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Letter from Governor Sande to the King, dated Manila 30 May 1579

Source: AGI 67-6-6; translated in B&R 4:144-147.

Letter from Francisco de Sande to King Philip II

Royal Catholic Majesty:

...

I have built a vessel here of 600 tons, which can make the said voyage [to China], if your Majesty will so order; and I am now building another.¹

...

May our Lord preserve your Majesty...

Manila, in the island of Luçon in the Philippines, 30 May 1579.

Royal Catholic Majesty.

Your Majesty's loyal vassal and servant who kisses your royal hands,
Doctor Francisco de Sande.²

1 Ed. note: I think the first ship referred to is the **Trinidad**, which sailed in 1579; it was built in Panay under the supervision of Miguel de Loarca (see B&R 34: 313+). The other is probably the **Nuestra Señora de la Cinta**, which sailed in 1581.

2 Ed. note: The letter is endorsed with a note stating that it was received in Madrid on 4 June 1581. There was another letter by Governor Sande, his last as Governor, written to the King on 10 June 1580 in which he announced the arrival of his successor, Gonzalo Ronquillo de Peñalosa (B&R 53:254).