The numerous advantages consequent on this territory becoming private property, will immediately appear to you, Gentlemen, as giving perfect security and stability to your settlements and improvements therein, being inducive to agricultural pursuts, and thereby highly conducive to the commercial prosperity of Belize, as the only depot for the exports and imports of the Banda Española or Spanish side.

Without a special permission, signed by me, the cutting of mahogany within the aforesaid limits of the territory is prohibited under the severest penalties; from the 15.th of September next, till by purchase, each cutter may fell on his own private land. Any logs already cut, may be carried off, on the payment of their fair value to my said agent M.r Edward Sheil.

If, by outbidding, any individual should become owner of the soil, on which another person has houses or other improvements; such shall immediately be paid for by the purchaser of the land, according to a valuation made by arbitrators.

With sentiments of cordial esteem and high consideration.

I have the honor to be

GENTLEMEN,

your most obedient
very humble servant

JUAN GALINDO.

San Salvador.
August 2.nd 1834.

P. S. Guatemala. October 11. Since writing the preceding, I have had to regret M.r Sheil's unauthorized notice, warning persons not to trespass on the above mentioned territory, by planting or taking anything planted or growing thereon, grazing or pasturing cattle, horses &c. occupying the land or locating thereon without my sanction; your doing so and the emigration thither of other settlers is what I wish to encourage by every means in my power; I only require that no mahogany should be cut or carried off, except under the conditions stated.

Imprenta Nueva.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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