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Theme: Around 1530 in Santo Domingo, a female Black slave was burned at the stake, accused of poisoning her female master

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Your Majesty is already informed of how the main foundation of the peopling and sustenance of this island are the Blacks, the Indians and the people of service that exist there and how convenient it is that the bad ones be punished and the jeopardy there would be if this is not done. It has happened that, as to punishing a Black woman, owned by a clergyman, [and] who gave poison to her female master in order to kill her, on the part of the Church they have set out to defend her and to inhibit the royal justice, having it been sentenced that she be burnt at the stake. Despite the inhibition in executing his sentence, which was confirmed by the Real Audiencia, the local judge had her burnt. On this, the church has proceeded against him and while the matter was being appealed to Rome they excommunicated and anathematized him with great solemnity and they even went to his house with the psalm and threw many stones at it, of which the whole city was very surprised and even us, because we consider it as a new way of acting against the secular justice and a great scandal. In communication between.