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Text of Account:

English translation –

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“Statement of Ceferino Mina, twenty-five years old, single....

He was provoked at the sight of the administrator Don Manuel de Montes trying to put his fellow slave Rafael Mina in shackles just because on Sunday, at three in the afternoon, he went to a garden plot to eat some mangoes. He took off, with the intention of going to the paddock on La Leyva in order to ask Don Francisco Sánchez for papers. . . . The witness, along with his fellow tribesmen Juan Bautista and Felipe, followed him, although some slaves from the same farm followed them as well, prompted

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by the administrator's bad temperament. The witness managed to escape, along with the three above-mentioned men, and came before the aforementioned Sánchez.... He was obliged to do so because of the oppressive circumstances in which he found himself. He had worked there for the past ten years and was deprived of any means whatsoever by which to work toward his freedom. He was not even allowed other privileges typically granted other men, as so commonly seen, and which he knew were extended elsewhere. What he wanted was to improve his lot.”

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