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Columbus obtained his commission to sail from Palos through the intercession of the Franciscan monk, Juan Perez de Marchena. His commission gave him the title of Don, and raised him to the rank of Grand Admiral of the Ocean Seas. He sailed Friday, August 3, 1492, with three small caravels, named the "Pinta," the "Nina," and the "Santa Maria," which latter he commanded in person, accompanied, besides his crew and sailors, by soldiers and two monks.

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