

Pueblo of Zia, with its *visita* Santa Ana, three leagues' distance from it—one, with the inconveniences of the river.

Pueblo of El Paso del Río del Norte, with its *visita* the Real de San Lorenzo, settlement of Spaniards, which is two leagues' distance from it—two religious.

Pueblo of the Piros of Senecú—one.

Pueblo of the Tiwas of La Isleta—one.

Pueblo of the Piros and Sumas of Socorro—one.

The procurator of this custody.

93. LETTER OF GOVERNOR VARGAS TO THE VICEROY,
SANTA FE, NOVEMBER 28, 1696¹

MOST excellent lord. Although it was taken to be impossible to subdue the Indians of the rebellious apostate nations, testimony for which I transmitted in campaign reports [*autos de guerra*] to the most excellent lord bishop viceroy who served in that kingdom, in the prosecution of that war the submission of the eight pueblos has been attained. The situation has changed with this event, and this wild beast has been subdued, for which I am proud, for this was achieved in spite of the contrary opinions of those who saw their [the rebels'] submission as hopeless, stating that they would leave to join the Apache nations. And I saw in the months of June and July that all of my measures to bring them back to their pueblos were thwarted, which was the motive for my consulting, as I did, with the said most excellent lord viceroy to the effect that the number of missionaries to be allotted to the Pueblo of El Paso del Río del Norte should be a total of twelve religious priests, with their very reverend father prelate and custodian and also the father procurator of the said holy custody. And through this consultative letter, which I remitted with said *autos* to the said most excellent bishop viceroy, who was the most excellent lord Don Juan de Ortega y Montañés, His Excellency issued his decree requesting and urging the most reverend father commissary general to leave the aforesaid number of twelve religious missionaries with their very reverend prelate and the father procurator, and that he [the commissary general] order by his *patente* that the said prelate and very reverend father custodian order by his *patente* the withdrawal of the other supernumeraries who were in the province. But since by Divine Grace the eight pueblos have submitted and those of Santa Clara

1. AGI, *Guadalajara*, leg. 141, doc. 20.

also have begun to come down, I am compelled to report to Your Excellency with regard to those religious missionaries who are now required, both those in El Paso as well as those in this villa, in the following manner. . . . [The list that follows here is identical to the one presented by the father custodian of the same date.]

So, according to the number for the said missions and the administering of the holy sacraments to these two villas, they total twenty-one, including the said father procurator. Thus the increase, which will reward His Majesty the king, our lord, may God protect him, over the number of thirteen that was paid for the said allotment for the pueblo of El Paso and those of its district, comes to eight. And Your Excellency, if it is your wish, may request of the said most reverend father commissary general, and in his absence the father provincial of our father Saint Francis of that province of Mexico, whoever he may be, to order that he send here those who are lacking for the complement of the said number, because of those who are leaving for reasons of illness and habitual indisposition. And therefore I propose, most excellent lord, that Your Excellency request the said number.

And the religious who come should come very much of their own free will and aware of the danger to their lives, because I cannot assure them protection from the said recently subdued ones, for amidst rigorous war is born sure peace. For this reason they should not fail to have justifiable fear. Therefore, they should not come with the illusion that guards can be provided to help them to protect their lives, for they should come under the same risk that is also the lot of the fathers of the kingdoms of Vizcaya, Sonora, and Sinaloa, because for me to provide it I would need to have four presidios besides the one at this villa. And therefore, Your Excellency, I wish to note in these proposals, as is my obligation in the royal service and as my experience obliges to me present to Your Greatness, that I do not want them to be making petitions asking for guards for the protection of their lives, either from their very reverend father prelate or in the name of the *defnitorio* or from other discreet fathers, saying that if they are not provided they will leave the said missions uninhabited and that if they are unable to assist in administering the holy sacraments and the teaching of Christian doctrine to the said Indians it would be on my account, and as a result the missions would be abandoned. And on my part, what it will be will be to live with the vigilance of repeating my visits to the recently submitted pueblos, sometimes by me and other times by my lieutenant and other military leaders that I will send, as the occasion presents itself, without omitting on my part anything of importance to the royal service.

Your Excellency, in all of these matters, will order what it is your pleasure to determine and resolve. As for me, my only desire is a successful outcome, since Your Excellency has entered your governance with such good fortune, for you

are received and welcomed with this new submission of those who in their obstinance were already apostates and who are now returning to the true knowledge under the gentle yoke of our holy faith, a happy prognostication which announces to the greatness of Your Excellency the happy progress under your governance. And may it be accompanied by granting to Your Excellency, our lord, the many years of life that I wish you to enjoy in your superior greatness.

Done at this Villa of Santa Fe on November twenty-eighth, sixteen hundred ninety-six. Most excellent lord, your most humble servant kisses Your Excellency's hand.

Don Diego de Vargas Zapata Luján Ponce de León. Most excellent Lord Viceroy Don José Sarmiento Valladares.

94. ORDER OF THE VICEROY TO THE COMMISSARY GENERAL,
TO SEND EIGHT ADDITIONAL MISSIONARIES TO
NEW MEXICO, MEXICO CITY, APRIL 3, 1697¹

DON José Sarmiento y Valladares, knight of the Order of Santiago, Count of Montezuma and of Tula, Lord of Monterrosano de la Pessa, Viscount of Yluacán, of the Council of His Majesty, his viceroy, lieutenant governor, and captain general of this New Spain, and president of its royal Audiencia.

In conformity with that which was resolved in the *junta general* which I held on March 12 of this year, at this time I urge and request the most reverend father commissary general of the Order of Saint Francis, and in his absence the father provincial of this province of Santo Evangelio, that he give appropriate orders that 8 religious priests be sent who are lacking in the complement of 21, which have been stated to me to be necessary by Father Fray Francisco de Vargas, custodian and ecclesiastical judge in the provinces of New Mexico, for the administration of the holy sacraments both in the pueblos that have been restored and the missions of which they are composed as well as for those that are coming down peacefully to their pueblos, as was also endorsed, as referred to, by the governor of said provinces, Don Diego de Vargas. And that the said eight religious who shall go do so much of their own free will, in consideration of their holy and laudable institute, under which they are directed to go to preach the gospel, doctrine, and teaching of our holy Catholic faith to those Indians, with the danger to their lives that they may undergo and suffer with the justifiable fears of the little stability of the said Indians, and with this warning they may go knowing that guards can not be provided to assist them

1. BNM, leg. 4, docs. 13, 26.

in the protection of their lives and missions, in the same manner and form as with the father ministers and missionaries of the kingdoms of New Vizcaya, Sonora, and Sinaloa. For to provide it it would be necessary to have four presidios. So with these means they should not request guards that cannot be provided for them, and they should go with this understanding.

Mexico, April three, the year sixteen hundred ninety-seven.

Don José Sarmiento, By order of His Excellency. Juan de Morales.