



# 'A quien quiera tomarlos por su cuenta': contratos y contratistas de vías de comunicación en el Estado de Boyacá (Colombia), 1857-1886

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