

"After having baptized us, [the priest] ordered and he told us, 'Let us make a great house for ourselves. Cut the trees, bring stones for the foundations, make bricks, roof tiles, and other necessary things.' The neophytes set to work, and within a few years, with the master craftsmen who helped them, the building was completed. The house was done, and a church was also built, with its bells and cemetery, barracks for the soldiers, a house for the mayordomos.

The shoemakers work at making saddles, knapsacks, bridles, and shoes for the neophyte cowboys and Spanish mayordomos and soldiers, and when they have finished [their work], they bring it and hand it over to the missionary so that he can give it to the cowboys. The blacksmiths make bits, locks, keys nails for the church, and everyone works for all" (147-149).

-Pablo Tac describes work at Mission San Luis Rey, 1840