

Grace shall, on your part, advise me of the results at the first opportunity.

Although Your Grace is under the necessity of applying to the department of the friendship of the Indians, some part of the ammunition destined for service and defense of those settlements, Your Grace shall send a report stating clearly each thing; that is to say, that Your Grace must submit a certification of what was used in presents for the Indians and in addition what was used in the defense of the posts, in which particular Your Grace shall be especially careful.

NUEVA ORLEANS, February 15, 1781.

Don Francisco Cruzat.

1782: EXPEDITION AGAINST ST. JOSEPHS

[Letter from José de Galvez to Bernardo de Galvez, dated Jan. 15, 1782. Source, same as preceding document.]

The King has received with the utmost satisfaction and gratification the information contained in the letter of Your Excellency of the 26th of last October, No. 28, in which referring to another letter written by the commandant of Ylinoeses to the Governor *ad interim* of Luisiana he reports the profitable conquest of the post of San Josef, two hundred and thirty leagues from San Luis, which was occupied by the English.⁴⁰ The

⁴⁰ The Spanish account of this expedition was published in the Madrid *Gazette* for March 12, 1782, a translation being sent by John Jay, the United States envoy at Madrid, to the authorities in America; see Jared Sparks, *Diplomatic Correspondence* (Boston, 1830), viii, pp. 76, 77. The English accounts are published in *Mich. Pion. and Hist. Colls.*, x, pp. 453-455, xix, pp. 600, 638; the American in *Ill. Hist. Colls.*, ii, p. 620, and *Va. State Papers*, i, p. 465. The Spanish authorities appeared inclined to vaunt the expedition as exclusively of their initiative; while the Americans regarded it as an act of revenge, prompted by local spirit, for the defeat of the Cahokians connected with De la Balme's expedition; the British seem to have considered it a mere plundering excursion. See Alvord, "Conquest of St. Joseph," in *Missouri Historical Review*,