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Scope and Content
The collection contains transcript of fol. 231-293, Manuscritos de Indias ..., additional manuscript 13974 at the British Museum, which are copies of letters from Fathers Crespi, Serra and Palou, chiefly to Father Juan Andres, Guardian, Colegio de San Fernando. It includes copy of letter from José Francisco de Ortega to Father Palou and copies of letters from Father Rafael Verger, Guardian, to the fiscal, Manuel Lanz de Casafonda.
These transcripts, concerning missions in Alta and Baja California, were made at British Museum, 1910, by Robin Flower; corrections and additions by Henry Thomas, with explanatory letter to Henry Morse Stephens.

1769, June 9 San Diego.
Physical Description: ff. 232r - 235r.
Scope and Content Note
Crespi to Palou, describing the journey to San Diego, the bay, and the start of the expedition northward from San Diego.

1769, July 3 San Diego.
Physical Description: f. 245v.
Scope and Content Note
Excerpt of letter of Serra announcing the arrival of the missionaries at San Diego, and describing the Indians of the area.

1769, July 3 San Diego.
Physical Description:
Scope and Content Note
Excerpt from another letter of Serra upon the Indians of Upper California. f. 245v.

1769, November 24 Loreto.
Physical Description: ff. 27Gr - 278v.
Scope and Content Note
Palou to Andrés, describing the taking over of the Jesuit missions in Lower California by the Franciscans, the state of the missions, the activities of José de Gálvez in Lower California, redistribution of the Indian population among the missions, introduction of salt and tobacco monopolies, pearl-fishing, and the start of the expedition going to Alta California.

1770, January 10 Loreto.
Physical Description: ff. 279r - 287v.
Scope and Content Note
Palou to Andrés, discussing the missions of Lower California, reorganization of them by José de Galvez, redistribution of Indian population among the missions and ravages of plague, progress of the expedition going to Alta California, and contributions of the missions to supply the new missions to be founded there.

1770, January 27 Loreto.
Physical Description:
Scope and Content Note
Palou to Andrés, discussing the needs and condition of the Indians and missions of Lower California, and the need for continued payment of the royal subsidy. ff. 292r -293r.
1770, February 6 San Diego.

Physical Description: ff. 235r - 239r.

Scope and Content Note

Crespi to Palou, describing the journey of the land expedition to San Francisco in search of the Bay of Monterey, and the return to San Diego.

1770, February 9 San Diego.

Physical Description: ff. 239r - 240v.

Scope and Content Note

Ortega to Palou upon the journey to San Francisco in search of the Bay of Monterey and the return to San Diego.

1770, February 10 San Diego.

Physical Description: ff. 245v - 246r.

Scope and Content Note

Excerpt from a letter of Serna upon the difficulties of the expedition with the Indians of Upper California.

1770, March 16 Loreto.

Physical Description: ff. 288r - 291r.

Scope and Content Note

Palou to Andrés, discussing the measures of José de Gálvez in Lower California, and the state of the Indians and missions of the area.

1770, June 11 Monterey.

Physical Description:

Scope and Content Note

Crespi to Andrés, informing him of the discovery of the Bay of Monterey. ff. 241r -242v.

1770, June 12 Monterey.

Physical Description: ff. 245r - 245r.

Scope and Content Note

Serra to Andrés, relating the arrival of the main expedition at Monterey, the ceremony of taking possession of the land in the name of Spain, and the founding of new missions.

1770, June 30 Monterey.

Physical Description: ff. 245r - 245v.

Scope and Content Note

Excerpt from letter of Serra to Sor Antonia Valladolid, announcing his arrival at Monterey.

1770, July 9 Monterey.

Physical Description: f. 245v.

Scope and Content Note

Excerpt from letter of Serra, upon the progress of the missions in Upper California.

1770, August 15 Real de Santa Ana.

Physical Description: ff. 293r - 293v.

Scope and Content Note

Excerpt from letter of Palou, discussing the failure of the royal government to continue its subsidy to the missions of Lower California.
1770, October 10
Physical Description: f. 293v.
Scope and Content Note
Excerpt from letter of Palou upon the needs of the Indians and missions of Lower California.

1771, June 30 México.
Physical Description: ff. 247r - 248r.
Scope and Content Note
Verger to Lanz de Casafonda, describing California as a province of fertile land and poverty-stricken natives, requiring expensive works of irrigation.

1771, August 3 México.
Physical Description: ff. 248v - 256v.
Scope and Content Note
Verger to Lanz de Casafonda, upon Upper California, the state of the missions and of the Indiana, the need for more soldiers in the presidios, and opposing too rapid extension of the mission system there.

1771, August 22 México.
Physical Description: ff. 265r - 268r.
Scope and Content Note
Verger and other friars of the Colegio de San Fernando to Lorenzana, describing the history, character, and needs of the colegios de propaganda fide in New Spain, and especially of the Colegio de San Fernando.

1771, August 27 México.
Physical Description: ff. 257r - 258v.
Scope and Content Note
Verger to Lanz de Casafonda, arguing against immediate expansion of the mission system in Upper California.

1771, August 28 México.
Physical Description: ff. 259r - 260v.
Scope and Content Note
Verger to Lanz de Casafonda upon the acquisition of supplies for the missions of Upper California.

1771, September 27 México.
Physical Description: ff. 260v - 262r.
Scope and Content Note
Verger to Lanz de Casafonda, reporting upon the progress of the missions of Upper California.

1772, January 23 México.
Physical Description: ff. 263r - 264v.
Scope and Content Note
Verger to Lanz de Casafonda upon the colegios de propaganda fide, pearl-fishing in the Gulf of California, the progress of the missions in Upper California, and the difficult journey of the San Carlos to Loreto.