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Summary Information

Repository:	Brandeis University
Title:	Slave Trade in Spanish America collection
ID:	11.MWalB02660
Date [inclusive]:	1624-1825
Date [bulk]:	1656-1686
Physical Description:	0.50 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	1 clamshell box other_unmapped
Abstract:	The materials are arranged in chronological order. Numbers formatted 1/2, 2/3, etc., refer to an item's number of page sides. For example, 3/5 means three pieces of paper, five page sides of relevant material, and one blank page side. T: typed; A: autograph; L: letter; N: note(s); D: document; S: signed; I: initialed. E.g., ALI: autograph letter initialed. For more information, please consult the descriptions in the item listing.

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Scope and Contents

A collection of twenty letters, documents, and papers, mainly folio, relating to slavery in Spanish America from 1624 to 1825. The papers concern questions of property rights over indigenous and African slaves, regulation of the slave trade, and slave ownership. Authors include two Spanish kings (Philip IV and Charles II), along with numerous government officials and nobles. The collection includes materials relating to Spain, Peru, Paraguay, Brazil, Cuba, Santo Domingo (Hispaniola), Guatemala, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, and Mexico (Vera Cruz & Yucatan), among other locales. The majority of the materials are written in Spanish, though one item is written in Portuguese.

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Collection Inventory

Box 1	Box 1
"Muchas anos a que en Las Provincias de [Orunos?]", Paraguay, folio, 1/2, AD, undated <u>Date</u> : undated	Box 1
Philip IV (King of Spain), Peru slave grant, Madrid, folio, 1/3, AD, June 20, 1624	Box 1

Date: June 20, 1624

San Miguel, Salvador to Don Gabriel da Linda, folio, 1/2, ALS, Box 1
 October 27, [1646? 1656?]

Date: October 27, [1646? 1656?]

Scope and Contents

Letter refers to payments due to the Condesa Dona Felipa for purchase of slaves, etc. Letter is written in Portuguese.

[Correspondence concerning Yucatan?], folio, 1/2, AD, [1654? 1664? 1665?] Box 1

Date: [1654? 1664? 1665?]

Scope and Contents

Document has various stamps and markings, indicating a number of different years of possible origin.

Valle, Don Miguel Diaz del, "Slavery in Yucatan," Yucatan, folio, 4/15 (bound), [ADS?], June 20, 1666 Box 1

Date: June 20, 1666

Transcript of decree regarding hereditary revenues from slave properties in South America, Madrid, folio and quarto, 1/4 & 1/4, AD (copy), December 1, 1671 Box 1

Date: December 1, 1671

Scope and Contents

Decree gives Conde de Mares, Marques de Montebello the same hereditary revenues from slave properties in South America as those formerly given to his grandmother. Smaller autographed quarto of unknown origin enclosed in same folder [a copy?].

Charles II ("Yo el Rey") to unknown, Madrid, folio, 1/4, ALS, August 25, 1685 Box 1

Date: August 25, 1685

Scope and Contents

Also signed by various officials.

Reale, Juan de (and others) to unknown, folio, 1/2, ALS, October 5, 1685 Box 1

Date: October 5, 1685

[Monte Serr, Joseph de?] to unknown, Madrid, folio, 1/3, ALS, October 6, 1685 Box 1

Date: October 6, 1685

Murieta, Joseph (notary), license to traffic in slaves, Vera Cruz, folio, 1/4, ADS, July 3, 1686 Box 1

Date: July 3, 1686

Scope and Contents

Document is a notarial transcript of a license to traffic in slaves, authorized by the Conde de Paredes, Viceroy of New Spain, to Don Juan Barroso del [Po?o?], with conditions regulating the commerce.

Savassa, Francisco de to Marques de Olias y Mortara, Guatemala, folio, 1/3, ALS, October 26, 1686 Box 1

Date: October 26, 1686

Scope and Contents

Letter regarding the administration of the estate and slave-owning rights of the Count de Casarubios.

Barca, Miguel Calderon de la to the Duchess de Medina las Torres, Madrid, folio, 2/6, ALS, May 30, 1711 Box 1

Date: May 30, 1711

Scope and Contents

Letter suggests the Duchess obtain an account of her American properties, including her slaves. Folder also contains a small note (1/2) from a later date (in Spanish, on a different type of paper and in different handwriting).

[Slave trade document], Mombaca, folio, 1/2, AD, March 12, 1728 Box 1

Date: March 12, 1728

Theron [Theran?], Manuel Antonio de to Conde de Altamira, Mexico, folio, 1/4, ALS, November 28, 1769 Box 1

Date: November 28, 1769

Scope and Contents

Letter informs Altamira of action taken in his lawsuit regarding his slave grants.

Cartagena, Joseph Obispo de (Joseph, Bishop of Cartagena) to Marquesa de Quintana y de Guevara, Cartagena, folio, 3/3, ALS, February 20, 1782 Box 1

Date: February 20, 1782

Scope and Contents

Item includes one large piece of paper with an intricate watermark (depicting Catholic "sacred heart" imagery), and two small notes.

"Papeles sobre negros de la Habana" (Docket: Lego. 26, No. 9), Havana, folio, 2/4, AD, January 16, 1778 Box 1

Date: January 16, 1778

Scope and Contents

Title translation: "Papers on blacks in Havana". [Docket record of a slave sale?] Outer cover of item reads "Sobre la venta de esclavos en la habana, 1778," which translates as "On the sale of slaves in Havana, 1778".

Unknown author, docket record of the number and worth of houses and other valuables (including slaves) on the island of Santo Domingo, folio, 2/7 (bound), AD, July 16, 1810 Box 1

Date: July 16, 1810

Scope and Contents

Listing of properties "that by right of conquest have fallen into the treasury," with monetary values (in pesos and reales), for the governor of Santo Domingo. [These properties likely "fell" into the treasury after Spain's 1808 reconquest of Santo Domingo's French-run colony; certainly many of the prior property owners listed have names of French origin.] Spanish title reads "Testimonio, comprensivo del numero y valor de las haciendas y otras fincas y bienes, [g.e?] por derecho de reconquista de la isla de Santo Domingo han caido en el fisco, remitido por el Gobernador de la isla con carta de 16 de Julio de 1810."

"Representation," Havana, folio, 18/32 (bound), AD, June 20, 1811 Box 1

Date: June 20, 1811

Scope and Contents

[Memorial to the King.] Document bears the names of more than twenty prominent Havana citizens.

Leaumont, Count de to Ferdinand VII (King of Spain), Paris, quarto, 1/4, ALS, August 20, 1818 Box 1

Date: August 20, 1818

Scope and Contents

Petition to establish medicinal baths in Spanish possessions,
among other requests.

Notary Public of Puerto Rico, certification and description of two
African slaves, sold by Don Francisco Soler to the Commandant,
First Battalion, Granada Regiment, folio, 1/4, ADS, January 24,
1825

Box 1

Date: January 24, 1825