

innocents suffered who had the misfortune to be victims of the ferocity of an officer so deeply dyed with inhumanity. I enclose to Your Lordship for comparison herewith a letter of the Intendant Don Martin Navarro dated August 18 last.

God protect your Lordship many years.

JOSÉ DE GALVEZ

EL PARDO, February 3, 1781.

*His Lordship the Governor of Louisiana.*

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[Response to preceding letter, from same source.]

YOUR EXCELLENCY—From Your Excellency's office I received February 9 the royal commissions of Lieutenant Colonel for the captain of this regiment, Captain Fernando de Leyba, and of captain for the lieutenant of the same, Don Francisco Cartabona, with which His Majesty has deigned to reward the zeal which both exhibited at the post of Ylinoeses by their vigorous repulse of the English Captain Esse, as Your Excellency was informed by the intendant of this province, Don Martin Navarro, under date of August 18 of last year.

The first of these officers died some time ago; but I will take care that the royal commission shall be forwarded as soon as possible to the second, who still remains at that post, and that he shall be recognized as of the rank of captain according to the will of our sovereign.

God protect Your Excellency many years.

Your most obedient servant kisses Your Excellency's hand.

[BERNARDO] DE GALVEZ<sup>13</sup>

NUEVA ORLEANS, July 19, 1781.

*His Excellency Don José de Galvez.*

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<sup>13</sup> Bernardo de Galvez was born in 1756 of a powerful family, his father being viceroy of Mexico, and his uncle one of the first ministers of state. In 1776 he was chosen governor-general of Louisiana, and arrived at New Orleans to assume his function, Feb. 1, 1777. He was energetic, and popular with the Louisianians, among whom he married. He strongly sympathized with the American colonists, and before Spain's declaration of war upon England, secretly aided them. As soon as the