

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SECTION

THE MIER ARCHIVES

Among the manuscripts which have lately come into the possession of the University of Texas is a collection, consisting of some 1,000 folios, of the papers of Doctor José Servando Teresa de Mier Noriega y Guerra, a fearless, independent, and constructive thinker, who played an important part in the struggle for Mexican independence. Since Mier was a man of culture who was at home in Mexico, Spain, France, Italy, England, and the United States, his papers have more than a local interest, for some of the documents—of an unofficial, intimate type—contribute items of historical, social, and literary interest.

The whole career of this man reads like a story book. Born in Monterey in 1763, Mier was educated there and in the Mexican capital. After taking the habit of a Dominican at sixteen, he devoted himself to an intensive study of philosophy and theology. His reputation for scholarship was such that he was asked in 1794 by the archbishop of Mexico to preach the sermon on Guadalupe day, December 12. After much study, Mier preached a sermon which made history, for in it he attempted to set forth the conclusions which had been reached by historical investigators in regard to the legendary appearance of the Virgen at Tepeyac. At once he was accused of denying the divine origin of the patron saint of Mexico; he was tried by an ecclesiastical court, found guilty, and exiled to Spain. For almost ten years he was either a prisoner or in hiding, often being subjected to both physical and mental torture. His uncanny facility in making friends enabled him to effect frequent escapes, but regularly he was brought back to be placed under closer watch. Through the efforts of Muñoz, the charges against him were investigated by the Academia de

la Historia which found them groundless; the Consejo, nevertheless, ruled in favor of the archbishop. After finally escaping from Spain in disguise, Mier joined with Simón Rodríguez [Samuel Robinson, pseud.], the former tutor of Bolívar, in opening a school of languages in Paris, and there Mier claims that he made the first Spanish translation of Chateaubriand's *Atala*, although it appeared under the name of Robinson. In 1802, he went to Rome where he was secularized. On his return to Spain after a lengthy residence in Italy, where he was intimately associated with some of the leading writers of the day, he became a chaplain in the Spanish army then in action against the French, was again imprisoned, but escaped first to Portugal and then to England. In London, in 1811, he began the publication of his *Cartas de un Americano* and in 1812-1813 he issued there his *Revolucion de México*, the first publication which aroused general interest abroad in the cause of Hispanic American independence. Convinced, from his too intimate acquaintance with the Spanish régime, of the necessity of separation of the colonies from the mother country, Mier threw himself whole-heartedly into the cause, and soon gathered around him in London kindred spirits fired with a like enthusiasm. Among these was Francisco Mina, who was induced by Mier to lead an expedition in behalf of Mexico. With him, Mier sailed for the United States, but they were both much disappointed to find, upon their arrival in Baltimore, that little assistance was to be hoped for from the government of the United States. Nothing daunted, Mier secured, on the basis of personal influence, \$120,000 from Daniel Smith for the purpose of financing the expedition. In the fall of 1816, they left for the Gulf; the winter was spent on Galveston Island; and early in the spring the expedition sailed for the Mexican coast. At Sota la Marina, Mina divided his force; the larger group he took with him on an expedition into the interior; the others, including Mier, were left on the coast, where they were soon after captured by royalist forces. Most of the men were

promptly shot; but Mier, since he was a native of the region and well known, was put in irons and sent overland to Vera Cruz. He remained a prisoner in the hands of the Inquisition until the close of 1820; during that interval he was writing his *Memorias* and *Idea de la Constitución*, and racking his brain with schemes to secure his own escape and to further the independence movement; instead, early in 1821, he was ordered deported to Spain. At Havana, he escaped, made his way to the United States, lived in Philadelphia several months, and then returned to Mexico which had, in the meantime, achieved independence. He was elected a deputy from his native state to congress and served in that capacity, except for intervals of imprisonment and persecution, until his death in December, 1827.

The career of Mier and the value of his *Memoirs* have not escaped the notice of historians. A sketch of his life and a portion of the *Memoirs* were published in 1876 by Dr. José Eleuterio González in Monterey, and there reprinted in 1897. This portion was again reprinted in Madrid in 1917[?] by Alfonso Reyes. In neither, however, has the period of Mier's life covered by the manuscripts in the Texas collection been treated in detail. Especially, has an episode in which Mier unwittingly became involved during his stay in Philadelphia in 1821 escaped notice. Out of this controversy came several pamphlets written by, to, and about Mier, none of which has been included or referred to in the bibliography compiled by either González or Reyes.

The storm center of this incident was William Hogan who had been appointed to the rectorship of St. Mary's church in Philadelphia in April, 1820. In December of that year, he was suspended without explanation by Bishop Conwell. As most of the congregation were devoted to Hogan, a schism ensued. After three articles written by Hogan in his own defense remained unanswered, the congregation voted that he should preach again on May 13, 1821. At once a storm of protest

arose from the episcopal party. Early in June, Mier reached Philadelphia, and was asked almost immediately by Hogan to answer certain queries relating to canon law and precedent in similar cases. Without hesitation, Mier replied in Latin, although he stated frankly that, as he did not have his books with him, he was depending entirely upon his memory for the facts and authorities cited. His replies were so entirely in line with the contentions of the suspended rector that the trustees secured permission to translate them into English and to publish them. This twelve-page pamphlet, *The Opinions of the Rt. Reverend Servandus A. Mier . . .*, brought the Mexican prelate at once into the limelight.

In no time the controversy became personal. In an anonymous pamphlet of eight pages, *Remarks on the Opinion of the Right Reverend Servandus A. Mier*, issued from the press of Bernard Dornen, Mier was termed an impostor, and his replies characterized as ignorant and ridiculous. Never one to submit tamely, Mier replied on August 11 with *A Word relative to an anonymous Pamphlet printed in Philadelphia*, in which he stated that he was a stranger in Philadelphia, knew none of the contending parties, had never been inside St. Mary's church at the time he answered the questions, and had no idea then that the replies would be printed. He made clear the fact that he was not an impostor, but a scholar whose experience with canon law had convinced him that justice did not always prevail.

Others then entered the ranks. The trustees of St. Mary's publicly thanked Mier, but William Harold attacked him both as a man and an ecclesiastic. In turn, Richard Meade, who knew Spain well, having been imprisoned there for participation in liberal politics, published, on October 22, 1823 an *Address to the Roman Catholics of . . . Philadelphia*, in which he included a letter from José A. Torrens, chargé d'affaires of Mexico, certifying to the character and official position of Dr. Mier. In the meantime that gentleman, with the help of

Vicente Rocafuerte, who soon after became the Mexican representative in London and later the president of Ecuador, had published two works in defense of republican government in Mexico, the *Memoria politico-instructiva . . .* and the *Breve relación de la destrucción de las Indias*, of which copies were soon widely circulated. Within a few months Mier started for the Mexican capital to take his place as an elected deputy. Hogan was eventually excommunicated and, after a bitter struggle, left the church.

The appended calendar of a portion of the Mier archives will give some idea of its range and value. The printed works both by and about Mier have not been included in former bibliographies.

I. THE MIER ARCHIVES¹

- Ituarte, Angel, [Puebla], January 2, 1820, to Mier. Sends letter and 12 pieces of printing from J. N. Troncoso by Gómez, who will bring answer. A. L. S. Folio 1
- Mier y [Lastra]†, Maria Guadalupe Emilia, [Havana] January 9, 1820, to Mier. Personal and family matters. Conde de Medina is José Maxiama Morelos. Writer is with madrina, Gertrude Sánchez. A. L. S. F. 2
- Same, February 13, 1820, to Mier. Knows that Mier will embark shortly for Havana; news of Ignacio Salazar, Marquesa de Sierra Madre, Villaseñor, and wife of Bustamante. A. L. S. F. 4
- Spain. Ferdinand VII. Decree abolishing Inquisition. Copy dated March 9, 1820. F. 6
- Catholic Church. Inquisition. Transfer of Mier to civil authorities. 2 copies dated May 30, 1820. Printed in Hernández y Dávalos, *Col. de doc.* VI. 923-926. F. 8
- Spain. Ferdinand VII. Proclamation of amnesty. Copy dated July 9, 1820. F. 15
- Flores Alatorre, Felix. List of Mier's property turned over by Inquisition. Copy dated September 6, 1820. F. 16
- Navarro, José, Vera Cruz, September 10, 1820 to Mier. Transmitting letter from [José Dávila] relative to deporting Mier. A. L. S. F. 17

¹ In the interest of brevity, the single word *Mier* is used throughout for José Servando Teresa de Mier Noriega y Guerra, and his place of residence is omitted. It was as follows: January 2-15, 1821, at San Juan de Ulloa; late January to last of April, in Havana; June 1 to about September 20, at Philadelphia; October, 1821 to January, 1822, at New York; February 12 to May, 1822, at San Juan de Ulloa; and thereafter at Mexico City. After being once given in full, other names are also abbreviated. As a means of location, the folio number of each document as now arranged is given.

- Catholic Church. Pope Pius VII. Brief, 3-30-19. Copy dated September 16, 1820. F. 19
- Navarro, J., September 29, 1820, to Mier. Transmitting order of viceroy to José Dávila to return effects of Mier. L. S. F. 20
- Same to same. Transmitting order for deportation of Mier. L. S. F. 22
- Valle, L. M., Havana, October [3?], to Mier. Introducing Agustín Peralta. Will issue "La verdad desenvuelta" soon; will send prospectus. A. L. S. F. 24
- Mier Noriega, F[rancisco] de P[aula] Monterey, October 7, 1820, to Mier. Conditions in Monterey; family news. A. L. S. F. 26
- Respuestas y representaciones del Dor. Dn. Servando Teresa de Mier al Sor. Gobernador de Vera Cruz, al Sor. Virey Apodaca, al Provisor y Vicario. genl. del arzob. de Mexico Alatorre y a la Junta provincial con los oficios correspondientes de los susodichos. October 10, 1820. Consists of copies of ten letters, September 11-October 10, 1820, regarding liberty or deportation of Mier. F. 29
- Valle, L. M., Havana, October 12, 1820, to Mier. Send by Francisco de Aguirre a prospectus of paper of which Peralta has informed Mier. A. L. S. F. 62
- S., J., Mexico, October 15, 1820, to Mier. Advises of death of Marquis de San Miguel de Aguayo; Berduzco is at liberty; has given letters and money to Marquis of Apartado and taken receipt. A. L. S. F. 63
- Lugo y Luna, J. de, Mexico, October 22, 1820, to Mier. Has seen letter brought by Domingo [Velasco?]. Conversation between writer and Mier had been overheard; recounts experiences since. Berduzco will carry correspondence. A. L. S. F. 64
- Vidal y Pivon, Maria I., Mexico, October 29, 1820, to Mier. Recounts deaths and marriages in family. A. L. S. F. 66
- Mier, M. G. E., Mexico, November 20, 1820, to Mier. Family news. A. L. S. F. 70
- Berduzco, J[osé] S[ixto], Mexico, November 21, 1820, to Mier. Reports regaining liberty on November 8. A. L. S. F. 72
- Dugue, Juan, [Mexico?], November 22, 1820, to Mier. Recounts friendship. L. S. F. 73
- [Mier], December 4, 1820, to Junta provincial, Mexico. Complains of treatment and demands liberty or deportation. Copy. [Handwriting resembles Bustamante's who may have submitted this draft.] F. 74
- Same to same, December 7, 1820. Contents same as December 9. A. L. S. F. 78
- Same to same, December 9, 1820. Repeats complaints of October 6 that he has not been given his legal right and demands freedom. A. L. S. F. 78
- Same to same, December 9, 1820. Autograph draft of letter of December 7. F. 81
- [Mier], December 15, 1820. Account of experiences from April 21, 1817 to 1820. Copy. Incomplete. Substance agrees with Hernández y Dávalos, VI. 946-950; this account fuller. F. 83
- Valdivielso, J. M. de, Mexico, December 20, 1820, to Mier. Recounts death of Marquis de Aguayo and family news. L. S. F. 86
- Troncoso, J. N., Puebla, December 23, 1820, to Mier. Sends by Ituarte newspapers in which Mier's *Representación* is printed; asks to print *Manifiesto* and to see *Historia*. A. L. S. F. 92

- Mier, M. G. E., December 26, 1820, to Mier. Details of death of her mother and family affairs. A. L. S. F. 93
- Velasco, D., December 27, 1820, to Mier. Waiting to hear whether Mier has embarked. A. L. S. F. 95
- Mier to provisor [Alatorre]. Appeal for return of property taken in 1817. Autograph draft. Incomplete. Undated. F. 97
- Mier. Carta de despedida a los mexicanos. Escrita desde el castillo de San Juan de Ulua. . . . Autograph draft. Incomplete. Undated. Published at Puebla and Mexico, 1821. F. 99
- Mier. Another autograph draft of same. Incomplete. F. 101
- Mier to José Navarro. Protesting against imprisonment and demanding freedom. Autograph draft. Undated. F. 103
- [Mier]. Question politica. Puede ser libre la Nueva España? Autograph draft. Incomplete. F. 105
- [Mier]. Puede ser libre la Nueva España? Arguing for coöperation of U. S. in securing independence. Differs slightly from preceding. Autograph draft. F. 117
- Villaurrutia, Wenceslao, [Havana] to Mier. Conditions in Havana; treatment accorded Infante; has given papers to Luna; comments on intendants of Havana. Undated. A. L. S. F. 124
- [Bustamante, C. M.] to Mier. Sends receipt of official to whom money for Mier's journey has been given. Advises him to feign sickness and stay in Havana until he wishes to leave. Undated. F. 126
- Mier to ?. Asking for freedom. Autograph draft signed. Undated. F. 128

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- Algarin del Valle, Maria J., Mexico, January 1, 1821, to Mier. Recounts death of husband, November 20, 1819; hears of Mier through D. Velasco; offers aid. L. S. F. 129
- Macias, J. Antonio, Mexico, January 1, 1821, to Mier. Has received letter of December 9 through Berduceo. Advice to accept amnesty offered on September 17. A. L. S. F. 130
- Marani de Huici, Juana, Mexico, January 2, 1821, to Mier. News of her life, her husband, and children. L. S. F. 132
- Velasco, D., Mexico, January 2, 1821, to Mier. Has communicated contents of December 9 letter to friends. News of others. A. L. S. F. 134
- Mier, January 15, to C. M. de Bustamante. Receipt of Cayetano Pilón of passage money for Mier to leave Vera Cruz on January 15. A. L. S. F. 136
- Rosillo de Mier, Juan, Jalapa, January 22, 1821, to J. N. Troncoso. Asks that copies of imprints be sent Mier, who has left for Havana, and Francisco Mier at Monterey. Asks for suggestions for getting news to him. A. L. S. F. 137
- V[illavicencio], J. de, Mexico, January 31, 1821, to Mier. Has received letter of January 9 announcing departure of Mier on *Galga* for Havana to which this letter is sent care of Wenceslao Villaurrutia. A. L. S. F. 138

- Villaseñor, Juan Ignacio, Mexico, January 31, 1821, to Mier. Author of *Oda al Gato* has read Mier's history and wishes copy, but writer has not dared collect draft. A. L. S. F. 140
- Mier, M. G. E., Mexico, February 1, 1821, to Mier. Receipt for money sent by Mier from Vera Cruz through Hilario Félix de Bustamante. D. S. F. 141
- Rosillo de Mier, J., Jalapa, February 5, 1821, to W. Villaurrutia, Havana. Sends newspapers to Mier. Tells of severe punishment meted out to liberal writers. F. 142
- [?], Ana Maria, February 7, 1821, to Mier. Family news. A. L. S. F. 143
- Huici, J. L. de, Mexico, February 14, to Mier. Has received letter of January 26. Encloses letter from Juana Marani de Huici. L. S. F. 145
- Velasco, D., Mexico, February 14, 1821, to Mier. Has received letters of January 20 and 26. News of family and friends. A. L. S. F. 148
- Mier, M. G. E., Mexico, February 16, 1821. Receipt for jewel sent by Mier. D. S. F. 150
- Mier, February [17], to J. M. Cagigal, Havana. On margin of letter is certificate of José María del Vando, physician of the *Galga*, stating that the health of Mier demanded his removal from boat. A. L. S. F. 151
- Troncoso, J. N., Puebla, February 21, 1821, to Mier. Has received two letters and *Carta despedida*. Reports on printing done and proposed. Wants to print *Historia*. L. S. F. 152
- [Villaurrutia, W.], Havana, March 5, 1821, to Mier. O'Donoju has been named viceroy and is on way to Vera Cruz. Has made arrangements to have transfer to San Ambrosio made where Mier will have good accommodations. A. L. F. 152a
- [?], Jalapa, March 30, 1821, Artícua de carta de una persona residente in Guatepec en las inmediateciones de la villa de Xalapa. F. 153
- Vesandio?, Pedro, [Jalapa?] April 1, 1821, to L. M. del Valle. A. L. S. F. 156
- [Same?] Guatepec, April 15, 1821, to same, Havana. Unsigned. F. 158
- Mahy, Nicolas, Havana, April 17, 1821, to Mier. Advises of order to transport Mier to Spain on man-of-war *Pronta*. D. S. F. 161
- Bustamante, C. M. de, Vera Cruz, April 18, 1821, to Mier. Plans for Mier's escape. A. L. S. F. 162
- [Vesandio, Pedro?], Vera Cruz, April 23, 1821, to L. M. del Valle. Unsigned. F. 163
- [?], Vera Cruz, April 24, 1821, to [?]. Describes conditions after treaty of Iguala. Unsigned. At head in same handwriting "Carta de un Español". F. 165
- Carta dirigida al Dn. P. Labrador y metido a historiador político sobre la que se insertó en el *Diario de Vera Cruz* de 28 de April de 1821, núm. 118. Unsigned. F. 166
- Vesandio, P., Vera Cruz, April 30, to L. M. del Valle. Rubrica. F. 172
- Mier to J. M. Cagigal, Havana. Asking for justice. Account of persecutions from 1817 to 1821. Undated. On stamped paper of 1820. A. D. F. 174
- Same to same. Unsigned. A. D. F. 177

- Same to same. Reviews events since 1817. Asks for trial or freedom. Unsigned.
A. D. F. 180
- [Mier] to editors of *El Noticioso*, Havana. Concerning an article about Mier in
late issue; also refers to one in no. 3270, of September 17, 18[20]. Unsigned.
A. D.
- Mier's notes on events in Mexico from 12th of March to April 30th, 1821. A. D.
F. 185
- Vesania, P., Vera Cruz, May 12, 1821, to L. M. del Valle, Havana. Recounts events
in Mexico. Plan of Iguala. A. L. S. F. 189
- Mier's notes, prepared apparently for publication, on events in Mexico in 1821.
Undated. A. D. F. 191
- Mier's *La America justificada en su revolucion*. Survey of revolution in Mexico
and situation since plan of Iguala. Undated. A. D. F. 195
- [?], Vera Cruz, June 12, 1821, to Mier. Has received letter for himself and
Troncoso. Gives conditions around Vera Cruz. Only largest cities remain in
royalist hands. Unsigned. A. L. F. 201
- Mier, Philadelphia, June 20, 1821, to Charlotte Stephenson, London. Advises of
survival of remains of Mina expedition; is now free and in U. S. Wrote them
in 1816 but has heard nothing. A. L. S. F. 203
- Mier, Philadelphia, June 27, 1821, to William Hogan. Latin text. Replies to
questions submitted by Hogan. A. L. S. F. 204
- Same to same. A. D. Unsigned. F. 206
- Fragment of same. Unsigned. F. 210
- Carey and Sons, Philadelphia to Mier. Estimate for printing 1000 copies of 150
pages at \$82.25 without paper. D. S. F. 211
- Mecenas, [?], Saratoga, July 8, 1821, to Mier. No benefits from the water in 19
days. Will assist in financing publication as soon as expected remittances
arrive. A. L. S. F. 212
- Hurtel, Juan F., Philadelphia, July 16, 1821, to Mier. Receipt for paper for
printing *La Destruccion de las Indias*. D. S. F. 214
- Fernández, Juan F., Mexico, July 17, 1821, to Mier. Account of conditions in
Mexico. Will forward 100 *duros* to assist his return to Mexico. A. L. S.
F. 215
- Mecenas, [?], Saratoga, July 22, 1821, to Mier. Regrets inability to assist Mier
financially. A. L. S. F. 216
- St. Mary's Congregation, Philadelphia, July 28, 1821. Signed by Joseph Dugan,
John Leamy, John Ashley, trustees. Congratulates Mier on replies to William
Hogan. D. S. F. 218
- Hurtel, Juan F., Philadelphia, July 28, 1821, to Mier. Receipt for paper for
printing. D. S. [In French.] F. 219
- Same in Spanish. F. 220
- Yhary, Alex., Baltimore, July 30, 1821, to Mier. Confidential. Has received
Mier's letter advising of departure. Has no information of Co[n?].teling.
Asks financial assistance. A. L. S. [In French.] F. 222
- Same in Spanish. F. 224

- Rocafuerte, Vicente, New York, July 31, to Mier. Has just reached New York. Gives impressions of city, architecture, etc. A. L. S. F. 228
- Mier's Nuevo Discurso sobre la libertad de la patria. In substance agrees with first 80 pages of *Memoria política*. A. S. F. 230
- Mier's account of events in Mexico and his part in them. Means by which he escaped from boat at Havana. A. D. F. 264
- Mier's Noticias del Dr. Mier. An account of his stay in Havana and means by which he escaped from Spaniards and reached the United States. Incomplete. Unsigned. A. D. F. 266
- Mier's Apologia contra las personalidades que se hallan en un papel anónimo acabado de imprimir en Philadelphia intitulado. Remarks on the opinion of the Right Rev. Servandus A. Mier, . . . on certain queries proposed to him by the Rev. William Hogan. Unsigned. A. D. F. 267
- Another autograph draft with title Una Palabra sobre el folleto. . . . Unsigned. F. 271
- Mier's A Word relative to an anonymous pamphlet printed in Philadelphia entitled "Remarks on the opinion of the Right Rev. Servando A. Mier . . . on certain queries. . . ." Copy in English. Revisions and corrections in hand of Mier. F. 274
- Mier to [Juan Leamy]. In regard to translation of *Apologia*, in reply to remarks published in a paper in Philadelphia. 3 autograph drafts. Unsigned. F. 280
- D[ahle!], Daniel and Co., to Mier. Received bill. D. S. F. 287
- C[havez!], A., Havana, August 1, 1821, to Mier. Conditions in Havana. A. L. S. with initials only.
- Leamy, Juan, Philadelphia, August 2, 1821, to [Mier]. Asks him to correct translation of answer to the Remarks in order that it may be printed. A. L. S. F. 290
- Yhary, Alex., Baltimore, August 8, 1821, to Mier. Wants further information about their projected trip. A. L. S. [In French.] F. 292
- Stephenson, Charlotte, London, August 6, 1821, to Mier. Recounts friendship with Mier during stay in London and personal experiences since. A. L. S. F. 290
- Allchin, George, Philadelphia, August 13, 1821, to Mier. Receipt for binding 500 books, \$16.00. F. 293
- Hurtel, Juan F., Philadelphia, August 14, 1821, to Mier. Wishes to know Mier's decision in regard to publishing his work. A. L. S. [In French.] F. 294
- Bennett and Walton, Philadelphia, August 15, to Mier. Received bill for 7 reams medium printing paper, \$28.00. D. S. F. 295
- Mexico. Provincias Internas [Gaspar López] Treaty signed in Monterey, August 16, 1821, between the Comandante General of the Provincias Internas and the Gran Caddo. This copy has introductory remarks by Mier. F. 296
- C[havez], A., Havana, August 21, 1821, to Mier. Full accounts of events in Spain and Mexico as contained in latest letters. Transmits Mier's letter from Mexico. A. L. S. with initials. F. 297
- Yhary, Alex., Baltimore, August 26, 1821, to Mier. Asks for loan of some money. Has discovered some intercepted correspondence of Mina. Offers copies. A. L. S. [In French.] F. 299

- Mier, September 2, 1821, to Pedro Gual. Remits copy of *Memoria* and *Las Casas*, both just published with object of preventing a monarchy in Mexico. Discusses use of term "South America". Advice to Iturbide. A. L. S. F. 310
- Allchin, George, Philadelphia, September 12, 1821, to Mier. Receipted bill for binding 10 volumes in morocco, \$10.00. D. S. F. 303
- Torres, M., Philadelphia, September 17, 1821. Itemized account of printing expenses for *Las Casas* \$270.00. D. S. F. 303
- Yhary, Alex., Baltimore, September 17, 1821, to Mier. Has heard of good news from Mexico and is ready to join Mier in trip there. His experience in service of France will be of benefit; has proven his sincerity in Mina expedition. A. L. S. [In French.] F. 304
- Torres, M., Philadelphia, September 24, 1821, to Mier. Rocafuerte has left for Baltimore. Orders 25 copies of each publication of Mier. News in latest papers from South America. A. L. S. F. 306
- Mecenas, [?], New York, September 29, 1821, to Mier. Is sending *Indicador* requested and will comply with other requests. Assures Mier of his friendship. A. L. S. F. 307
- Crawford, James, Philadelphia, October 14, 1821, to Mier. Advises Mier of accompanying letter of introduction to [William D. Sims] at Pensacola. A. L. S. F. 309
- Same to William D. Sims, Pensacola. Introducing Mier who is on way to Mexico. A. L. S. F. 310
- Torres, M., Philadelphia, October 16, 1821, to Mier. Mier has carried off copy of *Historia de Mexico* and *Gazetas* which he must return. News of Spanish America. A. L. S. F. 312
- Leamy, Juan, Philadelphia, October 17, 1821, to Mier. Is glad Mier has arrived safely at New York. Wishes him luck on trip to New Orleans. Tailor has brought unpaid bill for \$26.50. Wishes to know disposition. A. L. S. F. 313
- Torres, M., Philadelphia, October 18, 1821, to Mier. Refers to books and papers Mier took. Glad he will get steamer to Pensacola. Will send letter of introduction shortly. South American affairs. Conditions in Mexico. A. L. S. F. 314
- Leamy, Juan, Philadelphia, October 20, 1821, to Mier. Mr. Bliss has arrived and repaid \$25.00 lent Mier on departing. Tailor bill will be taken care of. Good wishes for journey. A. L. S. F. 316
- New York *Daily Advertiser*, October 22, 1821. Receipt to Casali for subscription. F. 318
- Torres, M., Philadelphia, October 25, 1821, to Mier. Illness has prevented writing. News of Mexico. Is sending letter of introduction to mayor of Pensacola. Needs of Mexico. A. L. S. F. 319
- Same to Henry Breckenridge, Pensacola, October 28, 1821. Introducing Mier. A. L. S. F. 320
- Same to Mier, October 29, 1821. Sends letter of introduction. Explanation about books taken by Mier. Conditions in South America. A. L. S. with nickname. F. 322

- Same, October 31, 1821, to same. Details of his health. Reviews his career. Conditions in Mexico and South America. Fear of English influence. A. L. S. with nickname. F. 324
- Same, October 31, 1821, to same. Passport for Mier destined for Havana. A. L. S. F. 326
- Chaves, José M., New York, November 3, 1821, to Mier. Regrets can not supply \$250.00 needed for traveling. Expects letter from Gabriel Camacho and will then supply funds. A. L. S. F. 327
- Torres, M., Philadelphia, November 8, 1821, to Mier. Has received letters of 3rd and 6th. Fears Mier, going by New Orleans, will not reach Mexico until after empire is established. Discussion of contending systems in America. Mier did not give writer copy of either book. Regrets having no friends in New Orleans to send letter to. A. L. S. F. 328
- Same, November 18, 1821, to same. Illness. Conditions in South America and Mexico. Reviews late *Gazetas* from Spain. A. L. S. F. 329
- [Mier,] New York, to [José de San Martín?]. Is sending two copies of his publications. Reviews conditions in Spanish America, Mexico in particular. Traces developments since February, 1821. Undated. Incomplete. Unsigned. F. 331
- Rocafuerte, V., Havana, November 18, 1821, to Macedonio Chavez, New York. Reached Havana safely but boxes were a nuisance. Mier has been recommended in Pensacola and is to draw on him for money. A. L. S. F. 335
- Torres, M., Philadelphia, December 11, 1821, to Mier. Has news from Havana of departure of Apodaca and Iturbide's entrance in Mexico City. Discusses recognition of Spanish America by U. S. Bad health. A. L. S. F. 335
- Mecenas, [?], to Mier. Has received Mier's of July 11 through Richard Meade, also a later one. Regrets matter of settlement for the printing of the *Manifiesto* but sickness has interfered. Letters from Havana but no news. Undated. A. L. S. F. 336
- Chaves, José M., New York, to Mier. Cannot help Mier financially until he hears from Havana. A. L. S. Undated. F. 338
- Barry, Eduardo, Frankfort, to Mier. Enclosing an English translation of unnamed document. A. L. S. Undated. F. 339
- Mier's account of life from 1794 to 1821 with views on independence of Mexico. Autograph draft. Undated. F. 340
- Mier's *Memoria político-instructiva*. Autograph draft. Incomplete. Pp. 17-79 of the 1822 edition. F. 387
- Coroma, Brigida, to Father Guzmán de Santa Teresa. Has just heard from Sepedo his condition. Family news. A. L. S. Undated. F. 402
- Cardosa, Ramón, to Mier. Sends the shoes without charges. A. L. S. Undated. F. 403
- Mier, M. E. G., to Mier. Has received fifty dollars sent by Mier. Family news. A. L. S. Undated. F. 404
- Ayala y Perales, Dolores, to Mier, M. G. E. Family news. A. L. A. Undated. F. 406
- [Bustamante, C. M. de], to [Mier]. Attempts to help him. Intimate details of political machinery. Signed with rubrica only. Undated. F. 416-421

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- Velásquez de la Cadena, Mariano, Mexico, January 1, 1822, to Mier. Send copy of *Ortografía*. A. L. S. F. 425
- Torres, M., Philadelphia, January 4, 1822, to Mier. Account of conditions in Columbia and Chile. A. L. S. F. 426
- Same to same. January 11, 1822. Regrets Mier did not get off but hopes he will go direct. Conditions in Spanish America; thinks Spain is impotent. Urges that personalities be forgotten and all work for welfare of country. A. L. S. F. 428
- Armas, Manuel de, New York, January 18, 1822, to Mier. Encloses Pinzón power of attorney for steam engine; asks it be delivered. Letters are enclosed for Velásquez and Sartorio. A. L. S. F. 430
- Monterey, Ayuntamiento, January 31, 1822, to the governors of Texas and Nuevo Santander. Notice of election of Mier to Congress. D. S. F. 432
- Villaseñor, Juan Ignacio, Mexico, March 3, 1822, to Manuel Texido. Has received letter enclosing one of Mier; asks that he communicate with Troncoso in Puebla and send trunk of Mier to Guadalupe Emilia but keep books until advised by Mier. A. L. S. F. 433
- Texido, M., to Mier. Transmits preceding and asks that letter be destroyed. Undated. A. L. S. F. 433b
- McClure, David, April 5, 1822, to Mier. Hopes for independence of Mexico; regrets plan of foreign ruler. Torres sick. A. L. S. F. 434
- Santa Catarina. Ayuntamiento, April 18, 1822, to Mexican Congress. Petition concerning collection and disposition of taxes; asks for establishment of schools and rehabilitation of Refugio. D. S. F. 436
- Bustamante, C. M. de, Mexico, May 8, 1822, to Mier. Expresses grief at Mier's imprisonment; is doing all possible to secure release. Is now editor of *Abispa*; Lucas de Palacio is bearer. L. S. and autograph postscript. F. 438
- Llano, [L. R.][†] de, Monterey, May 9, 1822, to Juan Bautista de Arispe. Detailed account of conditions in Nuevo León. A. L. S. F. 440
- Mier, [Vera Cruz], May 23, 1822, to M. Torres. Fragment of letter recounting arrival at Vera Cruz on February 23. Autograph draft. Unsigned. F. 442
- Mortimer, Pedro Agustín, Matape, May 25, 1822, to Mier. Recounts life since early days; rejoices at Mier's return. A. L. S. F. 443
- Mier, M. G. E., June 9, 1822, to Mier. Joy at arrival of Mier; family matters and preparations for his arrival. A. L. S. F. 445
- Monterey Ayuntamiento, June 12, 1822, to Mier. Notification of his election as deputy from Nuevo León. D. S. F. 448
- Monterey Ayuntamiento, June 12, 1822, to Jose María Llerena. Enclosing notification to Dr. Mier of his election as deputy. D. S. F. 447
- Mexico, Provincias Internas, Comandante General [Gaspar López] Saltillo, June 15, 1822, to Ayuntamiento of Monterey. Instructions regarding advance payment of deputies in need. (Decree of Iturbide, April 15, 1822.) Certified copy. F. 452
- Recio, Manuel, Mexico, June 17, 1822, to Mier. Galvan has brought out edition of *Memoria* which he is selling for less than authorized edition; advises Mier take steps to stop it. A. L. S. F. 453

- Rivas, Martin Diego de, Monterey, June 20, 1822, to Mier. Recounts experiences since days with Mier in Mina expedition. Has since married a relative and will get in closer touch. A. L. S. F. 455
- Mier Noriega, José Felipe de, Monterey, June 21, 1822, to Mier. Advises of plan to study in capital on completion of local school. A. L. S. F. 457
- Monterey Ayuntamiento, June 21, 1822, to Mier. Asks assistance in keeping Monterey capital of province. Recounts events and conduct of Gaspar López. D. S. F. 458
- Mier y Noriega, José Joaquín de, Monterey, June 21, 1822, to Mier. Congratulations on return; recounts own experiences; asks aid in securing better position. A. L. S. F. 463
- Monterey Ayuntamiento, June 21, 1822, to [?], primer ministro. Plea for aid in remaining capital of province. Certified copy. F. 466
- Ugartechea, José Joaquín de, Monterey, June 21, 1822, to Mier. Relief at freedom of Mier; tells of eight children and reinstatement as collector of tobacco tax. L. S. F. 467
- Morales, Pedro José, Monterey, June 21, 1822, to Mier. Relief at Mier's liberty; greetings from family. Also signed by Morales's wife, María de los Dolores Mier y Noriega. A. L. S. F. 471
- Mier, Juan Bernardo, Monterey, June 21, 1822, to Mier. Greetings from family; asks military protection for his district; discusses rapid increase of Americans and its dangers to province; is preparing article on needed reforms. A. L. S. F. 472
- Mier y Noriega, Ariadne, Monterey, June 21, 1822, to Mier. Rejoices at Mier's freedom. Family news. A. L. S. F. 474
- Issel Gumbardo, Bernardo, Monterey, June 21, 1822, to Mier. Greetings and family news. L. S. F. 475
- Mier's *Exposicion a Iturbide en su exaltacion al trono*. Copy. F. 476
- Llastra?, María Guadalupe de las, June 23, to [Mier?]. Remitting some papers of interest. A. L. S. F. 496
- Portugal, Bernardo de, San Carlos, June 2[3], 1822, to Mier. Congratulations on return; recounts own experiences. A. L. S. F. 497
- Mier, M. G. E., Mexico, June 25, 1822, to Mier. Tells of her protracted illness; family affairs. A. L. S. F. 499
- Treviño, Juan Nepomuceno, Monterey, June 25, 1822, to Mier. Joy at Mier's freedom; greetings from nephews and nieces. In postscript asks about removal of Spaniards from governmental positions. A. L. S. F. 501
- Monterey Ayuntamiento, June 28, 1822, to Mier. Asks active measures for protection of rights of Monterey now threatened by attitude of Saltillo and acts of Gaspar López. D. S. F. 502
- Llano, Julia de, Monterey, June 29, 1822, to Manuel [de Llano]. Reports conditions in Monterey; needs Mier's assistance in protecting rights of the town. A. L. S. F. 506
- Peña, F. J. de la, Puebla, July 1, 1822, to José Joaquín Fernández de Lizardi, Mexico. Introducing Dr. Mier; has sold only four copies of the *Segundo Sueño*. A. L. S. F. 508

- Tacome, Andrés, Puebla, July 2, 1822, to Felipillo [?]. Asks for 100 pesos to be handed Mier. A. L. S. F. 510
- Ayala, Marcos, Monterey, July 5, 1822, to Mier. Had hoped to see him in Sota la Marina; now hopes to see him in Mexico; family news. L. S. F. 511
- Mier Noriega, Francisco de, Monterey, July 5, 1822, to Mier. Regrets Mier reached Puebla so exhausted; news of the Monterey-Salttillo controversy; family and local news. A. L. S. F. 513
- Mier Noriega, José Antonio, Monterey, July 6, 1822, to Mier. Has heard of Mier's arrival through Juan B. Arispe; reminds him of writer's circumstances. A. L. S. F. 515
- Tacome, Andrés, Puebla, July 6, 1822, to Mier. Trusts Mier has reached Mexico safely; cautions about his health. A. L. S. F. 517
- Texido, Manuel, Vera Cruz, July 9, 1822, to Mier. Regrets inability to get Mier's tobacco from boat, but there is no sale; former lot was shipped to Troncoso as directed. A. L. S. F. 518
- Bangs, Samuel, Saltillo, July 13, 1822, to Mier. Relates personal career to date; refers to Mina expedition; offers to work for Mier; has changed name to Manuel. A. L. S. F. 519
- [?], Puebla, July 13, 1822, to Mier. Describes military conditions around Puebla and dissatisfaction of masses. Unsigned. F. 521
- Mier's *Discurso* pronunciado el día 15 de julio quando se presentó al Dr. Mier a ocupar su asiento en Congreso. Autograph draft. Incomplete. Unsigned. Printed in González's *Biografía de Mier*, pp. 340-348. F. 522
- Recio, Manuel, Mexico, July 15, 1822, to Mier. Receipt for 179 copies of *Destrucción de las Indias* to be put on sale. D. S. F. 524
- Llerena, Jose M., July 17, 1822, to Mier. Regrets not having been able to see Mier, but will expedite business mentioned and advise results. A. L. S. F. 525
- Soto, Mariano, Papalotla, July 19, to Mier. Expresses his admiration since boyhood for Mier; is himself an outcast. A. L. S. F. 526
- Monterey Ayuntamiento, July 22, 1822, to Gaspar López. Repeats request of March 30 that financial aid be given their deputy [Dr. Mier] who is in need. Certified copy. F. 527
- Mier, [?], Saltillo, July 22, 1822, to Mier. Rejoices over Mier's reception in Mexico; is dependent on him to get writer position in cathedral as bishop will favor Mier. Incomplete. Unsigned. F. 528
- Monterey Ayuntamiento, July 22, 1822, to Mier. Advises of steps taken to aid financially and of difficulties; urges need of calling provincial congress. L. S. F. 529
- [?], Saltillo, July 22, 1822, to Mier. Has received letter of 10th and is coming to Mexico; has prepared military record in hopes of getting award from government. Incomplete. Unsigned. F. 532
- López, Gaspar, Saltillo, July 22, 1822, to Mier. Congratulations on freedom and position he is now to occupy. A. L. S. F. 533
- Fernández de Lizardi, José Joaquín, Mexico, July 23, 1822, to Mier. Is sending 6 copies of *La verdad vestida de dama palaciega*. A. L. S. F. 534

- [Giral de Crama?], Joseph María, Oaxaca, July 27, 1822, to Mier. Expressing joy at arrival of Mier. Signed also by Gracia y Guerra de Gira[1], Maria Trinidad. A. L. S. F. 535
- Estrella, Juan José de la, Oaxaca, July 27, 1822, to Mier. Expresses satisfaction at freedom of Mier. Few lines of Joseph Giral de Crama repeating congratulations. A. L. S. F. 536
- Ugartechea, José Joaquín de, Monterey, July 29, 1822, to Mier. Has heard of Mier's stop at Puebla, arrival at Mexico, and interview with Iturbide. Asks that his service record not be forgotten in distribution of patronage. Family news. A. L. S. F. 537
- Velásquez, José Claudio, Santiago Miahuatla, to Mier. Congratulates on Mier's success and asks support of writer's petition addressed to the Mexican congress. A. L. S. F. 540
- Ugartechea, José Joaquín de, Monterey, July [31], 1822. Record of services. Copy. F. 542
- Bustamante, Anastasio, August 1, 1822, to Mier. Suggests that Ignacio Pérez see minister of war in person to press his claim; believes married soldiers should be allowed to return home. L. S. F. 543
- Ugartechea y Mier, Juana, Monterey, August 2, 1822, to Mier. Asks Mier's approval of her fiancé. A. L. S. F. 544
- Mier Noriega, Adriana, Monterey, August 2, 1822, to Mier. Mass has been said on hearing of Mier's safe arrival. Francisco Mier has not shown Mier's letters. Asks for news of J. M. Manero. Family news. A. L. S. F. 550
- Vivero, José, Monterey, August 2, 1822, to Mier. Congratulations on freedom and position. L. S. F. 551
- [Punales], Martín Diego, Monterey, August 2, 1822, to Mier. Has written four letters but received no reply; was with Mier at Galveston and Sota la Marina; joined Mina in Santo Domingo and was his barber; asks reply. A. L. S. (Writer is apparently the Martín Diego Rivas of June 20.) F. 552

Other letters in the collection are dated 1822 and 1823; among these is one from Vicente Guerrero. Those given will, however, serve to indicate the general character of the archives.

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