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Salvado

Wednesday, 5 January 1859

Griver, Perth

Salvado; New Norcia

Correspondence, Spanish

NB #1 Glad to hear Martínez is improving, and suggests various remedies for the lingering sore throat–principally gargling with various infusions, but also leeches or mustard plaster applied externally. If the cause was abuse of the vocal cords, then he must stop talking or singing. If it is a chest infection, it will take longer to get over. God alone is the true healer.

Sends the Almanac. Reilly will make arangements with Shenton about distribution of this and

newspapers.

Griver requests 'Help', the most suitable horse for his long journey to King George Sound on 13th, and asks for their prayers for him on his mission.

Incoming mail includes replies from Rome to various petitions on liturgical matters, especially the honours due to Our Lady of Mount Carmel [Virgen del Carmen], as in Spain. He will keep Salvado and Salvadó informed of the changes.

Glad to hear Garrido is settled in Ceylon. Lecaille is now in Perth, so Lynch must be alone in

charge of Bunbury district. Serra is in Fremantle at present; he had left mail unposted, and nobody noticed.

The French sisters have taken [or raised? – 'sacado'] a lot of money, perhaps as much as

£70.

Shaw has sheep tobacco in cases of 116 or 117 lbs (or was it 170?– Griver is not sure), at 1/8d per lb in the case, or 1/9 per lb loose. Griver awaits instructions, as he knows nothing of

requirements, but Mason has no tobacco.

This will come with Butler or Serra, not the ordinary mail.

PS Just received Salvado's message, and he will send Fr José for the blasting 'fews' (fuse?) and include that with the letter. He must go to Guildford next day.

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Salvado

Friday, 7 January 1859

F.Salvadó, Toodyay

Salvado, [New Norcia]

Correspondence, Spanish

NB #7 Belated greetings. He hopes the reaping was completed, and that New Norcia has been spared brushfires. On Christmas Eve the bush from Toodyay to York and Beverley was ablaze, possibly the result of a lightning strike on Spring Hill. Everyone seems to agree on that, which is most unusual. Mostly grass, but about 100 acres of wheat was burnt, and some animals were lost. Rain on 30th saved the day.

Glad to hear that Garrido is with fellow countrymen, and that their mission is so successful

New Year's day brought sad news from home: his father's death in mid-July, and since then two cousins have died, one of them a parish priest returned to Spain from Italy. Salvadó finds these things hard to bear alone, and asks for their prayers.

Serra did not visit as expected. He will have had good cause not to come, Salvadó supposes.

Salvado appears to have spent more time there (in Perth?) than might have been expected at this critical period. It will have been as God wills.

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Salvado

Saturday, 8 January 1859

Salvado, [New Norcia]

[Garrido], [Caltura, Ceylon]

Correspondence, Spanish

(unnumbered, but see below 4a) [Postscript to 13.125 of 27 December 1858.]

Serra and O'Reilly arrived unexpectedly at 10.00 p.m. last night. The most interesting news from them so far is of the appearance over Adelaide at the time of the Elevation at Sunday Mass on 30 October of a giant crucifix in the sky, seen by many during the 25 minutes it remained visible. Protestants claim it was an effect of reflected light, but it was seen up to sixty miles away, in bush where there is nothing to reflect light. People ask what it may signify. Serra suggests it may be that at that moment the decision on the new bishop was taken in Rome. Perhaps he feared that he had been named. Salvado has the impression Serra thinks of himself as that bishop; if so, the move would be good for him, though others may not think so.

9 January. Has just received Micalet's letter with news of his ordination. Salvado is glad he has done so well.

Ends quickly, in order not to miss the mail.

Why does Aragón not write? Unforgivable!

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4a #15 [stamped at the end of Salvado's PS] Garrido at Caltura, to Aragón, in Spanish

He sends this PS; the letter itself would be too bulky. Salvado is happy for Garrido to stay in

Ceylon, and sends greetings to Rivaya and Martín, also to the Abbot. He reports Salvado's version of Serra's reaction to Garrido's last letter from on board the 'Indian Chief'. News from Spain has also arrived, including a mention of Martín's mission.

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