as 5000 free coloured & black people of both sexes & I will assign in full property 20 acres to each individual female or male, infant or adult who may be located within my tract. The emigrants are entitled to all the rights of free citizens immediately on arrival; no taxes will be exacted from them for the first seven years, & never any military duty. any agent your government may be pleased to send with authority over the emigrants may preserve such influence for a certain time, as may be agreed upon in this country prior to their departure. The emigrants must be embarked for Campeche in Yucatan from whence they can proceed in wagons to the interior; or better for Belize in the bay of Honduras, from which port they can arrive at their location in boats up the rivers Hondo or Belize.

Just without the Western borders of my land, there are two negro villages, whose population consists of refugee slaves from the British settlement, but who now live under the protection of Central America, they have made industrious & orderly citizens.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my circular to the present inhabitants of my grant. & to prevent all misunderstanding I must premise that an unfounded claim to a portion of the Eastern part of my lands is set up by the British settlers, which claim I expect shortly to overrule; with respect to the Western & most valuable part, there is of course no dispute. The lands I offer will be bought in from the public auction.

I solicit the favor of your reply directed to me to this city, which I shall punctually receive; though I have shortly to proceed to Washington, having been entrusted with a diplomatic mission from the government of Central America to that of the United States. my stay in this country is however very limited.

You have my full concurrence to print the letter or any part of it, which may be conducive to the policy of your government.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

your most obedient

humble servant

Juan Galindo.

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A. Letter Books

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