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Petition presented by Antonia Rosalia de Armas for the division and distribution [of property left] at the decease and death of her mother; her brother Pedro Granado [acting] as executor.

Lord Governor and Commandant Inspector:

[I], Antonia Rosalia de Armas, widow of the late J[ose]ph Padrón by [his] first marriage, with permission do appear before the solemnity of Your Lordship and state [the following:] About four years ago my late mother died, leaving as executor my brother Pedro Granado. He was to distribute to each heir what was lawfully his. During all this time he has failed to do so, and thus I proceeded to have the matter adjudicated before Señor Alcalde Don J[ose]ph de la Santa, who told me that he had no jurisdiction over my said brother, who was a soldier. Nevertheless he appeared in the said court and, being charged by the said alcalde, said that he wanted no turmoil, that each [heir] could take [land] wherever it seemed suitable, and that he would take what was left. At this I went in person with my children

and took the land to which by right I was entitled, which was the last [plot] on the suerte. My said sons began to till it. When my brother learned of this he came to expel me and my sons from this said land, abusing me verbally and threatening to break my ribs with sticks, a very lamentable thing to me, who considered him capable of doing it, since there was no refuge and since I //^{lv} am a woman and a widow. I [now] come to trouble Your Lordship so that, by means of your justice, you may deign to command my said brother to leave me free and unhindered to make use of what by right pertains to me. For I desire no more than what is mine. Therefore,

I beseech Your Lordship to deign to command that what I justly ask [be done], which is what I implore, that I may thereby receive every benefit. I furthermore beg Your Lordship to deign to accept this my petition on the present plain paper, as there is none of the proper kind. I swear that I bear no malice and [I swear] on whatever [oath] is necessary, &c. ut supra.

At the plaintiff's request:

J[ose]ph Texada
[Rubric]

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Decree [The petition is accepted] as presented.

And because the serious affairs in which I am involved require my personal attention and preclude my completing this trial, let this expediente be sent to Don Macario Sambrano, second alcalde of this villa of S[a]n Fern[an]do, so that he may cause to appear before him Sergeant Pedro Granados and his sister, the plaintiff, so that by means of a verbal judgement he may conclude the said claim with all possible speed, so that no detriment may come to the claimant with respect to the work she has begun on land which she considers to belong to her. I give all necessary authority to the afore-mentioned alcalde to prosecute the above-named sergeant, deciding //² and clarifying what part [of the land] belongs to the petitioner, placing her in possession thereof as is her due, so that the proceedings which I conducted, preceding this decree, may serve as a formal instrument of her ownership. Thus it has been provided by me, Don Dom[ing]o Cabello, Colonel in the Royal Armies, Governor and Commandant of Arms of the Province of Los Texas, its Missions, Conquests, and Frontiers, Captain of the Cavalry Company of the Royal Presidio of S[a]n Ant[oni]o de Béxar, and Inspector General of the Militia Corps and Presidial Troops of the said Province by Commission Conferred by the Lord Commandant General of the Interior Provinces of this Kingdom of New Spain; at this Presidio of S[a]n Ant[oni]o de Béxar and villa of San Fernando, on the first of March,

in the year seventeen hundred eighty-two; before the attendant witnesses with whom I act in the absence of a notary, doing so on this plain paper, as there is none stamped. This I certify.

Cabello
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[Cross]
José Plázido de Monzón
[Rubric]
Attendant Witness

Pedro Días del Castillo
[Rubric]
Attendant Witness

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At this villa of San Fern[and]o, on the second day of the month of March, in the year seventeen hundred eighty-two, I, José Macario Sambrano, second-ranking alcalde of [the villa], in view of the decree of the lord governor and commandant of the province, in prompt and due // ^{2v} obedience thereto, did cause to appear before me the heirs of the now deceased Juan Rodríguez Granados and María Betarcar [?] Robaina. [The heirs are] Pedro Granados, Josepha Granados, Paula Granados, Man[ue]l Granados, Juan Granados, and Ant[oni]a de Armas. [They were summoned] in order to divide the land and water of the lower lavor remaining to them as the paternal and maternal part [of the inheritance]. In view of the heirs' uncertainties as to whether the river or

the arroyo should be made the starting point--for on this point their differences lay--I resolved the dispute by having it decided by chance, and the said river was chosen as the starting point. Thus they agreed and were reconciled; they asked that the partitions be made beginning at the said starting point. This I did in the presence of the witnesses attending me and [before] the said heirs. I gave to Sergeant Pedro Granados [land specified as follows:] on the plot of El Palo Quemado, in the maternal part, northward: seventy varas; and along the southern [plot]: sixty-six and three-quarters varas; and on the middle plot: one hundred thirty-five varas; and on the plot of La Arena: forty-four [varas]; and in the paternal part, on the middle plot: one hundred sixty-two varas; and on the plot of La Arena: fifty-two and three-quarters [varas]--all together comprising five hundred thirty and one-half. And likewise [land] from the same plots and of the same [number of] varas fell to each of the same four heirs named above. The afore-mentioned Ant[oni]a, daughter by a second marriage, received [land specified as follows:] on El Palo Quemado, from the paternal inheritance: three hundred eighty varas next to the river; and from the maternal inheritance, on the said middle plot: one hundred thirty-five; and on [the plot] of La Arena: forty-four [varas]-- the three divisions comprising five hundred

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