Having recognized that in this villa of Santa Fe there is not the supply of water which is requisite to insure the irrigation of the cultivated fields, in order to maintain the families domiciled thereon; and having recognized that this said villa has better accommodations for the reception of the families which the King, our Lord, whom God preserve, has seen fit to send for the settlement of this said kingdom and its frontiers; and finding the Villa Nueva de Santa Cruz already inhabited by the Mexican-Spanish subjects of the King, our Lord, Carlos Segundo [Charles Second], I assign them to said villa for the aforesaid reasons.

I, the said Governor and Capitán General, have decided to go personally to the said Villa Nueva de Santa Cruz, not only to prepare and order them, but also to inform them that they need four houses; and likewise to examine the lands, whose sections are uncultivated, being naturally fertile, and being under irrigation as they are, and able to use the water which the rest have had generally in great abundance, assured by their ditches, clean and running, which have been established at my own expense, as I have also repaired and made their dam secure.

I order and command the nineteen families of the forty-four which arrived on the 9th day of May of last year, one thousand six hundred and ninety-five, who are the following, whom I appoint, choose, name, order and command to go and settle in said Villa Nueva, enjoying the same freedom, privileges and respect that the King, our Lord, whom God guard, is able to grant them.

…After their arrival at the said Villa, I, the said Governor and Capitán General, will go in person and place them in the said four houses, and I will also order the Alcalde Mayor to divide the aforesaid lands that he showed me and assigned to them. I will likewise give each one three almudes of corn for planting…

…likewise this will serve them as a patent to be residents belonging and assigned to the said Villa Nueva of Santa Cruz, and as such will further their use of the said lands, and their right to the pastures, woods, waters and minerals, as it appears in the grant made to the said Mexican residents of said Villa Nueva, and that the said order made in their favor will be sufficient title for the privileges derived from the grant that I, the said Governor and Capitán General have assigned to them in the name of his Majesty.
Don Diego de Vargas Zavala Luján  
Ponze de León  
(Rubric)  
By order of his Excellency, the Governor  
and Capitán General.  
Domingo de la Barreda  
(Rubric)  
Secretary of Government [and] War

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