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Reg. Antepenultimate
register, ff. 1R-2V

Contract between Joan Perez de Arriola, pilot, (as agent for Martin Lopez de Isasi) and 21 sailors from Motrico; Francisco de Cabala Domingo de Andonaegui, Domingo de Ampuero, Domingo de Alçate, Pedro de Açorero, Martin de Ansola, Joan de Nafarmendi, Domingo de Armendia, Thomas de Vilabona, San Joan de Yturriça, Simon de Galdona, Miguel de Najera, Domingo de Arteaga, Joan Martinez de Yrucayn, Domingo de Yurre, Domingo Saez de Aguirre, Anton de Jauregui, Joan de Yturriça, Martin de Curuçelaegui, Joan Martinez de Berastegui and Anton Arançamendia. These mariners have agreed to join either a cod or a whaling voyage on LA CONCECION, a galeon belonging to Martin Arano de Onsayn of Zarauz. Each man is to take his won sword, arquebus or crossbow, but the captain Joan Perez de Arriola will provide powder and ammunition, Motrico, 7 January 1559.

Photographic copy, 4 pages.

Reg. penultimate
register, ff. 19R-19V

Contract between Pero Ochoa de Yriarte, master carpenter of the parish of Yspaster, and Domingo de Asterrica and Joan Perez de Echaniz of Motrico, for the building of a galleon in the shipyards of Lea according to the measurements given in the contract with Lope Abad de Elexpurua, Motrico, 18 September 1559.

Photographic copy, 2 pages.

Reg. Final, ff. 22R-25R

Contract between Lope Abad de Elexpurua of the parish of Pedro de Berriatua and Domingo de Asterrica and Joan Perez de Echaniz of Motrico. Lope Abad is to provide all the necessary timber for a galleon (apart from the masts) cut according to the measurements specified in the contract and delivered to the shipyards of Lea before the following mid October. He is also to provide fifty quintals of iron, and to help with the launching of the galleon, Motrico, 5 September 1559.

Photographic copy, 8 pages.

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- Reg. 1, f.1R-1V Obligacion signed by Joan Perez de Echaniz, owner of the galleon SANTA MARIA, who owes the bachiller Echaniz a thousand ducats, lent towards the building of the SANTA MARIA in the astilleros of Lea. 27 April 1560.
Transcripts, 2 pages.
- Reg. 1, f.2V Obligacion signed by Gregorio de Sarasua, who owes Domingo de Sagarçurieta el mozo, 11 ducats for a pinnace and its gear provided for a Terranova voyage, 28 April 1560.
Transcript, 1 page.
- Reg. 2, ff.5-6 no description
Photographic copy, 3 pages.
- Reg. 2, f.6V no description
Photographic copy, 1 page.
- Reg. 2, f.21R Sentence pronounced by Joan Ramos de la Herreria and Jacobe de Maya, settling the differences between Lope Abad de Elexpurua and the Bachiller Echaniz over the enlargement of the MARIETA (otherwise known as the SANTA MARIA) during her construction. 19 March 1560.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 2, f.29V-30R Apprenticeship agreement between Santiago de Mendoça and Joan de Yurre, junior, (son of Joan

de Yurre) who is to work for the space of two years as an apprentice caulker, Mendoça promises to provide him with tools (2 or 3 caulking irons and 2 mallets) and teach him the trade. Yurre agrees to give Mendoça half his earnings minus costs while caulking on land and one third of his earnings minus costs if he is at sea or fishing, 13 April 1560.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f.39V-40R Obligacion of Joanes de Sugarreta, pilot of Saint Jean de Luz, to Martin de Meçeta for 25 ducats lent for buying clothes and equipment for his work as pilot of the SANTA MARIA on the forthcoming cod-fishing voyage. 27 April 1560. Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f.8V-9R Obligacion of Capitan Curuçelaegui of Motrico to Joan de Mizquia for 3 barrels of whale oil, at 4 ducats a barrel. The barrels are to be handed over within 10 days of the return to Motrico of Jacobe de Ybaseta's galleon LA MADALENA, from Grand Bay, where the ship is going on a whaling voyage with Curuçelaegui as captain. 3 June 1561.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f.13V Obligacion of Joan de Yrunaga, el moço, (with Gregorio de Sarasua as his guarantor) for 11 ducats and 2 reales owed to Bachiller Juan Ochoa de Berriatua for buying sea clothes and other necessary items for cod-fishing voyage in the galleon MARIA belonging to Juan Perez de Echaniz. The ship is to go out via La Rochelle to pick up salt and victuals for the voyage, 2 March 1561. Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f.14V Estimate of the value of the galleon of Sancho de Loyçaga signed by Joan Martinez de Amilibia of Motrico and Joan de Cerayn of Deva, who judged that it was worth 550 ducats. Jacobe de Ypinça has chartered the galleon for a Terranova cod-fishing voyage with Pedro de Açes, as master, 28 March 1561.

Transcript, 1 page.

- Reg. 6, f.5R-6V Obligacion of Pedro de Aguirre "El de Buztinaga" of Motrico and Deva and his wife, Dona Maria San Juan de Buztinaga, to Juan de Ayardia of Ondarroa for 240 ducats owed on 30 barrels of whale oil, at 8 ducats a barrel, which are to be put aboard Aguirre's galleon LA TRINIDAD from the pinnacle of Juan de Elorriaga and sent to Seville. 26 January 1562.
Transcript, 3 pages.
- Reg. 6, f.9R-9V Obligacion signed by Pedro de Armendia of Motrico, to Maria Nicolas de Ybarguen of Motrico, for 12½ ducats lent for buying sea clothes for a Terranova cod-fishing voyage in Domingo de Asterrica's galleon SAN NICOLAS, he will also pay her quarter of a normal share after the voyage. 1 March 1562.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 9, f.11V Obligacion of Martin de Areyçaga to dona Maria Nicolas de la Herreria for 12½ ducats with which to buy sea clothes for a Terranova cod-fishing voyage in Asterrica's galleon. He has to repay 12½ ducats and ¼ of a normal share within 15 days of the galleon's return, 2 February 1562.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 9, f.14R-14V Agreement between Jacobe de Ybaçeta, owner of LA MADALEN, and Gregorio de Curuçelaegui, who had been captain on the previous Terranova voyage, to abide by the decision of the arbiters about the amount to be paid towards damages during a storm on the return voyage from the Grand Bay to Guetaria. The arbiters appointed by Jacobe de Ybaçeta and his partner, Martin Lopez de Ysasi, were Francisco de Cumaya, of Zumaya and Joan Perez de Arriola, of Motrico, and that of Antonio de Olabe, of Ondarroa, and his partners was Blasyo de Retola, of Zarauz, who had been the pilot on the voyage, 10 February 1562.
Transcript, 1 page.
- Reg. 9, f.14V-15R Agreement signed by Martin de Espeleta, in the name of the master and several of the crew who had been aboard the MADALENA when she was damaged, appointing Blasyo de Retola as artiter

of the amount of damages to be paid. The other mariners named are: Joan de Meceta, master; Joan de Leaegui, boatswain; Joan de Andonaegui; Pedro de Alegria; Domingo de Sagarçurieta, Anton de Arançamendia; Joan de Mizquia; Pascual de Urrestieta, Martin de Curuçelaegui, Andres de Segura; Mateo de Bilbao and San Joan de Galçacorta, all of Motrico. 11 February 1562. Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 9, f.15R-15V Decision of the arbiters, Joan Perez de Arriola and Blasyo de Retola (signs Arratola) appointed by Ybaçeta and Curuçelaegui, that the damage amounted to 9 Thousand maravedis or 24 ducats. This was estimated in the following manner: the cost of the mizzen mast and carpentry work was 12 ducats, plus 3 quintals rigging and cordage belonging to the mizzen mast at 4 ducats per quintal. 18 February 1562. Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 9, f.22R-23R Charter Party between Joan Perez de Echaniz and Jorge de Ybiri for Terranova codfishing in the SANTAMARIA. Echaniz is to provide the ship, equipped with all necessary ropes, rigging and sails, including two new main sails of "brabant" to be bought in La Rochelle, on the voyage out. He is also to provide 4 heavy lombards and 6 versos, all with double breech chambers, plus stone shot, likewise the usual "officers", but the gunner and gunpowder are to be paid for by the Captain, Jorge de Ybiri, in the same way as on the ship that Sarasua is provisioning. Ybiri is to take a crew of 40 with him, and to have, by the middle of March sufficient supplies aboard the ship for the voyage to La Rochelle. 24 February 1562. Transcript, 3 pages. Photographic copy, 3 pages.

Reg. 9, f. 23R-23V no description
Photographic copy, 2 pages.

Reg. 9, f.30R-31R Charter Party signed by Domingo de Azterrica and Esteban de Chibao of St. Jean de Luz, for a Terranova cod-fishing voyage in the SAN NICOLAS. Azterrica is to provide the ship with 2 pasamuros

and 8 bersos. The ship is to be ready to leave by 15 March for La Rochelle, where Chibao is to put aboard provisions and salt within 20 days of the ship's arrival in La Rochelle. Chibao must give the ship back to Azterrica, after returning from Terranova, with the regular quantity of ballast. 12 March 1562.

Transcript, 3 pages. Photographic copy, 4 pages.

- Reg. 9, f.31R-32 no description
Photographic copy, 3 pages.
- Reg. 11, f.22R-24R Charter party signed by Domingo de Asterrica and Pascoal de Urquiça, who is chartering Asterrica's galleon SAN NICOLAS with the usual oficiales and a crew of 42. They are to leave by the middle of February and to call at Setubal to pick up salt on the way out to the cod-fishing. Eight pinças are to be taken on the voyage plus a gross of bolts and crossbows, 12 pounds of gunpowder for the arquebuses and a quintal of powder for the lombards. 31 December 1563 (meaning our 1562).
Transcript, 3 pages.
- Reg. 12, f.21R-22R Receipt signed by Joan de Santa Maria, burgess of Mondragon for dona Catalina de Cerayn, widow of Joan de Çigaran who has paid Santa Maria 42 barrels of Terranova whale oil owing on a sea loan for the voyage of Martin Garcia de Lassao's galleon, SAN MIGUEL. Dona Catalina's husband had been the quarantor on the loan to Lassao, from who dona Catalina should now recover the equivalent number of barrels. 31 March 1582.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 12, f.23R-23V Declaration signed by Martin de Recabarren who has chartered the SANTA MARIA DE YCIAR from Pascoal de Çubelçu and Andres de Çabala, burgesses of Deva. That the total cost of the outfitting, salt, victuals and equipment was 854 ducats which had been provided by the following partners: Maria Pascoal de Ybiri who had given a fourth, Maria San Joan de Bidaçabal, another fourth, Pascoal de Recabarren an eighth, Anton de Meceeta and Joan de Ansola one sixteenth each, Pascoal de Ybarra an eighth, and himself, Martin

de Recabarren, another eighth. 30 April 1582.
Transcript, 2 pages.

- Reg. 12, f.25R Declaration signed by Andres de Çabala, burgess of Deva, that he had built, in partnership with Pascoal de Çubelçu, a galleon of about 160 toneles which had cost 1700 ducats, and that his share in the cost was only one quarter of the total or 425 ducats; of this quarter share he still owed 87 ducats to Çubelçu, which was to be considered as a sea loan at Çubelçu's risk on the forthcoming Terranova co-fishing voyage with Martin de Recabarren as captain, 1 May 1582. Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 13, f.15V-16V Contract between Joan Martinez de Amilibia and Franscisco de Yurre, Joan de Asiayn, Martin de Segura, Domingo de Arezpe, Pascoal de Uretieta, Joan de Corostola, el moço and Domingo de Mendibelçua, all of Motrico, who agree to go as mariners on the galleon which Amilibia is outfitting with Cristobal de Salazar of Cestao, as master, Amilibia agrees to give them the crew's third of the profits (minus a small part of the costs to which the crew was to contribute) within 8 days of the ship discharging the cargo in Castro, Laredo or Portugalete. The barrels of whale oil or their equivalent in cash is to be paid over in Pasajes, 25 March 1563. Transcript, 2 pages. Photographic copy, 3 pages.
- Reg. 15, F.19R-19V Obligacion of Joan de Yurre, "el de Yurre" and his son, Joan de Yurre, to dona Maria Nicolas de la Herreria, for 5 ducats lent for the purchasing of the seaclothes of Joan de Yurre, the younger, who is on a Terranova cod-fishing voyage of Domingo de Asterrica's galleon. The tenth part of a normal share has to be paid on this loan. 5 February 1562. Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 15, f.36R-36V Apprenticeship agreement between Joan de Valladolid and Santiago de Mendoça, who is going to train the former in the art of caulking both, old and new vessels. He is to provide clothes and tools and food during four years in return

for the lad's work, 18 April 1563.
Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 16 F. 4V-6V

Charter party signed by Gregoria de Sarasua and Joan Perez de Echaniz, who is chartering his galleon, the SANTA MARIA, to Sarasua for a Terranova cod-fishing voyage which will start out via Setubal or Lisbon to pick up salt. Gregoria is to take a crew of 42 and is to be given any sails he needs for Tarpaulin covers in "Tierranueba". The mariners have to each take their own arquebuses or crossbows; and eight pinnaces are to be taken on the voyage. Echaniz is to be present when the victuals are put aboard to ensure that sufficient supplies are taken. 21 January 1563.
Transcript, 3 pages. Photographic copy, 5 pages.

Reg. 16, f.9R-10R

Charter party between Joan Ramos de Mendiçabal and Joan de Ugarte, burguesses of Deva and Pedro de Alça de Lequeitio, the part owners of the galleon SANTA MARIA (of 100 toneladas) on the one hand and Cristobal Arias on the other hand. Arias may take the ship out to Terranova via La Rochelle or via Portugal to pick up salt and supplies. The owners promise to provide a new anchor cable and three pieces of sail cloth as well as the normal ship's equipment. Four shallops are to be taken and six bersos plus munition. Pedro de Alça who owns one quarter of the ship, is to be master on this voyage. The part-owners are chartering the vessel with the express authority of Anton de Uribe of Lequietio who owns half the ship and who gave his power of attorney to Ugarte and Mendiçabal in the presence of the notary Hernando de Barrena of Lequeitio. 10 February 1563.
Transcript, 3 pages.

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Reg. 1, f.1R

Receipt signed by master carpenter Perochoa de Uriarte of the parish of Yspaster for Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal in the name of Urtunio de

Guillistegui of Ondarroa, concerning 100 reales paid on account, representing part of the amount owed on a galleon which Uriarte is building for Guillistegui in the shipyards of Ondarroa. 23 April 1564.

Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 1, F.1V

Obligacion signed by Joan de Areiçaga and Pedro de Ybiry, his guarantor, for Joan de Aportategui who is owed one full barrel of Terranova whale oil when the galleon of Joan Martinez de Amilibia, the SANTA MARIA, returns. 23 April 1564.

Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 1, f.2V

Obligacion signed by Gabriel de Guillistegui of the parish of San Pedro de Berriatua, who is going as barber on the galleon of Ochoa de Larrea of Portugalete with Martin de Meceta, as captain, Guillistegui owes Joan de Aportetegui one barrel of whale oil because of money lent towards the equipment he needs for the Terranova voyage. The ship is leaving from Guetaria. 23 April 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 1, f. 5V-6V

Obligacion signed by Domingo de Ibarra, owner of the SANTA MARIA DE LA CONCECION at present at the wharf in Motrico, to Dona Maria Sebastian de Ayçarnaçabal, for 40 ducats plus one grometaje (younker's share) because of the loan towards equipment for the ship. 12 April 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 1, f. 7R-8R

Obligacion signed by Joan Marinesz de Amilibia, who is fitting out and victualling LA TRINIDAD, owned by Joan de Otaola and partners of Portugalete; Amilibia has appointed Francisco de Yurre as captain for the whaling voyage and promises to hand over 20 barrels of Terranova whale oil to Pedro de Corostola, when the galleon returns to Portugalete. 24 April 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 1, f.14R

Obligacion of Juan de Aguinaga (signs Aguynagua) and his wife, Maria de Mizquia, for 17 ducats, lent by Martin de Alçolabea so that Aguinaga can

acquire the necessary clothes and equipment for a Terranova whaling voyage in the galleon of Ochoa de Larrea with captain Martin de Meceta, 20 April 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 1, f.14V

Obligacion of Remon de Lestacha and Joan de Balde, both of Bayonne, coopers in the SANTA MARIA of Juan Martinez de Amilibia, who owe one barrel of whale oil to Pedro de la Plaça, when the galleon returns to Motrico from a Terranova voyage, 21 April 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 1, f.50R-50V

Obligacion of Joanes de Urdayde, the elder, of Orio, mariner in Francisco de Elorriaga's galleon, with Domingo de Albistur of San Sebastian as captain; Urdayde owes Gregoria de Sarasua 30 ducats and a half share in the profits when the ship returns to Pasajes from a Terranova whaling voyage. 5 April 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f.1V-2R

Agreement signed by Pascoal de Ansola enabling Domingo de Arriaga to receive 4 barrels of whale oil from Joanes de Portu (or any other person) owed to Ansola as part of his share from the last voyage in the galleon of Juan Martinez de Mançiçidor, of Deva. Three of the barrels are being bought by Arriaga at the rate of 7 and a half ducats each, and the fourth is owed to Arriaga because of a previous debt. 25 January 1564.

Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 2, f.2V

Obligacion of Martin de Sarasua to Martin de Meçeta for provision of 15 butts of cider, containing 200 azumbres each, for which Meçeta has paid 2 ducats per butt. 26 January 1564.

Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 2, f.9V

Agreement between Juan Martinez de Amilibia and several coopers from Bayonne: Remon de Lestacha and his servant, Peroton, Arnaot de la Peyra, Juan de Balde and Sabat de Casanova. These coopers and their apprentices are to prepare all

the necessary barrels (for the bread, wine, etc.), for a whaling voyage in Amilibia's new galleon, the SANTA MARIA, at present in the shipyards of Deva, and are to continue working as coopers in Terranova, as long as "God gives them health". Remon de Lestacha and his servant are to receive 57 ducats, and Arnaot de la Peyra and his servant are to receive 51 ducats, ten ducats are to be paid immediately in cash and deducted from the final payment at the end of the voyage, in the same way that Juan Perez de Arriola is paying another cooper from Bayonne called "Miqueo", 29 February 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f.10R-11R Agreement between Juan Martinez de Amilibia and a cooper, Pierres Dobrana of Bayonne, with Petricot de Clauset of Bidart as his guarantor. Dobrana agrees to serve on the ship of Cristobal de Sarri and Juan de Otaola and partners of Bilbao, and to take with him on the same Terranova whaling voyage another efficient cooper. Amilibia agrees to pay Dobrana 7 ducats immediately in cash and 7 ducats when the barrels for the bread and other victuals are ready for the voyage and 26 ducats at the end of the voyage. Each ducat is worth 4 French tostones, 29 February 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f. 11R Receipt signed by Juan de Ybiry for Domingo de Manterola of Orio who has given Ybiry one and a half barrels of whale oil and three cauldrons, 1 March 1564.

Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 2, f. 18R Agreement between Juan Martinez de Amilibia and San Juan de Oleaga, pilot, whereby Oleaga is to bring 7 sailors and 6 grommets (or youngers)(+)and one ship's boy to Amilibia, for whaling voyages in one of the two galleons Amilibia is sending to Terranova. The names of the sailors are: Domingo de Urreta, martin de Galarça, Juan de Merrana, Francisco del Puerto, Juan de Allona, Nicolao de Urazandia, Ochoa de Galdoz (or Galdiz); the grommets are: Hurtunio de

Arteaga, Francisco del Puerto, Juan de Artamua, Sancho de Allona and Ochoa de Alegarreta, plus one grommet from Lequeitio and a ship's boy: Juan de Allona (next document says Rodrigo de Allona). Amilibia is to pay 26 ducats to the mariners and the regular lower rates to the grommets and the ship's boy, 26 April 1564.

(+) the English term for these apprentice seamen seems to have varied over the centuries, unlike the term gromete in Spanish.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f.18V

Agreement signed by San Joan de Oleaga of the parish of Nachitua, and Domingo Saez de Aguirre for the following mariners, grommets and a ship's boy who are not able to sign. The mariners: Domingo de Urreta, Martin de Galarça, Juan de Merrua (sic), Francisco del Puerto, Juan de Allona, Nicolao de Urazandia, Ochoa de Galdiz, Sancho de Barrutia; the grommets: Hurtunio de Arteaga, Francisco del Puerto, Juan de Artamua, Sancho de Allona, Ochoa de Alegarreta, Martin de Çubiaurre and the ship's boy, Rodrigo de Allona. They agree to abide by the provisions stipulated in the previous contract with Juan Martinez de Amilibia, 26 April 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f.2R-2V

Receipt signed by Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal and Joan de Yurre in the "Casa de Laranga", for 330 ducats plus 6 full shares received from Pero Ochoa de Arriola of Deva (with Joan de Gainça and Domingo de Vergara of Deva, as his guarantors) after the last Terranova whaling voyage in Joanes de Ylumbe's galleon, SAN NICOLAS of Orio in which Arriola was captain. 4 January 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f.2V

Receipt signed by Gregoria de Curuçelaegui in the "casa de Laranga" for 55 ducats and one full share received from Pero Ochoa de Arriola and Joan de Gainça as his guarantor, after the return of Ylumne's galleon, the SAN NICOLAS, from a Terranova whaling voyage. The original obligacion had been signed before the notary Domingo Ybanez de Laranga. 4 January 1564.

Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 4, f.11R-11V

Agreement between Francisco de Yurre, of Motrico, and Santiago de Murueta and Ochoa de Guendicabeitia of the parish of Sant Andres de Ybaranguelua, whereby Ochoa is to go as harpooner on Joan Martinez de Amilibia's new galleon which is still in the shipyards of Deva. Santiago is to be a mariner aboard the ship on which Yurre will be captain. If the galleon returns from Terranova (+) with a full cargo of whale oil, Ochoa is to receive 44 ducats and Santiago 29 Ducats. They do not have to contribute to any of the normal costs, such as the cost of unloading or ballasting; however, if there are any substantial damages during the voyage to either of these galleons, then Ochoa and Santiago are expected to contribute pro rata from their shares, 10 February 1564.

(+) at the moment of writing this contract it was undecided whether or not Yurre was to be the captain of Amilibia's galleon or of another galleon.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f.13V

Agreement between Domingo de Burbua of the parish of San Pedro de Berriatua, Joan de Arançamendia and Joan de Baraycua of Motrico on one hand and Jacobe de Ybaseta on the other, that the former shall transport the wood for Ybaseta's galleon from the hills of Yguiriaga and Ybiryberria to the shipyards of Motrico before the feast of St. John the Baptist, 25 February 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f.17R

Obligacion of Domingo de Manterola of Orio, with Martin de Espeleta as his guarantor, to pay 1½ barrels of whale oil to Maria Joan de Ganboa, wife of Joan de Ybiry, the younger, when Manterola returns to three copper cauldrons he has borrowed within 8 days of the signing of this contract. Manterola is boiling up a local whale and agrees to pay more for the loan of the cauldrons if Ybiry is not content with this contract or if the cauldrons are damaged, 17 February 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f. 20R Obligacion of Anton de Segura and his son Domingo, of Orio, who have borrowed 30 ducats from Martin de Meceta to provide themselves with sea clothes and a shallop for a Terranova whaling voyage in Ochoa de Lorrea's galleon SANTA MARIA DE HONDIZ, at present at Portugalete. Meceta is the captain on this voyage and is owed half a normal share, as well as the 30 ducats, when the ship returns to Motrico or Guetaria or wherever the unloading of the cargo takes place, 1 March 1564.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f.26V Obligacion signed by Martin de Gamboa who owes Catalina de Arteaga for 30 ducats and whatever this amount gains or loses when invested in the Terranova voyage of Ramiro de Madariaga of Bermeo' galleon. 1 April 1564.

Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 4, f.31R-33R Obligacion signed by Pero Ochoa de Arriola of Deva, with Joan de Gaynça and Joan Ramos de Sorasu as his guarantors, who owe Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal and Joan de Yurre 300 ducats and 5 full shares when Ochoa de Capitillu's SANTISPIRITUS returns from a Terranova whaling voyage. A similar obligacion had originally been signed on 5 January 1564 for the same quantity of money to be invested in the outfitting of the galleon, SAN NICOLAS, owned by Pedro de Santurdi of Portugalete, which was wrecked while returning from Flanders before it had been fitted out for Terranova. (This original January obligacion runs from ff.32 to 33 and the March obligacion is ff. 31, 31V and 34.) 21 March 1564.

Transcript, 4 pages.

Reg. 5, f.8V-9R Two clauses in the minutes of the council meeting of Motrico which refer to the one per cent tithe to be paid to the church of Our Lady, by the ships returning from Terranova voyages. The fact is stated that in Motrico this new type of commerce had started in recent years. 26(?) November(?) 1564.

Transcript, 1 page.

- Reg. 5, f.24V-25V Power of attorney of Joan Martinez de Amilibia for Alvar Perez de Espinaredo, Joan de Angulo and other to pursue a lawsuit in the Royal Chancery at Valladolid with "Poncastel frances" and his partners. 25 September 1564.
Transcript, 1 page.
- Reg. 6, f.16R-16V Obligacion signed by Martin Ochoa de Yrarraçabal of Deva, owner of the galleon, SANTA LUCIA which is being fitted for a Terranova whaling voyage with Miguel de Cerain as captain, for 60 ducats and one full share owed to Pedro de Corostola when the galleon returns. 13 April 1565.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 6, f.17R Receipt of Joan Martinez de Villafranca, a diver who had been employed by Joan Perez de Echaniz to repair two leaking places in his galleon while it was laden in Motrico with iron goods (and other merchandise belonging to Martin Lopez de Ysasi of Eibar) to be taken to Seville. He was paid 14 ducats for repairing the leak. 12 April 1565.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 6, f.19R-19V Obligacion of Pascoal de arriaga, alias Mizquia, a mariner in Jacobe de Ybaseta's MADALENA, with Joan Lopez de Ybaseta as captain, for one barrel of whale oil in a good cask owed to Hurtonio de Beorrosorosi when the voyage is over, because of a loan towards the buying of Arriaga's sea clothes without which he could not "have gone on the said voyage". 24 April 1565.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 6, f.19V-20R Obligacion of Domingo de Beorrosorosi written in the house of Domingo de Asterrica, for provision of 3000 cubits of oak planking half of which is to be delivered to the house of Domingo de Asterrica by St. John the Baptist's day and the other half by the end of August. It is to be measured by the master carpenter Pero Ochoa de Yriarte. 25 April 1565.
Transcript, 2 pages.

- Reg. 7, f.2R Obligacion of Maria Anton de Ameça, mother of San Joan de Beorrosorosi, who is being sent to Terranova in Jacobe de Ybaseta's MADALENA. Maria Anton borrowed money from Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal, in order to provide her son with clothes and other items for the voyage, and promises to repay with a barrel of whale oil when the ship returns, 20 May 1565.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 7, f.2R-3R Declaration by Gregorio de Curruçelaegui about an obligacion signed on February the 3rd, by Pero Ochoa de Arriola, and Joan de Cigaran as his guarantor (both from Deva), whereby they were to repay 360 ducats plus 6 full shares when the galleon NUESTRA SENORA DE LATA (sic), belonging to Joan de Montellano and Martin de Capitillu of Portugalete, returned. He states that 120 ducats of the original amount plus the value of two full shares belongs to Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal, 21 May 1565.
Transcript, 2 pages. Photographic copy, 3 pages.
- Reg. 7, f.9V-10R Obligacion of Juan de Garduça, a mariner in Ybaseta's MADALENA, who owes Pedro de La Plaça, two barrels of whale oil when the galleon returns, because of a loan which provided him with his clothes and other items for the voyage. 17 June 1565.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 7, f.12R Receipt of Maria de Recabo of Orio, widow of Vicent de Echaniz who died on a Terranova voyage in the galleon of Cristobal de sarri and partners. She has received 25 ducats from Tomas de Villabona, in the name of Jn. Martinez de Amilibia and partners, for the two shares he should have been given as harpooner on the voyage. These are the shares made up from the barrels and other items salvaged from the ship. Maria is acting as guardian for her son Juan de Echaniz. 24 June 1565.
Transcript, 1 page.
- Reg. 7, f.36V-37R Obligacion of Francisco de Ancuriça, alias de Yribe, who is to deliver 200 cargas of chestnut

and hazel barrel-hoops, with 120 hoops in each carga. For the hogsheads, one third of the hoops are to be 5 cubits and another, one third are to be five and a half cubits of length while the final third, for the pipes, are to be 6 cubits in length. 30 November 1565.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 8, f.45R-45V Agreement between Francisco de Osaorteaga and Joan Martinez de Amilibia whereby the former agrees to deliver 5 cargas of whale oil to the city of Calahorra. (Each carga at 12 arrobas according to the measure of the town of Motrico). Amilibia is to pay Francisco 30 reales per carga delivered to Francisco Gracia of the said city. With the proceeds from the whale oil, plus 30 ducats which Amilibia has given him, he is then to buy 50 cargas of hemp (at 12 arrobas per carga) and he is to bring back 5 of these cargas to Motrico. 2 January 1565.

Transcript, 2 pages. Photographic copy, 2 pages.

Reg. 8, f.46R-47R Charter Party, between Joan Martinez de Amilibia and Gregorio de Sarasua for a Terranova cod-fishing voyage to the port of Plasencia in the galleon SANTA MARIA. Joan Martinez agrees to have his galleon ready to leave for La Rochelle to pick up salt and other provisions by the end of February, and he is to provide the ship with four pasamuros and six swivel guns as well as other items. Gregorio agrees to take 66 experienced men and boys on the ship. 8 January 1565.

Transcript, 3 pages. Photographic copy, 4 pages.

Reg. 8, f.47R Receipt signed by Gracia de Urquiça for 30 ducats and a half share received from the earnings of Joan Simon de Gastaneta, Motrico, 8 January 1565.

Photographic copy, 1 page.

Reg. 9, F.46R-47V Guardianship for the children of Joan de Leaegui, who had drowned about 40 days previously in Terranova. The mother, Maria Jacobe de Ançurica, is appointed guardian of the children, Lucas, Joan and Maria Joan. Jofre Ybanes de Ubilla signs the document as guarantor for Maria Jacobe.

11 October 1565.
Transcript, 3 pages.

Reg. 9, f.52R-53R Inventory and declaration by Madalena de Arriola of Motrico of the belongings of Anton de Jauregui that she is keeping in the house until he returns from a Terranova voyage, Motrico, 19 June 1565. Photographic copy, 3 pages.

Reg. 9, f.67R-68R Agreement between Joan Perez de Echaniz on the one hand, and on the other Joan de Pertica and Joan de Eguia of the parish of San Pedro de Berriatua whereby the former is to be provided with 4000 cubits of wood to be delivered to the wharf of Labeaga. Half the wood, including the wood for the keel and ribs, is to be delivered by Easter Day and the rest by St. Madalaine's Day. 15 December 1565. Transcript, 3 pages.

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Reg. 1, f.3R Decision signed by the arbiters Joan de Ybiry and Joan Perez de Echaniz, who had been appointed by Antonio de Bedia of Bilbao and Francisco de Albarado of Deva, to settle the differences that had arisen over the quantity of money that had been invested in the Terranova voyage of the galleon NUESTRA SENORA DE BEGONA. The destination of the voyage had been changed from cod-fishing to whaling and the amounts invested by Bedia and Albarado were, respectively, 6979 reales and 9545 reales. However, the amount that Bedia had contributed in cauldrons, barrels and other items had not yet been accounted for. 11 September 1566. Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 1, f. 37R-37V Receipt of Jorge de Ybiry for Ochoa de Casal of Portugalete, who has repaid the 42 ducats and 2 reales owed to Ybiry for nails, pitch, 6 lbs. of thread for sewing the new sails that had come from Portugalete and other items. The original

promissory note written in Guetaria on 13 April 1565 is on the verso of this receipt. Casal has also repaid 4 ducats owed on a hogshead of claret, and 2 gold cruzados that Ybiry had lent him in Lisbon. There is an added foot-note that Ybiry had paid Casal 3½ ducats for ½ barrel of oil given him by Domingo de Sorasu, 29 December 1565.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f.3R

Agreement between Miguel de Cerrain with San Joan de Armendia and Esteban de Leete as his guarantors, and Dona Maria de Ayçarnaçabal, that, because NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE had been unable to bring back a full cargo from Terranova on her last voyage with Martin de Sartucha (sic) as master, Dona Maria would only be repaid the equivalent of 10 barrels of whale oil (at 8 ducats per barrel) instead of the 15 barrels she had been promised originally, 23 August 1567.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f.16V

Apprenticeship agreement between Sebastian de Echaniz and his father, Miguel de Echaniz and Pedro de Solabarrieta, who had agreed to employ, train, and sustain Sebastian during a period of 2½ years while he is learning the carpentry trade. He is to be provided with tools for his work and at the end of his apprenticeship he is to be given an axe and an azueta by Sola barrieta, 30 November 1567.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f.24V

Receipt signed by maestre Pero Ochoa de Uriarte for 204 Ducast received from Jofre Ybanes de Ubilla in part payment of the amount owing on the galleon that he is building for Ubilla in the shipyards of Motrico, 23 December 1567.

Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 2, f.25R-25V

Receipt signed by Joan de Orueta of Bilbao on behalf of Jacques Çalbe "frances" of Croisie, who had given Orueta his power of attorney (drawn up by the Bilbao notary, Sebastian de Hoc (sic for Hoz) on the 15 February 1565). The receipt is

for 3153 reales that Maria de Solarte of Lequeitio owed to Jacques Çalbe, as agent for Joan Guibal "frances" according to an obligacion drawn up by Hernando de Barrena, notary of Lequeitio, on 17 August 1565, 2 January 1567. Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 2, f.31R

Receipt signed by Domingo de Asterrica for 615 cubits of oak planking for the sides of a ship and 300 cubits of deck planking provided by Joan Ramos de Corostola according to the specifications in a previous contract. Asterrica's power of attorney is on the verso of this document, enabling his brother-in-law, Joan de la Plaça and others, to pursue litigation over the wood owed to him by Corostola. 11 October 1567. Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 2, f.34V

Receipt signed by Santuru de Reten for 100 ducats received as part payment on a galleon sold to Hortuno de Guillistegui of Hondarroa for 625 ducats. Another 100 ducats had already been paid. 26 January 1567. Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 2, f.42R, 42V and 44R Obligacion of capitan Miguel de Cerain, with San Joan de Armendia and Martin Ochoa de Cerayn as his guarantors, all of Deva, who owe Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal, 400 ducats and 9 reales plus the value of 6 full shares and one sixth of a share when the TRES REYES of Andres de Alçola returns from a Terranova whaling voyage. The ship should leave by mid-June, however, if the ship is embargoed for the king's service, Bidaçabal must be refunded immediatly. 30 April 1567. Transcript, 4 pages.

Reg. 2, f. 44R-44V

Obligacion signed by Joan Martinez d'Escocia of Deva, for 70 ducats and one full share owed to Domingo de Asterrica when the MARIA owned by Domingo de Sorasu of Deva, and partners returns from a terranova whaling voyage. The ship is meant to leave from Guetaria at the end of May and there is a clause referring to the

possibility of an embargo. 4 May 1567.
Transcript, 2 pages.

- Reg. 2, f.54R-54V Agreement between Joan de Çubillaga of the parish of Echeberria and San Joan de Alçate, whereby the former is to supply the latter with 700 cubits of oak planking: 200 cubits with a thickness of 10 planks to a cubit and 300 cubits of 11 planks to a cubit at 14 moravedis per cubit, and 200 cubits of 16 planks to a cubit at 8½ maravedis per cubit. 17 January 1568.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 3, f.22V Agreement between Martin de Soloaga of Aulestia and Domingo de Eguia, whereby Soloaga will provide all the iron spikes, bolts and nails needed for the construction of a galleon in the shipyards of Hondarroa. The nails are to weigh between 2 nails to a pound and 8 nails to a pound; various specialised pieces of iron work are also to be prepared such as the iron bindings for the rudder. 16 March 1576.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 3, f. 39R-40R Obligacion of Francisco de Barrenechea of Deva with Joan de Yciar and Gracia Fernandez de Lastur also of Deva as his Guarantors, for 2 barrels of whale oil, weighing 400 lbs. each, at 6 ducats per barrel. The barrels are owed to Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal for a loan towards Francisco's clothes and equipment for a Terranova voyage in the SAN NICOLAS owned by Domingo de Arbe of Orio. The ship has been chartered by Sebastian de la Bastida and if an embargo should occur, the loan of 12 ducats is to be repaid immediately, 18 April 1576.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 3, f.40R-40V Obligacion signed by Antonio de Labadia (del Abadia) surgeon aboard Domingo de Garate's LA MADALENA, for 22 ducats owed to Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal because of "unguents, oils, plasters, conservas, powders and other necessary medicines for the care of the sailors", 23 April 1576.
Transcript, 1 page.

- Reg. 3, f.55R-55V Obligacion of Domingo de Garate of Deva, part-owner of LA MADALENA with the heirs of captain Garcia de Uribe of Lequeitio, for 16 barrels of whale oil weighing 400 lbs. per barrel owed to the apothecary, Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal, when the galleon returns from Terranova. The barrels have been priced at 6 and a quarter ducats each, 5 May 1576.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 4, f.6R-6V Declaration signed by Captain Andres de Alçola, of Elgoibar, that he has received 1098 reales in addition to another 4392 reales that had been given to him previously by Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal as agent for Joan Perez de Ocariz of Mondragon. The money has been incorporated into the outfitting of Alçola's TRES REYES for a Terranova whaling voyage with Joan de Cigaran of Deva, as captain and Rodrigo Romo of Ondarroa as master. The ship is now under sail and should return with 1100 barrels. Even if the ship returns with a larger cargo, Ocariz is not to receive more than 18 barrels of whale oil, which, at 61 reales per barril, is the equivalent of the 1098 reales specified in this loan. 15 July 1566.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 4, f.9R Agreement signed by Antonio de Bedia of Bilbao and Francisco de Albarado of Deva, whereby they authorise Joan de Ybiry and Joan Perez de Echaniz to settle the accounts for the fitting out of Bedia's galleon NUESTRA SENORA DE BEGONA. The ship had originally been half owned by Pedro de Bilbao La Viaje and had been fitted out for a codfishing voyage but was now entirely owned by Bedia and had been provided with supplies for a whaling voyage, with Franccisco de Albarado as captain. 28 July 1566.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 4, f.9V Obligacion of Antonio de Bedia of Bilbao for payment within eight days of 20 ducats owed to Pedro de Arançamendia, because of the mainsails and pulleys and a large saw bought for NUESTRA

SENORA DE BEGONA. 28 July 1566.
Transcript, 1 page.

- Reg. 4, f.10R Obligacion of Antonio de Bedia and Joan de LLano Santander, with Pedro de Bilbao La Viaje as their guarantor, for payment within six days of 150 reales owed to Domingo Frances of Motrico, for the towing out of their galleon NUESTRA SENORA DE BEGONA. The latter is to pay 31 reales of this amount to Lope de Gopendiz and Sebastian de Yturbe. 28 July 1566.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 4, f.10V Obligacion of Antonio de Bedia with Juan de Llano de Santander as his guarantor for 37½ reales owed to Bartolome de Urbieta for 30 days carpentry work on NUESTRA SENORA DE BEGONA, at the rate of 1 and a quarter reales per day. 28 July 1566.
Transcript, 1 page.
- Reg. 4, f.12R to 12V Obligacion of Antonio de Bedia and Juan de Llano Santander as his guarantor, for 33 ducats and 8 reales owed to Lazaro de Laranga because of a pinnacle and some cider provided by Laranga. (The notary refers simply to Joan de Santander in this document and the other documents to "Joan de Llano de Santander" but the signature is clearly "Joan de Llano Santander"). 27 July 1566.
Transcript, 1 page.
- Reg. 4, f.49V-50R Oglication signed by Joan Martinez de Escocia of Deva, for 272 reales owed to Joan Ramos de Corostola for 68 cargas of barrel hoops at 4 reales per carga. 28 May 1566.
Transcript, 1 page.
- Reg. 4, f.51V-52R Obligacion signed by Joan Lopez de Astigarribia, son of Aparicio de Astigarribia, for one barrel of whale oil owed to Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal, when Licona's SANTIAGO returns to Guetaria from a terranova whaling voyage. Joan Lopez has received 59 reales from Bidaçabal towards the cost of his son clothes for this voyage. The ship has already set sail from Ondarroa. 29 May 1566.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f. 53V-54R Obligacion of Miguel de Cerain and his father-in-law, San Joan de Armendia of Deva, for the equivalent of 15 barrels of whale oil at 60½ reales each which they have received from Dona Maria Sebastian de Ayçarnaçabal as a loan towards the outfitting of NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE owned by Martin de Sartucha and San Joan de Larando of Bilbao. It was estimated that the galleon should have a capacity of 1550 barrels. 2 July 1566.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f. 54R-54V Obligacion of Miguel de Cerain and San Joan de Armendia for 720 reales received from Pedro de Corostola and Joan de Ybiry, towards the outfitting of Sartucha and Larando's NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE. According to this document, the galleon had a capacity of 1400 barrels and each barrel was valued at 60 reales; Corostola and Ybiry were to receive 12 barrels when the galleon returned. 2 July 1566.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 4, f. 60R-60V Agreement between Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal and Joan Martinez de Escocia, whereby the latter is to repay a loan of 295 reales towards the outfitting of Licona's SANTIAGO with 5 barrels of whale oil at a value of 59 reales each when the galleon returns. Due to contrary winds the galleon had returned to "Sansaten", but she would see sail again with the first good weather. If the galleon returned from Terranova with more than her estimated capacity of 950 barrels, this would not affect the amount of barrels Bidaçabal was to receive. 10 June 1566.

Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 5, f. 9R-9V Obligacion signed by Andres Lopez de Ormaechea, with Joan Ramos de Corostola as his gurantor, whereby they are to provide 70 cargas of hoops, made of chestnut from the hills of Ulatarte for Joan Martinez de Escocia of Deva. The hoops are to be 5 and three quarter cubits in length as is normal for the pipes (sic) used in the Terranova

commerce. They are priced at 113 maravedis per carga of 120 hoops. 24 January 1566.
Transcript, 2 pages.

- Reg. 5, f.15R-16R Cession by Gracia de Andonaegui, wife of Joan de Meçeta of the right to pursue her legal claim to 12 ducats owed to her deceased brother by Joan de Aguirre (also deceased) and his wife, Maria Pascoal de Gamboa. Gracia is ceding this right to her sister-in-law, Maria de Aguirre, to help with the funeral masses for Joan de Andonaegui who had died "one day during the previous year of 1565 in the sea" in Terranova. 12 February 1566.

Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 5, f.55R-55V Agreement of Joan de Belaoztegui of Lequeitio and Joanico de Biaran and Domingo de Çuriçalday of Plazencia (now Plencia) to serve as mariners and grumet on the CONCECION of Martin Lopez de Ysasi and Joan Perez de Arriola with Ynigo de Ybartola as captain and Domingo de Galdona as master, Çuriçalday is to bring two expert mariners with him and has been given an advance of 12 ducats for himself and the men he is to bring. Belaoztegui has been given 4 ducats and Biaran has received 3 ducats. 16 April 1566.
Transcript, 2 pages.
- Reg. 5, f.58V Receipt of Joan Ramos de la Herreria, the younger, for 80 ducats principal and 30 ducats profit from the whaling voyage of Miguel de cerain. Joan Ramos had lent 80 ducats towards the outfitting of the ship and had been repaid partly in cash and partly in 5 barrels of whale oil given him by Joan de Ybiry. 21 April 1566.
Transcript, 1 page.
- Reg. 5, f.68V Declaration of Gregorio de Sarasua that since Martin Ruiz de Bidaçabal has provided the eighth part of the outfitting for the SANTA MARIA, owned by Guilistegui and the Solartes, as well as a pinnace with all its appurtenances, Sarasua promises to repay even that Bidaçabal is owed as soon as the galleon is unloaded, 25 April 1566.
Transcript, 1 page.

Reg. 5, f.69R-69V Obligacion of Pedro de Lerun of Elgoibar to provide 20 quintals, at 144 lbs. per quintal, of bolts or spikes according to the size specified by Joan Martinez de Amilibia, with assorted lengths of 1½ yards (Bara), 1 and a quarter yards and 1 and three quarter yards and one yard. Both ends of the bolts are to have round heads, well made. For making these bolts Lerun is to receive 8 reales per quintal and 20 quintals of iron for the bolts is to be provided by Joan Martinez de Amilibia. 29 April 1566.
Transcript, 2 pages.

Reg. 8, f.1R-1V Apprenticeship agreement of Rodrigo de Mendexa with Domingo de Arraxate as his guarantor both of the parish of Mendexa, whereby Mendexa agrees to serve Santiago de Mendoça for 3 years while Santiago is teaching him the caulking trade. The condition binding on both parties are specified, including a set of clothes, tools and two mallets that Rodrigo is to receive at the end of the apprenticeship. 3 February 1567.
Transcript, 2 pages.