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Scope and Content

These papers, from the H. H. Bancroft Collection, include the following Bancroft numbers: 35085; 35101; 35048; 35070; 35102; 35100; 59096; 35047; 35016; 35071. The collection comprises correspondence and papers of several governors, relating mainly to Venezuelan wars of independence and to Santo Domingo; copies of royal decrees and circulars of the governors of Puerto Rico, pertaining to church affairs, local defence and various events affecting Puerto Rico; material describing places in Puerto Rico; and a few fragments of baptismal records.

folder 1	Real Compañía del Asiento Account book of the company, showing the number of slaves sold in Puerto Rico, 1768-1779.
folder 2-11	Castro, Ramón de Correspondence and papers, 1797-1804
folder 12-14	Montes, Toribio Papers, 1805-1806
folder 15-16	Cortabarría, Antonio Ignacio Papers, 1812
folder 17-36	Meléndez Bruna, Salvador Correspondence and papers, 1810-1818.
folder 37-38	Aróstegui Herrera, Gonzalo Correspondence and papers, 1820-1821.
folder 39	Copies of documents relating to the Ducoudray affair, 1822.
folder 40-48	Copies of correspondence with Puerto Rico concerning the Dominican revolution, 1822.
folder 49-50	Puerto Rico. Governors Correspondence, 1843-1845.
folder 51-56	Papers relating to the Island of Vieques Scope and Content Note Include Pinart transcripts of letters and documents, 1718-1844; descriptions, maps, history, 1839-1847, many copied for Pinart.
folder 57-62	Papers describing various parts of Puerto Rico: San Juan; Arecibo; Utuado; islands of Mona and Monito; Manatí; Culebra; Aguada.
folder 63-64	Census, 1815-1846 Additional Note 1815 item is census of population of Puerto Rico. 1846 item is census of Naguabo, Puerto Rico.
folder 65-68	Orders, proclamations, including some Royal decrees, 1789-1812
folder 65	Quaderno de ordenes circulares, 1789. Scope and Content Note Circulars of governor of Puerto Rico, Miguel Antonio de Uztaris, copied by Gregorio Sandoval.
folder 66	Libro en que se copian las órdenes circulares que la superioridad se remiten a ésta Tenencia a Guerra de la Aguada ... Scope and Content Note Copies of orders and royal decrees for Puerto Rico between 1791-1798. Include orders from Uztaris, Francisco de Torralbo, and Ramón de Castro.

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- folder 67 **Bandos de los gobernadores de Puerto Rico, Ramón de Castro and Toribio Montes, 1803-1806.**
 Scope and Content Note
 Edicts from the two governors, include copies of royal decrees.
- folder 68 **Libro de Reales Cédulas ... remitido al Ilustre Ayuntamiento de esta Villa [Aguada], 1803-1812.**
 Scope and Content Note
 A collection of Royal Decrees and manifestos addressed to Europe and America against the Napoleonic occupation in Spain. Manuscript and printed, sewn together.
- folder 69-86 **Transcripts of Royal Decrees, 1738-1816, from Archives of Puerto Rico.**
 folder 69 **Pinart transcripts of Royal Decrees found in the Archives of the Bishopric of Puerto Rico, pertaining mainly to Capuchin missionary activities in Venezuela, especially in the province of Cumaná.**
- folder 70-85 **Selected items concerning church affairs, English depredations at Cumaná, and various matters relating to local governments.**
- folder 86 **Two miscellaneous unidentified items.**
- folder 87-88 **Fragments and excerpts from Libros de Bautismos.**
- folder 87 **Scattered fragments from Libro de Bautismo of Coamo, 1660-1775.**
- folder 88 **Act of Bishop of Puerto Rico concerning establishment of church in parish of Humaco, June 30-July 4, 1793.**
 Scope and Content Note
 Excerpt copied from Libro I de Bautismos, on Jan. 11, 1881, by parish priest.
- Abercromby, Sir Ralph, 1734-1801**
- Folder 3 **Letter, Apr 15, 1797, demanding surrender of Puerto Rico. Signed also by Henry Harvey. Copy only**
- Antoñanza, Eusebio**
- Folders 21, 24, 26-27 **1811-1813, giving news of events in Venezuela**
- Arístegui, Rafael de, conde de Mirasol**
- Folder 50 **Letter, June 9, 1845, inquiring about Ramón de Soto**
- Aróstegui Herrera, Gonzalo**
- Folder 37 **Relación de los Ayuntamientos const[ituido]s de esta Isla ..., Nov 8, 1820. List of municipalities with number of inhabitants and officials in each.**
- Folder 38 **Letter to Ayuntamiento de Aguadilla, Feb. 9, 1821, announcing plans for a visit in order to discuss ways of bettering the island**
- Cardenas, Juan Nepomuceno de**
- Folder 48 **Letter to José de Navarro, Mar. 14, 1822, and to Jacob. Copies only**
- Castro y Gutierrez, Ramón de**
- Folder 3 **Copy of reply to Sir Ralph Abercromby, Apr. 15, 1797.**
- Folder 5 **Letter to Rafael Conti, Dec. 11, 1798, communicating message from the King of Spain in praise of the inhabitants of Aguadilla**
- Folder 6 **Instrucción para los tenientes a guerra, Feb. 12, 1801. Copy for general at Aguadilla, containing instructions for establishment of coastguard in Puerto Rico, and orders for care of settlers from Santo Domingo**
- Folder 7 **Plan para la formación de una milicia, Mar. 25, 1801.**
- Folder 8 **Letter to Rafael Conti, Oct. 14, 1801, concerning measures for preventing foreigners and colored people from settling on the island**
- Folder 11 **Bando comunicando la Real Cédula de Abril 22, 1804, re increase of slave trade**
 Additional Note
 See also Decrees in Folders 66 and 67.

Cortabarría, Antonio Ignacio

Folder 16	Instrucción, May 4, 1812. Instructions to generals in charge of suppressing Venezuelan revolt. Copy
	Donzelot, François Xavier, 1764-1843
Folder 40	Letter to Gonzalo Aróstegui, Feb 12, 1822. Translated copy
Folder 47	Letter to José de Navarro, Mar. 13, 1822. Translated copy
	Ducoudray-Holstein, H. Lafayette Villaume, 1763-1839
Folder 39	Correspondence and papers, copies only, relating to his attempt to free Puerto Rico, 1822.
	Ernouf
Folder 13	Letter to Toribio Montes, Nov. 16, 1805. Copy only
	Ferrand, L.
Folder 12	Correspondence with Toribio Montes, Nov. 8-Dec. 6, 1805, urging use of Spanish ports for French privateers, with decree concerning plan to capture U.S. ships
	Harvey, Sir Henry, 1737-1810
	See Folder 3.
	Hodgson, John, 1757-1846
Folder 14a	Letter, Dec. 13, 1808, to Montes, introducing Mr. Wolleston, a British merchant
	Inguanzo, Francisco Diaz
Folder 13	Letter to Toribio Montes, Dec. 17, 1805. Copy only
	Jacob, Louis Léon, 1768-1854
Folder 41	Letter to Governor of Puerto Rico, Feb. 24, 1822. Translated copy
	Kerverseau
Folders 9-10	Letters, 1803-1804, to Ramón de Castro concerning his departure from Santo Domingo
	Labatud, Pedro
Folder 23	Letter addressed to José de Medina y Galindo, Jan. 13, 1813, from Santa Marta, Venezuela. Contemporary copy
	Leith, Sir James, 1763-1816
Folder 51	Transcript of letter, Apr. 12, 1815, relating to the island of Vieques
	Level de Goda, Andrés
Folder 15	Addressed to Cortabarría, Feb.-Mar. 1812. Plan of attack on Venezuela. Pinart transcript
	Lizón, Bartolomé
Folder 28	5 letters to Salvador Meléndez Bruna, May-Dec. 1813, reporting news of war in Venezuela
	López, José
Folder 17	Letter to Salvador Meléndez Bruna, Feb. 28-Mar. 5, 1810, re war news in Venezuela
	Maitland, Frederick, 1763-1848
Folder 4	Order for the protection of John Nagle, Apr. 24, 1797.
	Medina y Galindo, José de
Folder 23	Letters from Rio Hacha, Jan. 9 and 20, 1813, re defeat of Spaniards in Venezuela
	Meléndez Bruna, Salvador
Folder 20	Draft of letter, May 5, 1811, to Governor of Cádiz, relating to Benito Jurado's petition to return to Spain
Folder 30	Circular to mayors, Aug. 19, 1814, relating to paper money
Folder 51	Transcript of letter relating to Vieques Island, Apr. 12, 1815.
	Additional Note
	See also Folder 69.
	Méndez Vigo, Santiago
Folder 49	Draft of reply, Feb. 22, 1843, to José Antonio Torralbo
	Miyares, Fernando
Folder 18	Correspondence, Aug.-Oct. 1810, with Meléndez Bruna re activities in Venezuela, requesting aid. (Copies)
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Folders 22-23	
Folder 22	Letter of Nov. 23, 1811, requesting aid in defending Maracaibo, enclosing copy of order from Spain of Mar. 30, 1811.

- Folder 23 **Letter enclosing copies of letter relating to defeat of Spanish army in Venezuela. Feb. 1, 1813.**
- Folder 14 **Montes, Toribio**
Fragment, dated Aug. 5, 1806.
Additional Note
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- Folder 32 **Morillo y Morillo, Pablo, marqués de la Puerta, 1778-1837**
Letter of Apr. 13, 1815, to Salvador Meléndez Bruna, enclosing copy of instructions given by Joseph Bonaparte to his agent in Baltimore, with list of commissioners in America
- Folder 33 **Letter of Apr. 13, 1815, requesting supplies for expedition to Tierra Firma**
- Folder 36 **Pinart translation of letter of May 8, 1818.**
- Folder 43 **Navarro, José de**
Letter of Mar. 4, 1822, to Governor of Martinique. Copy
- Folder 44 **Letter of Mar. 4, 1822, to Jacob. Copy**
- Folder 45 **Letters of Mar. 4, 1822, to Presidents of Santo Domingo and Haiti. Copies**
- Folder 46 **Letter of Mar. 4, 1822, to Governor of Martinique. Copy**
- Folder 51 **Oxholm, Peter Lotharius, 1753-1827**
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- Folder 1 **Pinart, Alphonse Louis, 1852-1911**
Transcripts throughout the collection
Real Compañía del Asiento
Account book of slave trade in Puerto Rico, 1768-1779.
- Folder 49 **Torralbo, Francisco**
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Torralbo, José Antonio
Letter to Governor of Puerto Rico, Feb. 1, 1843, sending calligraphy containing best plans. With draft of reply by the Governor, Feb 22, 1843.
- Folder 35 **Urrutía, Carlos de**
Letter to Salvador Meléndez, Dec. 25, 1816, concerning attempts of the French to take over the island of Santo Domingo, requesting aid
Ustariz, Miguel Antonio de
See decrees, Folders 65-66.