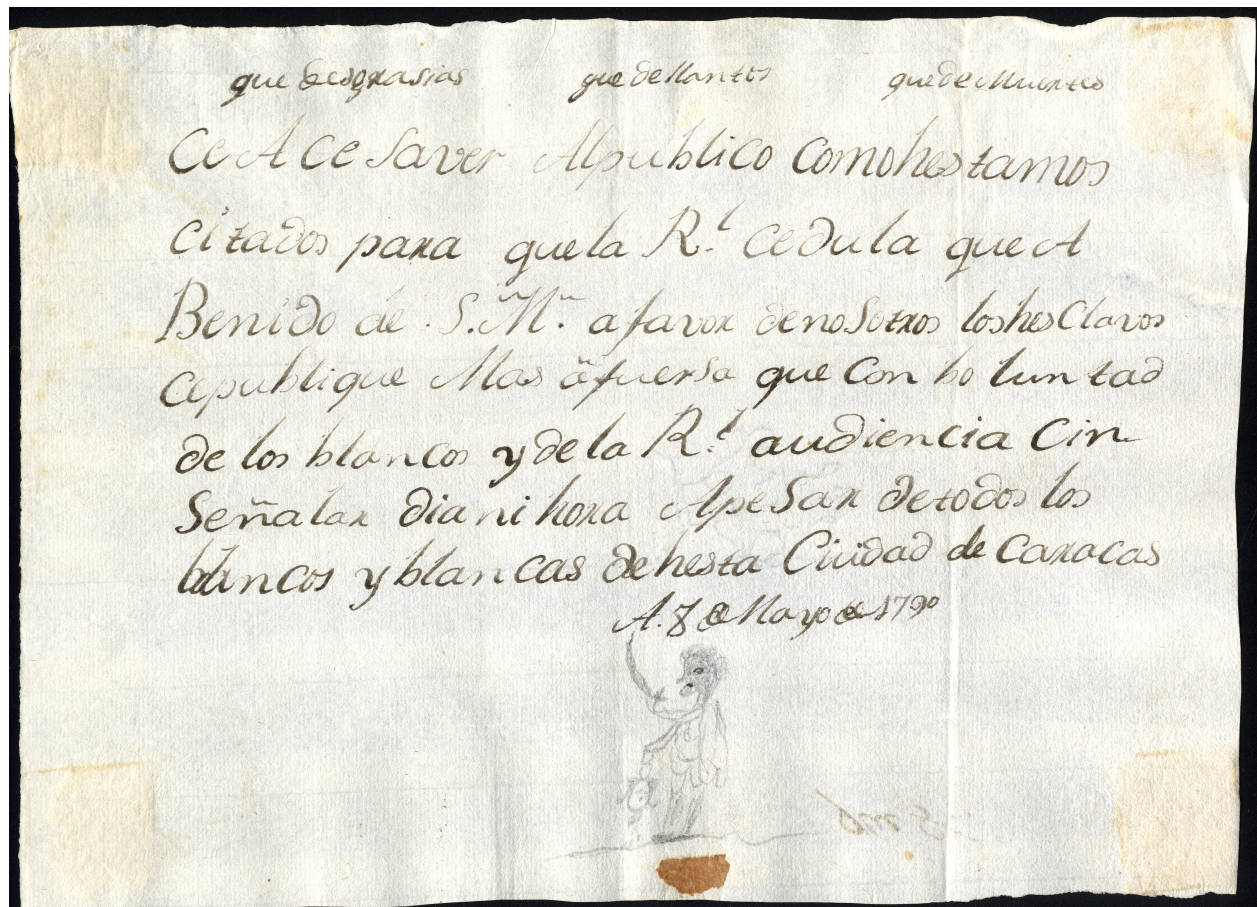


Pasquinade found in the Main Square Plaza of Caracas, May 8th 1790 (there were four of these, fixed in for different corners of the Plaza)

(Archivo General de Indias, Sevilla, Section: Caracas, 167)



“Oh Sorrows, Oh Cries, Oh Deaths!

We announce to the Public that we are summoned on the Royal Decree that has come from Our Majesty in favor of us, the slaves. This [the royal decree] will be published more by force than by the willingness of the whites and the Royal Audiencia, which has not indicated day or hour, to the disgrace of all the white men and women of this city. May 8th 1790”