

PARDON TO THE MOORS OF GRANADA

Ferdinand II (1452–1516), King of Aragon (1479–1516) and Castile (1474–1516)

Granada, 26 February 1500

Fernando, by the grace of God King of Castile, Leon, Aragon, Sicily, Granada, Toledo, Valencia, Galicia, Mallorca, Seville, Cordoba, Murcia, Jaen, the Algarves, Algecira, Gibraltar, and of the Canary Islands, Count of Barcelona, Lord of Biscay and Molina, Duke of Athens and Neopatria, Count of Roussillon and the Cerdanya, Marquis of Oristano and Gociano,

To show kindness and mercy to the peasants and my newly converted vassals of this grand and illustrious city of Granada and its surrounding lands, and recognizing the goods and the loyal services that you have given,

It is my will and pleasure to remit and pardon all blame and all offenses committed before you had converted to our holy Catholic faith, and any right that I, as your king and natural lord, could in justice have given to you, your women, your children, and all your goods by the reason of these blames and offenses.

I grant—by these presents and by your notarized oath ... to do well, favoring, understanding, and keeping in the service of God—my remission and pardon of all the aforementioned blames and offenses which you committed up to the day you converted to our Holy Catholic Faith, and of all rights and actions I possess to your persons and goods by consequence of the aforementioned blames and offenses.

And I command those of my council, and the judges of my audiencia and chancellery, and my corregidores, and any other of my justices that are or will be named in the great city of Granada, and to any of them, not to proceed against you for any of the aforementioned blames and offenses committed before the day you converted to our Holy Catholic Faith because you have my personal pardon and remission that I give to you all.

Henry Charles Lea, *The Moriscos of Spain* (London: Quaritch, 1901):406–407.