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Appendix 1: the process of abolition of slavery in early independent Mexico following the federalist constitution of 1824.

State	Date	Decision
Durango Jalisco Occidente (Sinaloa and Sonora) San Luis Potosí	1826 (art.14) 1824 (art.9) 1825 (art.4) 1827 (decree)	Abolition of slavery (<i>without</i> indemnity to slaveholders) and slave trade
Chiapas Michoacán Querétaro	1826 (art.7) 1825 (art.14) 1825 (art.7)	Abolition of slavery (<i>with</i> indemnity to slaveholders) and slave trade
Guanajuato Tamaulipas	1826 (preamble) 1825 (art.9)	<i>De facto</i> abolition (freedom and equality for all citizens)
Tabasco	1825 (art. 10.4)	Citizenship to manumitted slaves
Chihuahua Coahuila y Tejas Estado de México Nuevo León Oaxaca Puebla Yucatán	1825 (art.7) 1827 (art.13) 1827 (art.6) 1825 (art.12) 1825 (art.7) 1825 (art.8) 1825 (art.4)	Free-womb law and ban on slave introduction/slave trade
Veracruz	1825 (art.10)	Free-womb law
Zacatecas	1825 (art.7.3)	Abolition of slave trade

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Appendix 2: José Joaquín Ugarte to Señor Brigadier Marqués de Casa Calvo [Sebastián Calvo de la Puerta y O’Farrill], Nacogdoches, 11 September 1804.

Source: Archivo General de Indias (Seville, Spain), Papeles de Cuba, 73, “Correspondencia dirigida a los gobernadores de Luisiana, 1802-1806”, f. 1180-1181.

Spelling and syntax conserved as they appear in the original document.

“Atento a todo lo q.e V.S. me comunica en su oficio de 11 del mes próximo pasado de Agosto, acerca de la queja que dio a VS. el Gov.or interino de esta Prov.a Dn Guillermo C.C. Claiborne, dimanada de la instancia que promovieron algunos habitantes de Natchitoches con su com.te, por la Cédula Real que rije en estos Dominios de S.M., en la que se manda de que ningún negro esclavo fugitivo de Pays Estrangero se vuelva a su legitimo dueño: le remito a V.S. copia de la que existe en el Archivo de este Pueblo, que por orden del Ex.mo Señor Virrey de esta N.E. Conde de Revilla-Gigedo se publicó en el año de 1790. De ella me hallava tan ignorante como VS. asta que se me fue preguntado pr los mismos havitantes de Natchitochis en combersación de amistad; entonces movido a los perjuicios que podían sobrevenir, la busque, y haviendome echo cargo de su contenido, les dije que me parecía que no refería pa. con ellos dha soberana resolución, siempre que por conducto de VS. Solicitasen de S.M. la abolición de ella, haciendo presente que su subsistencia y caudales, que consiste en esclavos, fueron adquiridas en el Suabe y venéfico gobierno de S.M. Esta es la narración sensilla, y consejo que les di con mi corazón sano, para resguardo de sus vienes, y no para comprometerme, como lo han hecho, pero espero del corazón venéfico de V.S. Que atendiendo así a estas razones, como a lo poco versado que me hallo en semejantes asuntos me salvara de este Yerro que me servirá de escarmiento, y a V.S perpetuare para siempre mi reconom.to. Por quanto me significa V.S. Que combiene mucho guardar la mas perfecta armonía con los vecinos y evitar al mismo tiempo que se internen en esta Provincias, hago un estudio particular en esto como puntos mas esenciales que deven atenderse. Es quanto tengo q.e manifestarle a V.S. Pa su superior conocim.to Dios que a V.S. [...], Nacogd.s 11 de Sep.re de 1804. José Joaq.n Ugarte. Señor Brig.r Marqués de Casa Calvo”.

Glossary of Spanish words

Abigeato: cattle-rustling

Abigeo(s): cattle-rustler(s)

Alcalde: mayor (highest-ranking official of the municipality)

Alcaldía: mayoralty

Amancebado(s): individuals maintaining an intimate relationship not formally sanctioned by marriage (in the Spanish colonial context)

Amparo: protection, asylum

Amparado/a(s): protected

Apoderado/a: delegate

Arroyo: small river

Ayuntamiento: municipal council

Bando: edict

Calabozo: prison

Cámara de Diputados: House of Representatives

Carrera de África: Africa's run/route (slave trade)

Carretero(s): cart driver(s) and merchant(s)

Carta(s) de libertad: freedom paper(s)

Carta(s) de seguridad: safety paper(s)

Caudillo(s): local political and/or military leader(s)

Chamacuero(s): straw-thatched house(s)

Chaparral: low-lying thicket composed by drought-resistant shrubs

Comanchero(s): in New Mexico and western Texas, Mexican merchants trading with Native Americans, in particular Comanches, Apaches, Navajos and Pueblos

Comisario(s): district administrative and judiciary commissioner(s) elected for a one-year mandate under the Ayuntamiento's authority (in the context of Mexican Texas)

Compadre(s): godfather(s)

Cuartel(es): administrative district (in Mexico City)

Empresario(s): land agent and settlers recruiter(s) (in the context of Mexican Texas)

Frontera: carries both the meanings of “border” and “frontier”

Fronterizo(s): inhabitants of the “frontier”

Hacienda: large country estate employed mostly for husbandry and agricultural production

Hacendado(s): owner(s) of the hacienda

Huasteca (region): region of northeastern Mexico encompassing parts or totality of the states of Veracruz, Tamaulipas, Hidalgo, San Luís Potosí and Querétaro

Incursión: military raid (often used to refer to invasions by Native American and US filibusters into Spanish and Mexican territory)

“Indios bárbaros”: in Spanish and Mexican sources, designates Native Americans with whom the state could not/did not wish to establish peaceful relations

Jacal(es): hut(s)

Jefe Político: Political Chief (administrative office)

Jefatura Política: Political Head Office

Jornalero(s): day laborer(s)

Juez de Hacienda: tax judge

Labor (farmland unit): 177 acres

Labrador(es): farmworker(s), laborer(s)

Legua: 4.19 km

Libertad de vientres: free-womb law (all new-born children from an enslaved mother are deemed free by law)

Licenciado/a: graduate

Mascogo(s): otherwise known as “Black Seminoles”, Afro-Amerindian community that settled in Coahuila from 1850 onwards.

Mestizaje: racial mixing

Mulato/a: designates a person of mixed European and African origins (in the Spanish colonial context)

Negrero(s): slave trader(s)

Nuevomexicano(s): person born in New Mexico whose origin/lineage is Hispanic

Noreste: in this context, synonym for northeastern Mexico

(Norte)americano/a(s): term often used by Mexicans to refer to US and Texan citizens

Pardo(s): see “mulato(s)”

Partido: administrative unit in independent Mexico (between the municipal and state levels)

Peón(es): peons

Piloncillo: unrefined sugar

Realista(s): royalist(s)

Real Cédula: royal decree

Real Orden: royal order

Regidor(es): commissioner(s)

Sitio (grazing land unit): 4428 acres

Soterraneo(s): underground house(s)

Tejano/a(s): person born in Texas whose origin/lineage is Hispanic

Trigueño/a: literally “wheat color”, or brown (used in Mexican sources)

Vecino/a(s): status, refers to a person’s membership to the local community, usually at a municipal level (in the Spanish colonial context)

Vida maridable: marital life

Villa: town or city

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