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Penalver y Cardenas, Father Luis (Ignacio), provisor and vicar general
Havana, (Cuba)

to Antonio de Sedella, auxiliary vicar in Louisiana
(New Orleans, Louisiana)

(This document is in very bad condition; the gist of it seems to be:)

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Penalver y Cardenas, Luis (Ignacio)
Havana

to Antonio de Sedella
New Orleans

The trial of Salvador Sanchez, soldier who killed Josef Rumi another soldier and who then sought protection of a sacred place has been held at Penzacola (Pensacola, Florida). The military process verbal, the confession of the guilty person and the confrontations have been collected. Due to the care of Father Esteban Valaria, pastor of Panzacola the depositions and other reports were sent to the ecclesiastical judge of New Orleans (Sedella). The governor of Louisiana (Estevan Miro) ought to have asked the ecclesiastical tribunal for a copy of the proceedings. He decides points about the bond. Before Manuel de Duenas, notary public.

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Duenas, Manuel de
Havana, (Cuba)

Father Penalver y Cardenas decrees this and signs it.

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Duenas, Manuel de
Havana, (Cuba)

The district attorney has been informed of this decree.

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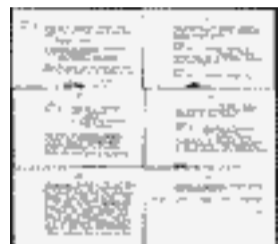
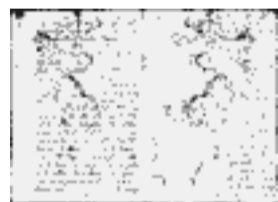
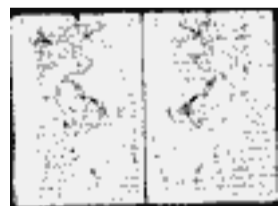
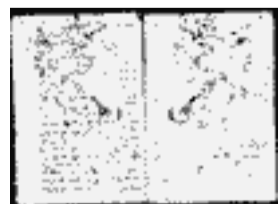
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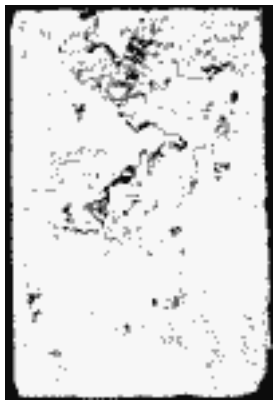
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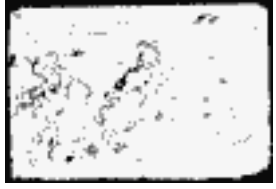
Sedella, Father Antonio de (Vicar and ecclesiastical judge of Louisiana).
New Orleans, (Louisiana)

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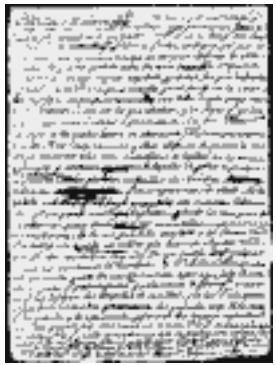
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to (Santiago Joseph de Hechavarria y Elguezua), bp. of (Santiago de) Cuba.
Havana, (Cuba)

Fire began in New Orleans on Good Friday (Mar. 21) in the house of the Treasurer, Vincente (Jose) Nunes and soon destroyed the parish church and presbytery from which only the sacred vessels and a part of the archives were saved. Part of the parish books were sent to the house of the Manager of Tobacco (Renalto or Renaldo Brion) where the fire nevertheless destroyed them. He tells the extent of the loss. Some of the buildings were saved because a dozen or so men at Sedella's orders sprinkled their roofs. By this means the Royal Hospital and the soldiers quarters were saved. The governor (Estevan Miro) has taken effective measures which have greatly lessened the afflictions of the destitute. Andres Almonaster (y Roxas) has allowed Father Sedelia to use part of his house as a parish church since the Charity Hospital and the convent are far from the part of the city which remains. He asks (Hechavarria) to point out a place of shelter and thus spare him from the doubts which might arise.

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