

Caethagina July 8<sup>th</sup> 1759



Dear Sir

Not willing to let all my solitary hours be quite unprofitable, I have attempted writing in Spanish an account of the reduction of the Mosquito Shore; and have also translated most of my letters, but I fear the language is as much like Portuguese as Spanish — I will do better by and by. However, if the letters are tolerably <sup>intelligible</sup> ~~intelligible~~ they may be of more use in office than the originals, therefore I beg I may trouble you with such of my late ones as you have not already got in Spanish in Sta Fe.

You will be surpris'd at my still being here; I am so too on more accounts than one, and among them, that Henriquez de Paz has not been cast out of employment and the business put into some other hands; no words, considering his coarseness and malevolence in his Indian business, are descriptive of him as some of our vulgar English ones, but those I do not use; he seems to be of M. Lencor Alonso