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Theme: The City Council of Santo Domingo and Fernando Caballero suggested to the Spanish Crown instead of an agreement with private parties for them to carry 4,000 enslaved blacks to La Española, it was better to allow the colony's settlers themselves to arrange for the importing of the slaves

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r Sacred, Caesarean Catholic majesty /  
on July second of this year we received a letter that your majesty ordered to be written to us in /  
response to others of ours for which we kiss your feet and hands /.

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r your majesty says that, to do us favor, [he] has mandated that an agreement is reached with  
certain persons so that an order is established in bringing the four thousand blacks that have  
been granted to these places. We would receive more favor if, since the favor has been done,  
[you] allowed us to bring them at our will, since we would obtain them at better prices, because  
the person that was to bring them will want to earn everything that we could take advantage of.  
And, if your majesty is pleased, the agreement that may be reached with you should be that they  
are given to us at a moderate price and [that] they are sold on credit for some moderate time to  
persons that give enough guarantee, because most of the denizens and inhabitants none of them  
would be able to pay in cash. And by giving them on credit for a while, with what they could  
retrieve from their businesses they could pay it comfortably, and this is very convenient for the  
denizens of the inland areas who collect gold and *cassia fistula*, they pay as they retrieve.

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from santo domingo of La Española [*edge of paper missing*] /  
on XXIII of october of MDXXVII [*hole in the paper*] /