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## Document 1577A

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### Governor Sande's relation (continued)

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#### Relation dated 8 June 1577, sent via the San Juan

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The voyages to this country are all by sea, and in ships which are often wrecked, many soldiers being thus lost. Those who have the good fortune to escape with their lives lose their arquebuses, coats-of-mail, swords, and daggers, which constitute their military equipment.

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As soon as I arrived at this city [in 1575], I began proceeding in the *residencia*, and the examination of accounts, according to your Majesty's commands. Duplicates of the [1576] report were sent in the ship **Santiago** and also in the ship **San Felipe** which was unfortunately lost. In the ship **San Juan** will now be despatched the duplicates, as your Majesty will note in the letter to the Viceroy.

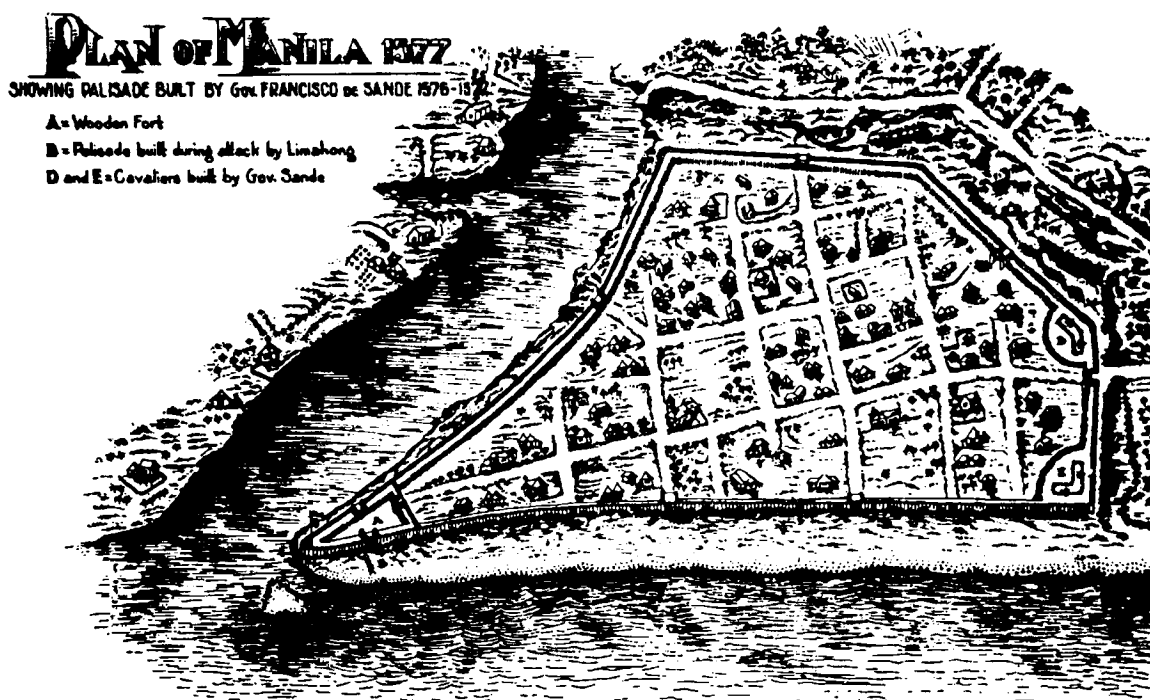
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As I advised by the ship **Santiago**, I sent to the island of Panay for galleys to be made. Two built there were launched in this city, and I have another of 16 [benches?] finished, and one of 25 is in the course of construction. It would have been completed four months ago had it not been for the overhauling of this ship **San Juan**, which carries this letter... Besides these occupations, all the workmen were engaged during the past year, from Christmas [1575] until July [1576], in overhauling the ships **Santiago** and **San Felipe**. They have been busy since October [1576] in overhauling the ship **San Juan** until its sailing today, to repair damages caused by its wreck. It is now put in very good condition, with pine masts, which I took from that of the [original illegible] which are said to be better than those here; for the wood of this land is very heavy.

After the completion of the galleys which were built here, **I have ordered them to build there a large ship of 400 tons**. After completing the galley, another will be made here of the same style, God willing; we have bought much iron and everything necessary, as I have written to the Viceroy in his letter. God willing, we shall build ships

here which would be worth in New Spain 100,000 ducats, and which cost here less than 15,000. Consequently, the situation here may be improved thereby.

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I humbly beg that your Majesty be pleased to grant me favor and remember me.  
In Manila, 8 June 1577.<sup>1</sup>



**Plan of the city of Manila (Intramuros) in 1577.**

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<sup>1</sup> Ed. note: This copy may be one of the duplicates, as it was unsigned.