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Summary information

Repository:	University of Miami Special Collections
Title:	Canary Islands collection
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Scope and content

This collection contains 26 bound and paginated 16th-century manuscripts describing contemporary conditions and military operations in the Canary Islands. It consists of a series of letters (15 items) and an assortment of other official documents (11 items). Twelve letters bear the imprimatur of King Philip II of Spain.

Primarily, the collection documents the administration of Lázaro Moreno de León, who served as governor of the islands of Tenerife and La Palma for two years (1582-1584). The last two items in the collection mark the end of Moreno de León's tenure and reference his successor, Juan Núñez de la Fuente, who served until 1589. Moreno de León appears in 18 of the items in the collection, either as subject or recipient (in the case of correspondence). However, the collection includes only one item bearing his signature: Item 18, authored by Diego de Ayala y Rojas, conde de la Gomera, and signed by Moreno de León as a witness.

During Moreno de León's tenure, an epidemic broke out on the island of Tenerife, causing considerable loss of life (documented at length in Item 22). The collection also reflects historical events following Spain's conquest of Portugal. During the dynastic crisis that followed the death of Portugal's King Sebastian in 1578, the throne was claimed by António, Prior of Crato, who was defeated by Philip II in 1580. By 1582, António had relocated to the Azores, where he attempted to establish a government in exile with the support of France. Item 3 provides a set of instructions for a dispatch boat that was sent to the Canary Islands that same year, after word of a possible attack by António. In early 1583, ships loyal to António did attempt an attack on the island of Gomera, but were repelled by local forces under the command of Ayala y Rojas and Moreno de León (documented in Items 18 and 19).

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- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Spain. Consejo de Guerra
- Moreno de León, Lázaro (subject)
- Philip II, King of Spain, 1527-1598 (subject)
- Documents (documentary form)
- Letters (documentary form)
- Manuscripts (documentary form)
- Battles (subject)
- Epidemics (subject)
- Canary Islands (place)
- Canary Islands -- Politics and government (place)
- Canary Islands -- Social conditions (place)
- Spain -- Politics and government (place)
- Spain -- Social conditions (place)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id1234	File - Letters and official documents			1
id1235	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	June 16, 1582		1
id1236	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	August 19, 1582		1
id1237	Item - Instrucción que dio su Majestad al maestre del navío de aviso y envió a los gobernadores de Tenerife y Canarias sobre la venida de don Antonio sobre las islas	June 23, 1582		1
id1238	Item - Juan Delgado letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	November 13, 1582		1
id1239	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	November 7, 1582		1
id1240	Item - Local council (cabildo) of San Cristóbal de la Laguna official document	January 1, 1583		1
id1241	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	December 4, [1582?]		1
id1242	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	May 17, 1583		1
id1243	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	August 20, 1583		1
id1244	Item - La cifra por la qual ha de escribir Lázaro Moreno de León, gobernador de las islas de Tenerife y La Palma, a su Majestad por el Consejo de Guerra	August 26, 1583		1
id1245	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	August 7, 1583		1
id1246	Item - Council of War (Consejo de Guerra) letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of the islands of Tenerife and La Palma	September 7, 1583		1
id1247	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	April 23, 1583		1
id1248	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to local officials in Tenerife	August 20, 1583		1
id1249	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	April 23, 1584		1

id1258	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to Lázaro Moreno de León, governor of Tenerife and La Palma	December 5, 1584	1
id1250	Item - Instrucción de la isla de Tenerife al señor Lope de Azoca, regidor	September 28, 1585	1
id1251	Item - Información de la pelea de la Gomera	March 1, 1583	1
id1252	Item - Diego de Ayala y Rojas, conde de la Gomera, letter to Philip II, King of Spain	March 23, 1583	1
id1253	Item - Pedimento de los jurados de la isla	February 9, 1583	1
id1254	Item - Información hecha por la isla de Tenerife de los servicios del gobernador	January 28, 1583	1
id1255	Item - Relación auténtica y verdadera de lo que en esta isla de Tenerife en la ciudad de San Cristóbal de la Laguna ha acaecido después de haber dado en ella grave enfermedad y pestilencia	October 18, 1583	1
id1256	Item - Philip II, King of Spain, letter to local officials in Tenerife	April 19, 1584	1
id1257	Item - Información del servicio hecho por Lázaro Moreno de León, gobernador de Tenerife, a pedimento del procurador general de la isla	March 19, 1584	1
id1259	Item - Un traslado bien y fielmente sacado de una sentencia dada y pronunciada en veinte días del mes de octubre, año del Señor de mil quinientos ochenta y cuatro años, por el ilustre señor Juan Núñez de la Fuente, gobernador y capitán general en esta isla de Tenerife y la de La Palma	October 20, 1584	1
id1260	Item - Un traslado de la sentencia que en la isla de La Palma se dio del señor Lázaro Moreno de León	November 13, 1584	1