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## No. 9

## N[ew] O[rleans] March 28 [1851]

My esteemed D. German: I have read your letter of the 21, No. 12, that I should not answer, because I should not spend the time but on important things and that they may be of use in our actual situation and that of our committed friends in the island.

Najasa<sup>1</sup> should have informed you of the real circumstances and of my thoughts and resolutions. I hope that you have proceeded according to those reports and with what I wrote you at the same time. Not proceeding thus, my friend, all of your works, no matter how good they are, will not be any good to us if the moment that I fear with more than enough reason arrives. We strive here, with that motive, to be timely in the assistance if it is carried out, in spite of my opinion, the pronunciamiento [military insurrection] in Cuba, and when a sudden departure would not be necessary, always before the 20 of the next month, on which I have given my word pledging my honor, to the leaders that we have in the island (who with their associates will be the ones to liberate her, even though you may not want to see it that way here) with the idea that they stop the already determined and even sworn to movement in which they gave me a part, and we will gain here some more time to avoid with our departure the evils that are easily foreseen in such a pronunciamiento, without a leader who has the respect of all, in a country so full of dangers because of its particular conditions and for other considerations of great importance for the quick and complete triumph of the revolution. Now you see that I cannot or should not fail on my promise, so I will keep it even if I have to go alone. Fortunately we have done some tasks in this city which today almost give me the security of having the means in which to leave whenever I want to. You, then, informed of this, and knowing what has been done or what is left to do in N.Y. should tell me: If there is something to go to in your theater of operations before the 20 of the next month, or if there is no possibility of having anything ready in that time, so that I can resolve here the best for my purpose, which will be reduced to finally doing what you went with eagerness to put into practice in that part of the Union before anything.

I beg you not to lose time in answering me or in talking to me for now of anything not related to the previous matter.

Yours as always

N[arciso] Lopez

If General L.<sup>2</sup> does not believe that he should go with no less than 1,000 men, he should stay.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gaspar Betancourt Cisneros.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> General Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar.

M.ª al ways in manual Her it teals for second NO Marro 28 20 11 16 Mann & Ger Song the are delated that the state and an too Mi estamado D. German: he lendo por casta del 21. n. 12. que debo no contestar, p. que no debo gastar el timpo sino en coras importantes y que oue dan server de algo en muestra actual setucion y la de nuestros amigos comprometidos en la isla. Najara le habra informado al. delas verdaderas ununstancias y de mos pensamsentos o resoluciones. Espero que V. habra obrado de acuerdo con aquellos informes y con lo que le curito yo a la ve. No obrando ase, amigo mio, todos sur Trabajos, p. brienos q. ellos sian, no nos serviran de nada a llega el momento q temo con robrado fundamento. Nos esporamos aque, con ese motivo, para ser oportunos en los auxilios se se efectua, apesar de mi oposicion, el pronunciami en luba, y wan de no sea necesaria una violenta salida, para efectuarla sumpre antes del dia 20. del entrante; palabra que he dado empeñando me honor, a los gefes que tenemos en la isla ( que con sus asociados son los que han de libertarla, aunque U. nolo queera entender an' aque) con la idea de que parasen el resuetto y hasta juramientado movimiento de que me duron parte, y gamar norotros aia algun Viempo ma para contar con muestra marcha los nales que faulmente « preveen en un pronumerammento tal, un gefe que ten ga el respito de todos, en un par Tan llens de pelegros p. sus condiciones particulares y potras concideraciones mas de gran importancia para el triunto pronto y completo de la revolucion. La ve U que yo no puedo ne debo faltar a mé promesa, an es, q. La cumpture aunque triviere que marcharme 1060, Aportanadamente himos hecho en esta undad algunos trabajos que case me dan hoy la inguridad de tener en que l'argarme mando quiera. Vd. pues, impuesto

de esto, y con consciencianto delo hecho o p. haver en N. 4. debe decirme !: Il en su teatro de operaciones hay a que ir antes del dia 20 del entrante, o si no hay portvilidad de tener listo nada en ell tiempo, para yo revolver aca lo mejor a me proporto, que re reduura a haver al fin lo que U pue a practicar con ancia en esa parte de la l'mion antes que todo. Ruego a V. no pierda tumpo en contestarme ne en ablarme p. ahora de otra cora que no rea aquello. Juyo como sumpre N- Loper Ai el general L. no vice que debe ir con menos de 1000 - k. que se quede. the second states and the second second colors. some for the son Second Standing of a 17 a. and the state of the second second