the Minister of Foreign Relations, from London, stating that he has informed Lord Aberdeen and the British newspapers of Santa Anna's exile. Feb. 28, 1845.

Múzquiz, Melchor, 1790-1894


Napoléon III, Emperor of the French, 1808-1873

Extract of letter to Bazaine, concerning the inadvisability of reducing the troops. Fontainebleau. June[?], 7, 1864.

Ocampo, Melchor, 1814-1861

Letter to the Minister of Foreign Relations, reporting a delay in putting troops at the disposal of the comandante general, since preparations have not yet been completed. Morelia. May 17, 1847.

Paredes y Arillaga, Mariano, pres. Mexico, 1797-1849
Letter to Lúcas Alamán, announcing that he has received an official letter for the Governor of Guayaquil which he will forward by the first boat.

Parrodi, Anastasio
Letter to the Minister of Foreign Relations, stating that he has received news of the triumphant return to the capital. San Luis Potosí. May 31, 1854.

Pedro, bp. of Guadalajara
See Espinosa y Dávalos, Pedro, abp., 1793-1866
Peña y Peña, Manuel de la, pres. Mexico, 1789-1850
Letter to the Secretary of State, office of Foreign Affairs, concerning his career as a lawyer. Although honored at being named as special envoy to Colombia, requests Herrera to make sure the council understands that the position of envoy is only temporary.

Perez Maraón, Fernando
Letter to the Real Hacienda of the town of León, sending decrees to be published requiring all persons riding horseback to obtain permission from the Viceroy. Guanajuato. June 8, 1816.

Pérez Martínez, Antonio Joaquin, bp., 1763-1829
Letter to Manuel Guzman, acknowledging receipt of decree that Puebla will retain its name. Written as bishop of Puebla. Mar. 13, 1824.

Pérez-Verdía, Luis, 1857-1914

Peza, Juan de Dios, 1852-1910
Letter to Ignacio Mariscal, thanking Mariscal for letter re his daughter. He discovered a biography he had written of Mariscal in 1882 and is pleased to report that Mariscal has fulfilled all his expectations. Mexico. Oct. 2, 1906.

Pichardo, José Antonio, 1748-1812
See transcripts in Box 2, Book 4.

Pius IX, Pope, 1792-1878
Facsimile of letter to José Joaquín de Herrera, condoling with Herrera, President of Mexico, concerning sad plight of Mexico. Gaeta. Apr. 20, 1849.

Primo, Pedro Telmo
See transcripts, Box 2, Books 1-2.

Quintana Roo, Andrés, 1787-1851
Letter to José María de Bocanegra, sending him 7 expedientes. Mexico. Sept. 4, 1829.
Letter to the Minister of State, as member of commission of Yucatan, concerning restrictions placed on Yucatan. Mexico. Jan. 2, 1849.

Ramírez, José Fernando, 1804-1871

Rana, F. L. de la

Rincón, Manuel
See transcripts in Box 2, Book 1.

Rio de la Loza, Leopoldo, 1807-1876

Riva Palacio, Vicente, 1832-1896
Letter to the Minister of Relations, giving order to proceed with work, unspecified, and that Francisco Ontiveras should help accomplish this work. Mexico. Aug. 8, 1848.

Robles Pezuela, Manuel
Letter to the Minister of Relations[?], acknowledging receipt of letters. Washington, D.C. Apr. 20, 1858.

Rocafuerte, Vicente, pres. Eduador, 1783-1847
Letter to the Secretary of Foreign Relations, sending note of thanks from the British Lancastrian Society and a package. London. Sept. 28, 1826.

Romero, Matías, 1837-1898
Letter to Manuel Aspiroz, requesting the loan of original note from the legation in Washington sent to the Ministry of Relations, no. 260, dated June 20, 1867, together with the documents and printed matter mentioned in it, all of which he will return. With note by Aspiroz stating that he has sent the material. Apr. 24, 1869.

Salado Alvarez, Victoriano, 1867-1931
Letter to Ignacio Mariscal, reporting that he has been named Secretary of Government of Chihuahua through the intervention of Enrique C. Creel and offers his services. Chihuahua. Apr. 17, 1906

Salas, José Mariano de, 1797-

Saligny, Dubois de
See Dubois de Saligny, Count
Santa Anna, Antonio López de, pres. Mexico, 1795-1876
See transcripts in Box 2, Books 1, 3, 5.

Sierra, Justo, 1848-1912

Tornel y Mendivil, José María, d. 1853

Urueta, Jesús

Vallarta, Ignacio Luis, 1830-1893

Vásquez Gómez, Francisco
See transcripts in Box 2, Book 5.

Vega, Romulo D. de la
Letter to the Minister of Foreign Relations, stating that he has received notice of return to the capital. Merida. June 14, 1854.

Vélaquez de León, Joaquín, 1803-1882
Circular, concerning mining legislation, addressed to the Minister of Relations. Facsimile. Mexico. Nov. 4, 1854.

Victoria, Queen of England, 1819-1901
Letter to the President of Mexico, countersigned by Palmerston, acknowledging letter announcing the new President of Mexico. Kensington. June 30, 1837.

Victoria, Guadalupe, pres. Mexico, 1789-1843
Letter to the Secretary of State and Foreign Affairs, announcing that Felipe Díaz is leaving for the capital with 2 letters from William Taylor, U.S. Consul. Jalapa. Sept. 16, 1823.

William, King of the Netherlands
Letter sending best wishes to the new President of Mexico, Herrera. The Hague. Dec. 4, 1845.

Zamarrano, M. de
Letter to the Mexican consul in Tucson, stating that he has received news concerning vigilance at Douglas and approving the consul's actions. Washington, D.C. Apr. 20, 1911.

Zaragoza, Ignacio, 1829-1862
Letter acknowledging with pleasure the report that he will receive cattle and grain for his army. Acatzingo. July 24, 1862.

Zarco, Francisco, 1829-1869

Zozaya, José Manuel
See Bermúdez Zozaya, José Manuel
Zuloaga, Felix, 1813-1898