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La región del Plata se ha revelado como una
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Viceroy Croix, 1789

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Glossary

<i>abadesa</i>	abbess
Aduana	Customs house
<i>agregado</i>	assistant
<i>aguardiente</i>	hard liquor, literally 'fire-water'
<i>albacea</i>	executor of an estate
<i>alcabala</i>	sales tax
<i>alcalde del barrio</i>	neighborhood magistrate
<i>alcalde de primer voto</i>	chief municipal magistrate, mayor
<i>alcalde ordinario</i>	municipal magistrate
<i>alcalde de segundo voto</i>	second municipal magistrate, vice-mayor
<i>alférez</i>	ensign
<i>alférez de fragata</i>	lieutenant in the Royal Navy
<i>alférez real</i>	Cabildo officer
<i>alguacil mayor</i>	Cabildo officer, head constable
<i>almacenero</i>	retailer of food products, greengrocer
<i>añil</i>	indigo dye
<i>apoderado</i>	agent, proxy
<i>arancel</i>	fee
<i>arras</i>	handsel, bride price
Audiencia	high court of justice
<i>avería</i>	shipping taxes
<i>aviador</i>	financial backer (also called <i>habilitador</i>)
<i>balandra</i>	sloop
<i>bando</i>	vice-regal edict
<i>bandoleros</i>	street peddlers (also called <i>mercachifles, mercaderes de bándola</i>)
<i>barrio</i>	neighborhood

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<i>bombilla</i>	straw or tube used with the <i>mate</i>
<i>botica</i>	apothecary
Cabildo	city council
<i>cajero</i>	clerk
<i>capellán</i>	chaplain, recipient of a chantry
<i>capellanía</i>	chantry
<i>capital</i>	husband's worth at time of marriage
<i>carretas</i>	large wooden carts widely used for transportation in the La Plata area
<i>cartas de ciudadanía</i>	naturalization papers
<i>casa cuna</i>	foundling home
<i>casa de asiento</i>	house which served as headquarters of English slavers in the early eighteenth century
<i>castas</i>	mixed bloods
<i>cédula</i>	royal decree
<i>censo</i>	mortgage contract with the Church
<i>chacra or chacara</i>	farm, suburban small holding
<i>cofradía</i>	religious brotherhood
<i>colegialas</i>	female day students
<i>colegio</i>	secondary or comprehensive school
<i>comadre</i>	godmother, fellow godmother
<i>comendadores</i>	prefects of religious brotherhoods
Comerciales	a commercial court
<i>comerciantes</i>	wholesale merchants
<i>compadrazgo</i>	ritual kinship
<i>compadre</i>	godfather, fellow godfather
<i>concuñado</i>	husband of one's sister-in-law
<i>consiliario</i>	member of governing board of the Consulado
Consulado	merchant guild and its court
<i>cuadra</i>	one square block (one block equals approximately one-tenth of a mile)
<i>cuartel</i>	zone
<i>cuñado</i>	brother-in-law
<i>defensor de menores</i>	a member of the Cabildo charged with defending the rights of minors
<i>dependiente</i>	apprentice

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<i>doblones</i>	Spanish doubloones
Don	a masculine title of respect
Doña	the feminine equivalent of Don
<i>efectos</i>	merchandise, dry goods
<i>encomenderos</i>	possessors of royal grants to Indian labor
<i>escribano</i>	notary
<i>escrituras</i>	formal loan papers
<i>españoles</i>	Spaniards or whites
<i>esquina</i>	corner room or apartment
<i>estancia</i>	ranch
<i>estanciero</i>	owner of an <i>estancia</i>
<i>expediente</i>	file, case
<i>fábricas</i>	Church building funds
<i>frutos del país</i>	local commodities
<i>gacetas</i>	gazettes, newspapers
<i>gente decente</i>	the respectable, persons of quality
<i>gente de color</i>	mixed bloods
<i>gracia</i>	royal exemption
<i>gremio</i>	guild
<i>habilitador</i>	financial backer (also called <i>aviador</i>)
<i>hacendado</i>	owner of an <i>hacienda</i>
<i>hacienda</i>	large landed estate
<i>hermano mayor</i>	chief officer of a religious brotherhood
<i>hidalgo</i>	gentleman
<i>indio</i>	Indian
<i>información</i>	legal brief
Juez de Difuntos	judge with jurisdiction over estates
Juez de Menores	judge with jurisdiction over minors
<i>legajo</i>	a bundle of documents
<i>libranza</i>	promissory note, a bill of exchange
<i>limeño</i>	an inhabitant of Lima

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<i>madrina</i>	godmother	
<i>mancebos</i>	shop lads	
<i>mandas forzosas</i>	forced contributions to religious funds	
<i>mates</i>	gourd-shaped vessels designed for preparing and drinking Paraguayan tea	
<i>mayorazgo</i>	entailed estate governed by laws of primogeniture	
<i>mayordomo</i>	overseer	
<i>mayordomo de fábrica</i>	overseer of church building and funds	
<i>mejora del quinto, mejora del tercio</i>	special bequests to lawful heirs	
<i>mercachifles</i>	peddlers	
<i>mercader</i>	retailer (also called <i>mercader de tienda abierta</i>)	
<i>mercaderes de bándola</i>	peddlers	
<i>mestizo</i>	Indian–white mixed blood	
<i>mozo</i>	retailer’s clerk	
<i>mulato</i>	black–white mixed blood	
<i>negro</i>	black	
<i>niños expósitos</i>	abandoned children	
<i>obligación</i>	formal promissory note	
<i>oidor</i>	judge of an Audiencia	
<i>padrino</i>	godfather	
<i>padrinos de bautismo</i>	godparents at baptism	
<i>padrinos de casamiento</i>	godparents at marriage	
<i>pagaré</i>	I.O.U.	
<i>pagarés a la vista</i>	promissory notes which can be redeemed immediately	
<i>patrón</i>	patron or overseer of a chantry	
<i>patronato</i>	patronship of a chantry	
<i>peón</i>	laborer	
<i>plata labrada</i>	silverware, silver articles	
<i>pleito</i>	legal complaint	
<i>porteño</i>	an inhabitant of Buenos Aires	
<i>primeras letras</i>	elementary or primary education	
<i>prior</i>	chief officer of the Consulado	

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<i>productos de la tierra</i>	local commodities
<i>pulpería</i>	general store and bar
<i>pulpero</i>	owner of a <i>pulpería</i>
<i>quinta</i>	country house
<i>quinto</i>	one-fifth of an estate
<i>regidor</i>	city councilman
<i>rejas</i>	window gratings
<i>retablo</i>	altarpiece
<i>saladeros</i>	meat-salting establishments
<i>síndico</i>	treasurer
<i>síndico procurador general</i>	attorney general of the cabildo (also called <i>síndico procurador</i> or <i>procurador general</i>)
<i>sociedad colectiva</i>	partnership of unlimited liability
<i>subteniente</i>	second lieutenant
<i>sucesión</i>	estate papers
<i>tejido de oro</i>	gold cloth
<i>tendero</i>	shopkeeper (also called <i>tendero de comercio</i> , <i>tendero mercader</i>)
<i>teniente</i>	lieutenant
<i>teniente síndico</i>	deputy treasurer
<i>terceras ordenes</i>	Third Orders
<i>terciarios</i>	members of a Third Order
<i>tertulias</i>	parties or gatherings of friends
<i>trastienda</i>	back room of a shop
<i>tratante</i>	petty trader
<i>vaquerías</i>	expeditions organized to hunt for wild cattle
<i>vecino</i>	citizen possessing full municipal rights and privileges
<i>velación</i>	veiling ceremony
<i>viajeros</i>	travelers, traveling salesmen
<i>vista de Aduana</i>	Customs inspector
<i>yerba</i>	Paraguayan tea (also called <i>yerba maté</i>)

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1 arroba = 25 pounds

1 quintal = 100 pounds or 4 arrobas

1 tercio = 200 pounds or 8 arrobas

1 legua = 3.23 miles (5.2 kilometers)

1 vara = 33 inches (0.835 meters)

1 peso = 8 reales

1 peso = 15 reales vellon