

Commander General and Governor of both
Californias

Your Excellency

Monterey Oct.
20 of 1843

Report [of the] Secretary of Dispatches

Micheltorena

E.S.

For the good qual-
ities of the applicants that
according to the reports I
have acquired, as in the
time they have occupied
the terrain that they seek,
have built a house on
it, and other works that
they have undertaken on it
for its growth, for
everything they show them-
selves credible
in their petition, at all
times so that it is consi-
dered as appropriate

José de Jesus Berrellesa and Sisto Berrellesa,
inhabitants of Sonoma and settled in said place
before Your Excellency [Y.E.] with due respect and as
in accord with the law I say that both of us finding
ourselves married, responsible for families and having
a considerable quantity of livestock, bovine and
equine, and in need of a site or terrain
appropriate for its security and conservation of
my few belongings; I appeared before the Com-
mander of that place, requesting that he grant me
permission, to place my few belongings in the ter-
rain known by the name of the Putas,
in the meantime he expedited the necessary procedures;
and having obtained the permission I hope for, as
is stated in the document that I attach, I ask
Y.E. deign to grant me the indicated terrain
in the quantity of eight sites of major live-
stock for which I have attached for Y.E. my
map of the place that I seek, hoping for
the kindness of Y.E. who will cooperate for the benefit
of several large families, of the security of their
interests, and of their subsistence and well-being.

Therefore, I humbly ask if you will deign
to accede to my request that plainly I will hope for mer-
cy and grace, swearing to do no harm and [do] what is
necessary. Sonoma. July 16 of 1843.
José de Jesus Berrellesa Sisto Berellesa

Not executed in sealed paper by reason of having none in this
place.