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ACADEMIA NACIONAL DE LA HISTORIA — OFFICIAL DICTAMEN ON ANTONIO RIVERO (1966)

Official Historical and Legal Ruling of Argentina's Highest Academic Authority

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KEY FORENSIC SIGNIFICANCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW:

In 1966, Argentina's official National Academy of History issued a definitive, binding scholarly inquiry into the events of 26 August 1833 at Port Louis. The Academy concluded that Antonio Rivero was not an anti-imperialist patriot or military defender of Argentine sovereignty, but a common mutineer who led a brutal labor robbery murdering unarmed civilians (including Argentine manager Jean Simon and Don Ventura Pasos).

ACADEMIC COMMISSION & INQUIRY MANDATE

Following congressional inquiries and revisionist campaigns attempting to erect public monuments to Antonio Rivero, the Academia Nacional de la Historia appointed a specialized investigative commission chaired by eminent historian Dr. Ricardo Caillet-Bois and naval historian Cap. Humberto F. Burzio to examine all primary manuscripts in the Archivo General de la Nación (AGN Sala VII) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

UNANIMOUS FINDINGS AND OPERATIVE RESOLUTIONS

- Antonio Rivero was a hired peon working in the private cattle enterprise of Luis Vernet, receiving wages in promissory notes.
- The uprising of 26 August 1833 was not motivated by political patriotism, defense of the Argentine flag, or resistance to British authority. At the time of the murders, no British garrison was present on the islands; HMS Clio had departed seven months prior leaving William Dickson (storekeeper) and Jean Simon (French settler) in charge of civilian order.
- Rivero and his accomplices murdered five unarmed civilians in cold blood: William Dickson, Jean Simon, Matthew Brisbane, Don Ventura Pasos (an Argentine citizen), and Antonina Roxa's German assistant Antonio Vehingar.
- The perpetrators looted storehouses, stole cash, horses, and provisions, and fled to the interior camp to evade apprehension.
- The claim that Rivero raised the Argentine flag is an unsubstantiated myth absent from all judicial trial testimony in London and Buenos Aires.
- RESOLUTION: The Academy formally rules that Antonio Rivero lacks any qualification as a national hero, military defender, or sovereign representative of the Argentine state.