

events of his life, his medals, stamps, effigies, scenes from important historical events, statues and a few family portraits. San Martín receives some sixty-eight cuts of similar character, and in addition a long list of letters, proclamations and other documents, together with certain legal declarations such as his will and the official statement of his death.

The two volumes are intended primarily for the specialist, but the general reader would profit from the biographical sketches, and the pictures, while hardly suitable for further reproduction, illustrate phases of contemporary painting and statuary, and give a national interpretation to important battles and other significant historical events. Thus they form a useful addition to any collection of memorabilia relating to the Wars of Independence.

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*Causas celebres a los precursores.* ("Derechos del Hombre," *Pesquisa de sublevación, pasquines sediciosas.*) *Copias fieles y exactas de los originales que se guardan en el Archivo General de Indias (Sevilla), compulsadas y cotejadas por José Manuel Pérez Sarmiento.* Tomo I [Biblioteca de Historia Nacional, Vol. LIX.] (Bogotá: Imprenta Nacional, 1939. Pp. xviii, 535.)

This installment of a collection of sources concerning revolutionary activities in the viceroyalty of New Granada in the last decade of the eighteenth century prints a series of documents recently found in the Archivo General de Indias. Volume one of the projected series publishes documents dealing more or less directly with the suit against Antonio Nariño and others on account of the publication in Bogotá of the "Derechos del Hombre." One hundred and eighty-four papers bearing dates from 1794 to 1800 are now displayed to the public gaze. Señor Pérez Sarmiento states that these voluminous papers are being printed in the exact order in which they were found in the Casa Lonja, with the same orthography, and with the original marginal annotations. Although without any editorial notes, these papers are preceded by a brief introduction by the editor. Aside from its bearing on seditious tendencies in New Granada, this volume furnishes sidelights on conditions in that viceroyalty near the end of the colonial régime.

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