

22 June 1922

His Excellency,
The President of the Republic
Mr. President,

For your information, I have the pleasure of transcribing the official communication Number 169, dated the nineteenth of the present month, directed to this office by the Head of the First Police Detachment stationed in Nargana, which says the following:

“Sir: With pleasure I inform you of the civilizing labor carried out in the villages of Narganá and Corazón de Jesús, and initiated by their political heads, Mister Charles Robinson, Mister Estanislao López, and Mister Oleluquiñe--- These gentlemen, with the permission of this Office, came together in a full congress of the aforementioned villages, with the goal of aiding our Government in its efforts for their welfare, and, among other measures decided the following: to abolish completely the dress worn at the moment by the old women (that is, of the indian women) and to change this for that of civilized peoples, as is worn by the young people of those two villages. This measure, like that which I thought worthy of communicating to you previously, and which consists of not letting their family members attend the ceremonies of the protestant missionaries, and yes to the Catholic rites that are celebrated daily by Father Plácido Calella, were approved unanimously, everyone committing themselves to faithfully carrying them out. The undersigned, in his character of representative of the Government in this place, congratulated these gentlemen for this work and to all the indians for their conduct, encouraging them at the same time to continue working with enthusiasm as they have done up until now. I am your attentive and trusty servant, Ramón Garrido.

With all consideration and appreciation I subscribe myself, Mister president, your attentive and trusty servant,

Affectionately,

Andrés Mojica
Intendente of San Blas

El Porvenir, 21 December 1922

His Excellency,
The President of the Republic
Mr. President,

The introduction of dances among the Indians has been giving excellent results in our civilizing efforts, but since it has been carried out without any sort of regulation, and with the objective of preventing that it might degenerate into disorder, this office authorized the Detachment Heads to dictate such resolutions regulating those dances for the students, since it has happened that, from having continued dancing until late into the night they have been unable to attend classes the following morning.

For your information, I take the liberty of attaching a copy of the resolution dictated by the Head of the First detachment, which has been approved by this office and which carries out that regulation.

I have addressed myself in the same terms to the Secretary of Government and Justice, sending him a copy of the resolution mentioned above.

I renew my personal consideration for you, Mr. President, and I subscribe myself most attentively as your trusty servant,

Andrés Mojica
Intendente of San Blas