

Date: 1511, July 6.

Theme: The King approves the proposal to move “Indians and slaves” away from the San Cristóbal’s mines in La Española that were not yielding the expected gold output.

Source: PARES, Portal de Archivos Españoles, Archivo General de Indias, INDIFERENTE, 418,L.3 – 192 – Imagen Núm: 177/709

[fo. 83r.]

The King /
Miguel de Pasamonte, our general treasurer of the Indies /
I saw all your letters that you wrote to me from June /
eleventh until these that Luis de Lizarazo brought in which /
you let me [*crossed out*: please] know how, thanks to our /
lord /
you are in good health, from which I have received much
joy, and you have not /
been responded to until now [...]

[fo. 84v.]

[...] and it seems fine to me what you /
say that, if the mines of San Cristóbal do not /
yield more than until now, that you would move /
our Indians and slaves to the ones in [Çibea?].¹ I /
write about it in the general letter that you will see /
so that the Admiral and the accountant do not only [*not*]
hamper /
what you may want on this but that they /
should help you, and also so that the Admiral may see that /
that everything is written about to him and to you /
[...]

[fo. 86r.]

[...]

Issued in Seville on June /
6th of 1511. /

[...] Issued in Seville on /
VI days of June of IUDXI years. I /
the King. Per his majesty’s mandate, Lope /
Conchillos. Signed by the bishop of /
Palencia.

¹ The spelling here seems to be “Çibea,” maybe a misspelling made in copying the word “Çibao” from the original letter, since no such a name of place as “Çibea” is known or mentioned in the documentation of the period.