

No. 5. Is a Letter from Diego Joseph Gomes y Peña to his Father, Pedro

Gomez de la Concepcion Prisoner at Bristol dated at Sta. Cruz in Theneriffe 20th May 1741 mentioning amongst other Things that an Epidemick Distemper has reign'd amongst all the Inhabitants, w[hi]ch if it had been a little severer would have swept every soul away, That the Distemper begun with Pains in the head, Stitches, lowness of Spirits & a loathing of the Stomach, that the Remedy was rubbing cupping & Sweating, that bleeding was mortal & that he mention's these Circumstances by way of Precaution in Case the same Distemper should spread it self here. He further mentions that he was bound for the Havana as Chaptain on Board the Palmerito but that the Governor would not suffer the ship to sett sail, for Reason of certain Intelligences he had that a squadron of Man of War was near the Canary Islands & That Virtue of the Letters he had desired for Madera he had obtain'd from D[on] Manuel de la Camara a Recommendation to his Brother and that he told him, that he (viz. his Father) by Virtue of the s[aid] Letter would want for nothing at Madera that he likewise gott two Letters of Recommendation from his friend Patrick Madan to furnish him at Madera w[i]th the necessaries, that those Letters would be forwarded by D[on] Juan de Abreu to Madera & that upon his arrival there he might ask of those Gent[leman] whereof he sent him the names, for what he wanted taking care upon his arrival at Santa Cruz to reimburse Patrick Madan & [...] the rest to no purpose

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