

# Democratic Central Committee

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SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.

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28 SAN FRANCISCO ST.  
P. O. BOX 457

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that at a regular meeting of the Insular Democratic Central Committee, held in the office of the acting president of the committee, No. 15 Luna Street, San Juan, on November 23<sup>d</sup>, 1913, a quorum being present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

Resolved, that this Committee in representation of the Democratic Party in Porto Rico, recommend for appointment to the Executive Council the following gentlemen:-

For Secretary of Porto Rico:

Jacinto Texidor, Esq.,  
Judge E. B. Wilcox, or  
Frank Antonsanti, Esq.

For Attorney General of Porto Rico:

Frank Antonsanti, Esq.,  
Henry George Molina, Esq., or  
Judge E. B. Wilcox.

For Commissioner of the Interior:

Hon. Tulio Larrinaga.

For Members of the Executive Council, (provided for by the Foraker Act for "native Porto Ricans", and without portfolio):

Henry George Molina, Esq.,  
Mr. Arturo Bravo, and  
Jacinto Texidor, Esq.

*And for* Postmaster of San Juan:

Mr. Vicente Fano.

*J. Texidor*  
Chairman of said Meeting.

*Henry G. Molina*  
SECRETARY

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JACINTO TEXIDOR.

A Lawyer, graduated at the University of Madrid, Spain. Has been practicing law in Porto Rico for nineteen years, with a good standing and reputation.

Is a member of the American Bar Association, and duly admitted as an Attorney and Counsellor in the Supreme Court of the United States in February 28, 1910. Is Vice-President of the Porto Rico Bar Association and a member of the Bar of the Federal Court.

He was appointed Registrar of Property in Guayama, by the Military Government of Porto Rico and filled that position for three years. Appointed temporarily Judge of the District Tribunal of San Juan, by the Honorable Mr. J. Harlan, Attorney General of Porto Rico. He was a member of the Commission for the compilation and revision of the laws of Porto Rico, which position he filled for two years.

He is actually President-protem of the Democratic Central Committee of Porto Rico, of which he is the Vice-President by election and Convention held in San Juan, P. R., on May 5, 1912, which Convention sent six Delegates to the Baltimore Convention, Mr. Texidor being elected one of the members of the said delegation. He is the first Vice-President of the Democratic League of Porto Rico.

As references on his standing, he offers the following:

The Honorable José C. Hernandez, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Porto Rico.

The Honorable H. Mc Leary, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Porto Rico.

The Honorable Pedro de Aldray, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Porto Rico.

The Honorable Emilio del Toro, Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Porto Rico.

Coronel C. B. Morton, Assistant Auditor of Porto Rico.

Mr. J. B. Bruce, Royal Bank of Canada, San Juan, P. R.

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Mr. John M. Turner, San Juan.

The Honorable Judge E. B. Wilcox, San Juan.

Mr. Irving R. Pierson, Vice-President of the Porto Rican Express Company.

Mr. Teele, Porto Rico Railway Light & Power Company, San Juan.

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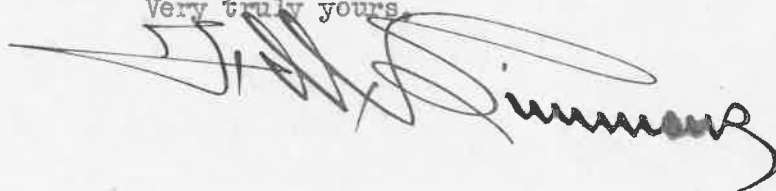
December 2nd, 1913.

Hon. Arthur Yager,  
Governor of Porto Rico,  
San Juan, P. R.

Sir:

I take pleasure in endorsing for your favorable consideration Judge E. B. Wilcox for Attorney-General of Porto Rico. Judge Wilcox is a member of a very distinguished family of my State. He is eminently qualified for this position being a lawyer of tact and talent and I feel sure, if he is appointed, he will reflect credit upon himself and the nation. Therefore, I urge his appointment for this position.

Very truly yours,



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January 12, 1914.

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge with pleasure and appreciation your very kind letter of the 27th ultimo, and thank you for your expression of interest in Porto Rico and in my administration.

I am glad to learn that you have made a personal visit to this Island and on that account have an additional interest in its future.

I am planning a visit to Washington later in the year when some legislation will be asked of Congress for the benefit of the people of Porto Rico. I shall take pleasure in calling upon you and asking for your sympathy and support in securing the attention of Congress.

I note carefully what you say with reference to Judge E. B. Wilcox, and will give this matter careful consideration when the time comes to make an appointment to either of the positions in which he has an interest.

Thanking you again for your letter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Hon. George White,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

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COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dec. 27, 1913.

Governor Arthur Yeager,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Governor:-

Please accept this rather late congratulation on my part upon your selection by the President as Governor of Porto Rico. You have a great opportunity to perform a public service, and judging from the account of your inaugural address, you are well qualified to represent the United States at our insular possession. As a member of the Congressional party, I had the pleasure of spending a week on the Island, and today as I sit in the office and look out upon a bleak December day, I envy you in the enjoyment of Porto Rico's ideal climate.

During my visit, I became acquainted, and through the acquaintance gained a high regard for, Judge E. B. Wilcox, of San Juan, and in travelling over the Island, learned that he had held several positions in the United States Service, and had acquitted himself with great credit throughout his service as Prosecuting Attorney, Chief of the Insular Constabulary and as Judge. I understand that he is a candidate for the position of Secretary of Porto Rico or that of Attorney General, and that the local Democratic Party has endorsed him for appointment to either of these positions. His ability as a lawyer and record as a Judge would seem to peculiarly qualify him for the Attorney Generalship, and his knowledge of the Island and the esteem in which he is held by all who know him, would recommend him for the Secretaryship. I feel well enough acquainted with him to justify my very earnest endorsement of his candidacy for either place, and I hope your administration may be able to make use of his efficiency and tactfulness as a public servant.

Yours very truly,

*George White*

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January 19, 1914.

My dear Judge Hunt:

It was with real pleasure that I received your letter of the 31st ultimo, and I appreciate your congratulations and good wishes for myself and the people of Porto Rico.

Though I have been here only a short time I have formed of the Island and its people the same high opinion which you have expressed in regard to them.

I shall remember also your kindly commendation of Judge E. B. Wilcox whom I also know and esteem highly. I shall file your letter for reference when the occasion arises to use it in regard to the offices of which you wrote.

With sincere regard and good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Governor.

Hon. William H. Hunt,

United States Commerce Court,

Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES COMMERCE COURT  
WASHINGTON

P. O. Box 1507,  
New York City,  
December 31, 1913.

Honorable Arthur Yager,  
Governor of Porto Rico,  
San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Governor Yager:

As a predecessor of yours let me extend my congratulations and wish you a successful and agreeable administration. I look back upon my own experience in Porto Rico with the greatest pleasure and have always felt the deepest interest in the happiness and welfare of the people, and I am sure their progress has been wonderful in adapting themselves to institutions which are essentially American and that their loyalty to our flag is never to be questioned.

Judge E. B. Wilcox has asked me to tell you what I think of him in a professional and personal way. I do this with pleasure because I was in a position to know of his ability and fidelity to the public service. I persuaded him to become the head of the insular police at one time. Conditions were very far from satisfactory when he took hold, but after a few short weeks his administration began to bear fruit and the change in the morale of the corps and their efficiency was most marked. I also appointed him to the judicial department of the Government, and there he was courageous, intelligent,

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and discreet. I was always glad of his counsel because he was esteemed by the people and was sympathetic with them in their ambitions and ascertained their point of view with respect to new matters. In addition to all this he was a gentleman of high sense of loyalty and pure ideals and always ready for duty.

He tells me that he is being considered as secretary of the Island or as attorney general. Believing most earnestly that you will be fortunate in having his services, I venture to express the opinion that if you select him as one of your advisers you will find him responsive in every respect and that he will contribute greatly to the success of your administration.

I remain, Governor, with the highest respect,

Sincerely yours,

*William H. Hunt*

*Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway*  
*Western & Atlantic Railroad*  
*Legal Department*  
*Brown, Spurlock & Brown, Attorneys*

*Chattanooga, Tenn.*

January 30th,  
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Honorable Arthur Yager,  
 Governor of Porto Rico,  
 San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Sir:--

I am in receipt of the enclosed letter. It is not usual that a man asks me to write a letter in his behalf, as Mr. Martinez has, and as the best reason why I am writing you, I send his letter.

I take great pleasure in complying with Mr. Martinez's request and have this to say: When I went to Porto Rico, after studying the situation for some time, with the consent of the government, hit upon this policy, so far as appointments in the judicial branch of the government was concerned in Porto Rico, that is, to take for important judicial positions, young Porto-Ricans, educated in the States. I thought then and believe now this is the best policy for Porto Rico with regard to judicial appointments.

During my stay in Porto Rico, the government had at Mayaguez a very important lawsuit, involving the title in the University lands. I made a trip to Mayaguez and came in contact with Frank Martinez, a young lawyer of that town. I was so impressed with him, I engaged his services in behalf of the government in that litigation. He was so loyal and faithful and intelligent in his work, I determined to do what I could to bring him into the government service and so I did. He was made District Judge, Fiscal, and held other positions, all of which he filled with great credit to himself and satisfaction to me.

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*Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway  
 Western & Atlantic Railroad.  
 Legal Department.  
 Brown, Spurlock & Brown, Attorneys.*

*Chattanooga, Tenn.*

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Mr. Martinez is a native of Porto Rico and was educated in the States and abroad, and he is one of the best educated Porto-Ricans ~~we have~~. He is a thorough American and would be thoroughly loyal to your administration. I do not know a more dependable man in Porto Rico among the natives than Mr. Martinez.

I am very much interested in your administration and hope for you abundant success. All of my friends in Porto Rico speak in the highest terms of you and express the confident belief that notwithstanding the bad financial condition of Porto Rico now you will be able to pull the Island through all right.

I want to say to you confidentially, that I never agreed with Governor Colton in many of the projects he had on foot. I have always believed and so expressed myself vigorously to him that he was undertaking too much to be accomplished in so short a time; in other words, that he was pushing things too much and I also insisted that the government of the Island was administered on too ~~excessive~~ a scale. The difficulties you have to meet in Porto Rico now are due largely to the extravagance and wastefulness of prior administration. *g/p*

Wishing for you very great success and much happiness in the Island, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FVB/Y.

*John R. Brown*

P.O.Box 1361,  
San Juan, P. R., Jan. 21, 1914.

Hon. Foster V. Brown,  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Judge:-

About two months ago, Dr. Arthur Yager took possession of the Governorship of the Island. So far, everything tends to indicate that the new Governor is going to make a success of his administration.

You know what a strong man Mr. Colton was. We were all sorry to see him go. It had to be, however; and now, I think, we can congratulate ourselves that his successor is such an able, open and sincere man.

There is talk of a great change in the Government. It is expected that Porto-Ricans will be appointed to the Cabinet. Although Presidente Taft nominated me for the Council last year, I was finally defeated, owing to the unprecedented attitude assumed by the Senate. But I am not ready to give up yet, and will try to land something in the Cabinet this time. If, as everybody expects, they appoint men educated in the States, with American ideas, I think I stand a chance, for there are not so many here.

In this connection I will add, that if you could stretch your conscience once more, and write something about me to Gov. Yager, it would help me a great deal, and I would appreciate it very much. I would like him to know, from a desinterested person, that I am not a rabid politician, as he has been informed

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evrybody is down here, and that if a man does me the honor of placing his confidence in me I know how to appreciate it and be loyal. I stand for home rule for Porto-Rico, but I am an American citizen and, therefore, pro-American.

My wife had quite a serious operation performed recently. She is doing very well. She joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Brown all kinds of happiness and success in 1914.

I suppose you know that the Supreme Court of Porto-Rico confirmed my decision in the Caño de Tiburones case.

With best regards, I am your sincere friend,

*Fant Martiney*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
OFFICE OF EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

PORTO RICO AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Mayaguez, Porto Rico, Nov. 17, 1914.

Governor Arthur Yager,  
San Juan, P. R.

My dear Governor:

I am writing you about a matter that I wanted to speak to you about yesterday but owing to the busy day I had not the opportunity. I want to append my endorsement of a man on this end of the island that I believe well fitted for the position of attorney general: Benjamin J. Horton. He is not an active candidate, but should matters associate themselves that he should come to your serious consideration, I beg to assure you that in my opinion he well fulfills the requirements of the position. He has been living in Porto Rico for 15 years and is closely associated with the country and its interests. He owns property here and has made this his home. He is a democrat, was a delegate to the last national convention and has always worked for the party's interests and it seems to me that this should have some consideration in the appointment for the next member of the Executive Council.

I knew Mr. Horton in the States when he was a struggling young lawyer in St. Louis, Mo. I know his family, residents of Lawrence county. His father has been elected at different times to offices in the county in which he lives, being the only democrat elected overcoming a strong republican majority. This shows his standing in the community and the appreciation of his fellow men. Mr. Horton is a graduate of the Kansas

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Law School and has won a strong position here before the Courts.

I know him to be thoroughly honest and his reputation among both Porto Ricans and Americans is of the best. He is closely associated with the best interests of the island and is well grounded in the laws pertaining thereto. I am sure that he could, if he had undertaken it, have secured the endorsement of the members of the bar in Porto Rico. Any of the old timers will tell you of his standing. Mr. Domenech knows him well and I am sure will endorse him as will Mr. Wilson. Mr. Horton has not urged his claims nor do I know that he has applied for the position, but should it come about that the office seeks the man I am of the opinion that he is the person that will come nearer meeting the various qualifications necessary in the case.

Very truly yours,

A. H. May