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**Legazpi—Second letter from the King
to Fr. Urdaneta, dated Aranjuez
4 March 1561**

Sources: AGI 1-1-1/23; Col. de Navarrete, t. 17, doc. 1; Col. Ultramar ii, doc. 16, pp. 118-119; Col. diarios 5:146; summarized in B&R 2:82-83; translated in FBG 8:10.

Letter from Philip II to Fr. Urdaneta

[From] the King

[To] Fray Andrés de Urdaneta of the Order of St. Augustine:

I have read your letter of 28 May 1560, and learned therefrom that you are offering yourself, in accordance with our request, to go to the Islands of the West in the ships that Don Luis de Velasco, our Viceroy of that land [New Spain] is sending in compliance with our order. I thank you very much for your willingness to join this expedition considering it a service to God, our Lord, and to us. I shall order this to be placed on record so that you will be compensated accordingly. I, therefore, order that, in accordance with your offer, you make the voyage and place in it all the trust afforded by your religion and kindness, given that in regard to the advice you sent everything has been endorsed to the Viceroy so that he may provide what is convenient in accordance with his orders.

Aranjuez, 4 March 1561.

I, the King.

By order of His Majesty, Francisco de Eraso.