Finding aid of the José Figueroa Letter C058848

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Abstract: A letter dated 06/24/1835 from José Figueroa, then Governor of Alto California, to the Military Commander and Director of Colonization of the Frontier of the North. The letter is handwritten in Spanish, with official government seals on the first page. General Figueroa discusses the plans for getting the town of Sonoma settled, as well as settling the rest of Northern California, with Mexican citizens before the Russians at Fort Ross can begin to spread out into the surrounding land.

creator: Figueroa, José, 1792-1835

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Biographical/Historical note
General José Figueroa (1792 – 9 September 1835), was appointed to the post of Commandante-General of Sonora and Sinaloa in 1824, before becoming the Mexican territorial Governor of Alta California from 1833 to 1835. Figueroa oversaw the initial secularization of the missions of upper California, which included the expulsion of the Spanish Franciscan mission officials. This also involved the issuing of many Mexican land grants for former mission lands and original Mission Indians homelands. He died of a stroke in September of 1835 and is buried at Mission Santa Barbara in California.

Scope and Contents note
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Existence and Location of Originals note
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