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In return for Spain's help during the American Revolution, Florida was transferred back to Spain by the Treaties of Versailles, part of the Peace of Paris, in 1783. As governor of New Spain, Céspedes attempted to give runaway slaves an opportunity for freedom by refusing to return them to their slave-owners in Georgia. However, after a royal order in 1790, Céspedes was forced to return them.