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Text of Account:

p. 124:

English translation –

“Statement of the fugitive slave Francisco de Paulo Congo, alias Boticario, thirty years old, single, carter.

(He responded that he killed Cirilo) for no good reason. . . . He ran away because he was missing a leg iron that he had removed without permission. He had been in shackles for running away once before. One Sunday he removed it and hid it along with his weeding machete and some of his hemp clothing. When he went to look for it to put it on again and go back to work, he found that it had been stolen. Fearful of being punished even more, he fled, and that is why he had gone missing for eight days before the killing . . .”

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