

June 10, 1914.

Mr. C. S. Detweiler,  
Ponce, Porto Rico.

My dear Mr. Detweiler:

Your very kind letter in answer to my inquiries has just been received.

Mrs. Yager and I are planning to come to Ponce on either next Sunday or Monday, and I wish you would arrange, if possible, for us to see the lady you mentioned, on either Sunday afternoon or Monday morning, as may turn out to be convenient to us, so that we can talk over with her the matter concerning which I wrote you.

If you can make the arrangement and will telegraph me either next Friday or Saturday morning I shall be obliged. We are planning to spend the week end at Jájome and to go over from there to Ponce as explained above.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

July 6, 1914.

Dear Sir:

It is with real pleasure that I write this brief note to introduce to you the bearer, Señora M. de Degetau, of Porto Rico, who is now on a visit to Madrid.

Mrs. Degetau is the widow of one of the most distinguished and useful citizens of the Island of Porto Rico and has only recently passed away.

You will find Mrs. Degetau a woman of high ideals, of fine culture and consecrated life, and in every way worthy of your acquaintance.

Any courtesies that you may show her will be greatly appreciated by me personally and by the people of Porto Rico.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

Hon. Joseph E. Willard,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary,  
Madrid, Spain.

July 6, 1914.

My Dear Mrs. Degetau:

Your letter and also the one to Mrs. Yager were both received here in the office to-day.

I will immediately hand your note to Mrs. Yager and also hasten to comply with your request for a note of introduction to the American Ambassador at Madrid.

I sincerely hope that we shall see you in Porto Rico again before long.

I enclose herein the letter to the American Ambassador, and not knowing where else to address you at this moment I am sending it to your Madrid address.

Wishing for you the greatest success and happiness, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

Mrs. Ana H. de Degetau,  
Carrera de San Gerónimo 11 & 13,  
E Madrid, Spain.

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of introduction  
to the American  
Ambassador in  
Madrid for myself  
and for Mr. Sanchez

With the expres-  
sion of my best  
wishes for your  
happiness I am  
very sincerely yours

André M. de Segretain  
Canada.

Address in Madrid  
Carrera de S. Jerónimo

11 y 13.

Sau Juan & Gallo

Hon. Governor

Sir

I will sail next  
Friday for Europe  
and I wish to  
thank you for  
your kindness  
and interest in  
my dear husband  
I wish for the  
uplifting and

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will fare of his  
loved country. I am  
sure the more you  
will know the  
Iceland the more  
you will find the  
rightfulness of  
his desires for it.

The paintings are  
going to the Amer-  
icity in the mean-  
while the place  
for the Museum  
will be builded;  
and I hope you

will also cooperate  
to his work.

My task now is  
to convince his  
work the best. I can  
in his intellectual  
and humanitarian  
views for this pur-

pose I will need  
to enlarge the number  
of my friends and  
acquaintances and

I would be very  
grateful to you  
if you will  
give me a letter

July 11, 1914.

Mr. John H. Dabney,  
Standing Master in Chancery,  
United States District Court for Porto Rico,  
San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th instant has been duly received.

I can understand how Senator Williams, who is a very busy man, may have gotten things somewhat tangled in writing his letter and I appreciate your position and feeling in the matter.

With good wishes for you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR PORTO RICO.

OFFICE OF THE STANDING MASTER IN CHANCERY.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.

JOHN M. DABNEY,  
STANDING MASTER.

July  
21<sup>st</sup>,  
1898

His Excellency,

Honorable Arthur Yager,

The Governor of Porto Rico,

La Fortaleza,

San Juan, P. R.

My dear Governor:

There is, perhaps, a letter before you from my distinguished friend, Honorable John Sharp Williams, United States Senator from Mississippi, which letter was most kindly, although erroneously, written in my behalf with reference to the Private Secretaryship to Your Excellency. Senator Williams' complimentary act grows out of the entire misapprehension of the contents of a letter written by me to him several weeks ago. I have not even the symptoms of a desire to supplant the efficient gentleman now so admirably serving you; nor did I intend to give, or by innuendo to leave, that impression with my esteemed friend; nor did I in any way mention the portfolio to him.

Senator Williams' disposition of kindness to me is large and my appreciation of it is very great. His mistake in this regard was purely out of the thought of benefaction to me.

If this regrettable contr~~temp~~ has already been brought to your attention, or if this note of mine is your first news of it, I beg you to consider and to treat the incident as wholly and com-

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pletely closed as well as knowing it to be one created by no intent of mine. As for myself, I am exceedingly embarrassed.

With every assurance of my regard and with my heartiest good wishes for the success of your administration, I am,

Very respectfully and sincerely your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John M. Dabney", with a decorative flourish underneath.

JMD/jhk

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ALVAREZ NAVA & DOMINGUEZ  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW ABOGADOS  
SAN JUAN, P. R.

*Personal File*

Personal.

San-Juan, July 25th, 1914.

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

My dear Governor Yager:-

I venture to write to you this personal letter with regard to the conversation we had during my last visit relative to the probable appointments for the Executive Council.

I am informed by a friend that the nominations for Secretary of Porto-Rico and Commissioner of the Interior are about to be made and that possibly, some actual member of the Council, will be promoted to either of these offices. I beg to remind you that I am a candidate for the vancancy which may be caused in the Council by reason of these appointments, and therefore beg leave to call your attention to this fact when such nominations should be made.

Perhaps, it will be proper to suggest that I am willing to furnish any references which may be needed, as to my professional, social and general standing in the comunity.

Believe me, Governor,

Very respectfully yours,

*Jorge M. Dominguez*

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
BUREAU OF INSULAR AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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November 18, 1913.

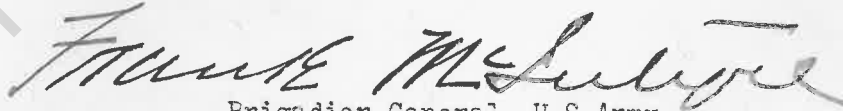
Honorable Jorge V. Dominguez,  
Alvarez, Nava & Dominguez,  
San Juan, Porto Rico..

My dear Judge Dominguez:

I have your letter of November 7th, and our records have been changed to show that you are an applicant for appointment to the Executive Council of Porto Rico, instead of to the position of Secretary of Porto Rico.

Your application will be given due consideration when the matter of appointments to the Executive Council is taken up.

Very sincerely,

  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,  
Chief of Bureau. 1

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF INSULAR AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON,

October 30, 1913.

Mr. Frederic R. Coudert,  
2 Rector Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Coudert:--

I have your letter recommending Mr. Dominguez.

The newly appointed Governor has spent several days in Washington and I have gone over this matter with him and have shown him the papers of Mr. Dominguez which we considered in the case of a previous vacancy in the Executive Council.

I personally remember Mr. Dominguez very well and believe that he is one of the young men in Porto Rico most suitable for such appointment as the one under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Frank McIntyre,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Chief of Bureau.

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August 29, 1914.

To Whom It May Concern:

Miss M. E. Downey, of New York, has been for some two or three years housekeeper and superintendent of the Governor's Palace in San Juan, Porto Rico, some ten months of which was during my administration.

I take pleasure in testifying that she proved herself to be competent and efficient in that position and rendered excellent and satisfactory service. I can therefore from personal knowledge commend her very heartily to any one desiring service in this capacity.

Very respectfully,

Governor.

September 25, 1914.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant has been duly received.

I remember very well my interview with you in your office, with Mr. Ironside, and received an unusually pleasant impression of him at that time and I was greatly interested in reading your description of him and your support of his application for the office of member of the Executive Council of Porto Rico.

I am really glad to learn that Mr. Ironside is thinking of coming to Porto Rico and settle on the Island, as I learn not only from your letter but from a very courteous letter from him. I shall be pleased to give him a most cordial welcome and to aid him any way I possibly can.

As to the office in question, Mr. Ironside is mistaken in his idea that the vacancy is on the American side of the Council, it is in reality on the Porto Rican side, and therefore it is practically necessary that a native of Porto Rico be appointed at this time. Moreover, it has been practically agreed between myself and the leading members of the majority party here in the Island that I would recommend for

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this position one of their own party leaders whom they have suggested to me and who seems to be entirely qualified for the place and in every way unobjectionable.

I regret, therefore, that in this particular matter I shall most likely not be able to do anything for Mr. Ironside. I trust, however, that at some other time I may be of assistance to him, and hoping for further acquaintance with you yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

Hon. James S. Davenport,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

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COMMITTEE ON THE TERRITORIES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 15th 1914.

Hon. Arthur Yeager,

Governor of Porto Rico.

My dear Governor:

You will probably remember meeting Mr. Robert P. Ironside in my office in the House Office Building, Washington D. C., on your recent visit to the states. It was also my pleasure to meet you in the committee room of the Committee on Insular Affairs, as I am a member of that Committee. Mr. Ironside is a brother-in-law of mine, and Mrs. Ironside who is now in the Islands is a native of Porto Rico, having been born and reared in the Islands. It is the desire of Mr. Ironside to become a resident of Porto Rico, and he has filed an application to be appointed a Member of the Executive Council of the Islands, and knowing as I do that your suggestions and influence in the matter will be followed, I am writing to solicit, if possible, your support in behalf of Mr. Ironside. My state, Oklahoma, has no representative in the Islands, and as a number of the southern states have, I earnestly trust that you are in a position to at least suggest to the Secretary of War that the appointment of Mr. Ironside will be satisfactory to you, in view of the fact that the law has been complied with and five of the appointees of the Executive Council are natives of the Islands.

In behalf of Mr. Ironside will say that he has a splendid education, is a first class office man: a good stenographer and typewriter,

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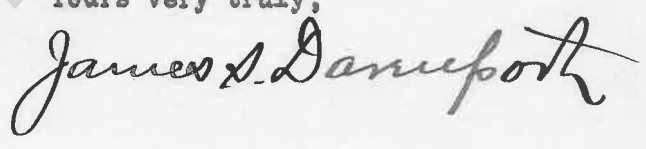
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# 2 Governor Yeager.

and a graduate of the law department of the Georgetown University of Washington, D. C. In the recent examination before the Supreme Court of our State, he made the highest grade of any applicant for admission to the bar in a class of 120 entered. He speaks Spanish fairly well and is thoroughly competent to fill the position. Of course, as you know, I am doubly interested in him because of the relationship, and especially in view of the fact that he very much desires to live in the Islands.

If you can write a letter in behalf of Mr. Ironside I will consider it as a personal favor to me.

Yours very truly,



D/H.

The Filson Historical Society



October 13, 1914.

Dear Sir:

This letter will be handed to you by my friend Honorable Luis Sánchez Morales who has been for several years President of the Executive Council of Porto Rico. He is also a prominent merchant of the Island and is moreover a man of excellent character, of unblemished integrity as a man of business and of absolute truthfulness. He is making a business trip to Detroit in connection with the agency of a large automobile industry which he has built up in Porto Rico and desires a letter of recommendation as to his character and standing as a businessman which will be useful to him in his negotiations with some manufacturers of Detroit. Of course I do not know the details of the business matters concerning which Mr. Sánchez Morales desires to negotiate, but I assure you that you can with absolute safety give him a letter to any of your friends in Detroit, vouching for his integrity and truthfulness and his standing as a man and as a merchant here in Porto Rico, and I will appreciate any thing you may do for him along the line indicated.

With every assurance of respect, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Frank E. Doremus,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Governor.

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October 16, 1914.

My dear Mr. Davenport:

I have read with unusual interest your very courteous letter of the 6th instant with reference to the general subject of appointments in Porto Rico.

In the first place you have made some natural errors in listing the officers that are now filling positions in the Island as to their party affiliations. Judge Bonner, instead of being a Taft Republican, as you state, is an old-line Tennessee Democrat. He was appointed by Secretary of War Dickinson who was also, as you know, a Tennessee Democrat appointed Secretary of War by Mr. Taft for some reason that I do not exactly understand. Moreover, the Republican Party in Porto Rico has in reality no connection with the National Republican Party whatever may be said to the contrary. The party divisions in Porto Rico are purely local and they divide upon issues that have no connection with the lines of division of the national parties. The other party in Porto Rico, which is the majority party, called the "Unión de Puerto Rico," has no connection with the Democratic Party in the States and yet they claim to represent in a way the democratic principles of our party. There is no Democratic Party proper in the Island, and my judgment is that any effort

to form a Democratic Party here or to reshape the parties so as to make them correspond with our national parties would be unwise and futile.

It is hard to understand just what the issues are between the Republicans and Unionists in Porto Rico, but as far as I can make it out it seems to me that the main issue in principle is one which concerns the future relations of this Island to the United States,- the Republicans favoring immediate territorial organization with a view to early statehood, and the Unionists desiring simply an autonomous local government postponing to an indefinite future the determination of its ultimate political status with strong leanings, at least among many members of the party, toward ultimate independence under some kind of American protectorate which they have not definitely worked out.

My own policy, formed deliberately after careful study of the local conditions, is to work consistently toward good stable government with as large participation of the Porto Ricans themselves as possible for the present, leaving to the future the determination of the ultimate status. To this end I must recognize both local political parties impartially cooperating with all who will aid in carrying out this policy, and in making appointments I have kept this policy steadily in view.

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In making the appointment concerning which you have written, it was necessary for me at this stage to recognize the Unionist or majority party and recommend for the Executive Council a man who was acceptable to them provided, of course, they indorsed a good man, loyal to the administration, in whom I have perfect confidence. In my judgment they have done this and the recommendation has been made accordingly.

However, whenever it becomes necessary for me to secure an officer of the Government from the States I shall certainly recommend Democrats and Democrats only, if good men can be found in that party, and, of course, I know they can. But the present Democratic Administration is so thoroughly committed to home rule for our insular possessions, wherever it is possible, that I am trying to fill vacancies in the public service from local material whenever good local material can be found. I feel perfectly sure that this principle and this policy will meet with your cordial approval.

Assuring you of my sincere regard, I am,  
Yours very truly,

Governor.

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 6, 1914.

My dear Governor:

I acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of September 25th, 1914, written in reply to my letter addressed to you in behalf of Mr. Robert P. Ironside, my brother-in-law, of Vinita, Oklahoma.

I note what you say with reference to the vacancy in the Executive Council of the Island and note that you state that Mr. Ironside is mistaken in his idea that the vacancy is on the American side of the Council. Mr. Ironside and myself got this from the War Department, as they advised us that it was a vacancy that could be filled by an American. Upon looking up the officers that are now filling the ten positions in the Island, I find them to be as follows:

Pitkin, Attorney General,  
 Richardson, Treasurer,  
 Bonner, Auditor,  
 Baniter, Commissioner of Education,  
 All Taft Republicans.

Traviesco, Secretary,  
 Domenech, Republican,  
 Barbosa (colored man), Republican,  
 Sanchez Morales, Republican,  
 Camunas, Unionist,  
 Larrinaga, Unionist.

Traviesco is also a Unionist, so the record shows, making three of the ten, Unionists, and seven, Republicans. Six of the ten now serving are natives by blood of the Island. It may be that the records are incorrect and it may be that the policy of the Government is going to be to continue to keep a majority of the Council Republicans.

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However, I believe that you, as a good Democrat, will agree with me that the Democratic Party should have some representation on the Executive Council and that we should try to give them the protection of the Democratic Administration and in doing so the Democrats should have some say in the administration of affairs in the Island. Mr. Ironside is a life-long, Wilson Democrat. He has been a Democrat since he was old enough to vote and has given his time and labor to the success of the Party, and it was for that reason that we had hoped for the support of the Democratic office-holders in the Island, and, of course, I knew your untiring labors in behalf of Democracy in your State and felt sure that while you would feel inclined towards native appointments, yet that you would be willing and would agree that at least an equitable portion of the new appointees should be Americans and Democrats.

I trust that we may be able to secure the appointment of Mr. Ironside and that you may find him to be a useful member as well as an agreeable and faithful employee. Of course, if you cannot find it consistent with your duties to recommend Mr. Ironside, it is hoped by your many friends here that you will not urge against or resist his appointment. We would, of course, have been gratified if you could have given him your approval.

Appreciating fully the position you occupy and realizing the situation which surrounds you in the Island and the important duty



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you have to discharge towards the people of the Island, I am,  
with great esteem and respect,

Yours very truly,

*James S. Davenport*

Governor Arthur Yager,  
Government House,  
San Juan, Porto Rico.

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February 5, 1915.

Dear Sir:

Governor Yager has instructed me to inform you that at present there is no denouncement law in force in Porto Rico. The old Spanish mining law which authorized the cession by the Government of mining claims under private property, on the ground that all mines were the property of the State, was tacitly repealed in the year 1902 by Section 357 of the Civil Code of Porto Rico, which confers upon the owners of land the ownership of its surface and everything under it. The said section reads as follows:

The owner of a parcel of ground is the owner of its surface and of everything under it, and he can construct thereon any works or make any plantations and excavations which he may deem proper, without detriment to the usufructs legally established thereon.

The foregoing section of the Civil Code was enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Porto Rico in accordance with the authority given that body under Section 13 of the Organic Act.

In order to operate a mine on lands belonging to the Government of Porto Rico, it would doubtless be necessary to secure a franchise from the Executive Council in accordance with the provisions of Section



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32 of the said Organic Act of Porto Rico, approved by the United States Congress April 12, 1900, and Sections 2 and 3 of Joint Resolution of Congress, approved May 1, 1900.

Very respectfully,

Confidential Stenographer.

Doctor David T. Day,

1331 F Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1915.

Doctor David F. Day,  
1331 F. Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Day:

Yours of the 23rd ultimo has just been received.

I am glad you are still thinking about the possibilities of carboniferous shales. I should be awfully glad to see you and also Mrs. Day, and I hope you can get away sometime this spring and make Mrs. Yager and myself a visit here at the Palace.

I think it is impossible for me to do anything at present with either one of the steamship lines, but I will look into that a little further and if any thing can be done I will write you later.

I will attend to your request for a copy of the denouncement laws of Porto Rico and send you information as to what we have relating to that subject here in the Island.

With best wishes for you always, I am

Sincerely your friend,

DAVID T. DAY  
1331 F STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 23, 1915.

Governor Arthur Yager,  
San Juan, Porto Rica.

My dear friend:

I am still thinking about the possibilities of giving you the Diesel engine oil from shales on the west end of the island, and feel like coming down myself and bringing Mrs. Day.

As a preliminary to this, please send me a copy of the denouncement laws of Porto Rica, and I will be glad if you could do this as promptly as possible, as the opportunity for me to come may arrive any minute. If you can also arrange with one of the steamship lines for transportation for Mrs. Day and myself, it will make the prospects of my coming very much greater.

It might be quite possible for us to leave here the last of February, although I have an urgent call to California which might interfere with this.

With hearty regards,

Yours very truly,

*David T. Day*

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Feb. 3, 1915.

Memorandum for Governor Yager.

In re Dr. David T. Day's request for a copy of the denouncement laws of Porto Rico.

There is not at present a Mining Law in force in Porto Rico, the old Spanish mining law which authorized the cession by the Government of mining claims under private property, on the ground that all mines were the property of the State, was tacitly repealed by the provisions of the Civil Code of Porto Rico, in Section 357 (Compilation Sec. 3427), which confers upon the owners of land the ownership of its surface and everything under it. Section 3427 reads as follows:

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In order to operate a mine on lands belonging to The People of Porto Rico, it would doubtless be necessary to secure a franchise from the Executive Council in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 32 of the Organic Act.

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DAVID T. DAY  
1331 F STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 13, 1915.

Mr. R. J. Van Deusen,  
Confidential Stenographer to Governor Yager,  
Government House,  
Porto Rico.

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt  
of your letter of February 5.

I would be glad if you could advise me as  
to whether there are any public lands whatever in the  
neighborhood of the following towns, at the west end of  
Porto Rico: San Sebastian and Guatemala; or whether these  
could be obtained.

Yours very truly,

*David T. Day*

The Filson Historical Society

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February 26, 1915.

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of your letter of the 13th instant I made inquiry of the Division of Public Lands of the Department of the Interior, as to whether there are any public lands in the neighborhood of San Sebastián and Guatemala, and was informed that at San Sebastián there are more or less

16	acres in the ward of	Hato Arriba
15	-do-	Aibonito
80	-do-	Robles
16	-do-	Robles
92	-do-	Robles
14	-do-	Aibonito

Of these, the first four tracts are now leased; of the last two, that of 14 acres is already advertised for lease and bids will be received on the 10th of March. (The announcement is enclosed herewith for your information). The 92-acre tract is valued at \$920.00 and will be advertised shortly under the same conditions as the 14-acre tract.

In the ward of Guatemala there do not appear to be any lands belonging to the Insular Government.

Yours respectfully,

Confidential  
Stenographer.

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David T. Day, Esq.,  
1331 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

GOVERNMENT OF PORTO RICO  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC LANDS

No. 107-

Please mention this number when  
Sirvase mencionar este número cuando  
referring to this subject.  
se refiera a este asunto.

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COMMISSIONER OF THE INTERIOR  
SAN JUAN, P. R.

San Juan, P. R., Febrero 26 de 1915.

Querido amigo Van Deuzen:-

Con referencia a la adjunta  
carta, he de manifestarle que de la investigación que  
he practicado en estos Archivos resulta que El Pueblo  
de Puerto Rico posee en San Sebastian las siguientes  
fincas:

16 cuerdas,	Barrio Hato Arriba
15 "	" Aibonito
80 "	" Robles
16 "	" Robles
92 "	" Robles
14 "	" Aibonito

De estas, las cuatro primeras se encuentran  
arrendadas; de las dos últimas, la de 14 cuerdas está  
anunciada en arrendamiento en pública subasta para el  
día 10 de Marzo, próximo,; incluyendole copia del anun-  
cio, y la de 92 cuerdas que está valorada en \$920.00. se  
anunciará en estos días, en las mismas condiciones que  
la anterior.

En el barrio Guatemala de San Sebastian no  
existe ninguna finca conocida.

Suyo aftmo.

*Emiguo Castro Sanab*

April 12, 1915.

Mr. Frederic Dean,  
Times Building,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Dean:-

I have just returned from a little visit to Venezuela and find your letter of the 26th ultimo on my desk.

I was greatly interested in reading this account of your active campaign on the lecture platform and feel sure that your work has been of real importance.

I have delayed writing you with reference to the subject of our conversation when I was in New York, because of the fact that we have had no money with which properly to prosecute any proper Porto Rico exhibit at San Francisco. I had hoped that the last legislature might see its way to make an appropriation for the next fiscal year which would aid us in carrying forward our coffee exhibit after July 1, but our financial difficulties were so great that the legislature did not deem it possible to make any further appropriations either for the coffee propoganda in the United States or for the Porto Rico exhibit at the Exposition, so we are compelled to reduce the expenses of the small coffee exhibit which we have already undertaken, to the narrowest limits possible in order to be able to finance it with the small appropriation made for last year. No appropriation whatever was made for exploitation purposes in New York



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City, and your information upon that point is erroneous.

For the present we are running a small demonstration exhibit of Porto Rican coffee at San Francisco in charge of Mr. E. T. Hull and 2 or 3 Porto Rican girls, and the appropriations that we have in hand are barely sufficient to continue this exhibit through the fair on the simplest possible basis. So I shall not be able to add to it any salaried officials or employees of any sort whatsoever. This makes it impossible for me to hold out to you for the present any definite prospect of employment in connection with the Exposition or the exploitation of Porto Rico in the States. This is a matter of great regret to me, for I have the highest appreciation of the value of your work; and should any thing occur that would alter the situation I will immediately advise you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

April 1, 1915.

Dear Sir:-

In the absence of  
the Governor I have the  
pleasure to acknowledge  
the receipt of your let-  
ter of March 26th.

Governor Yager left  
the Island on Tuesday for  
a short visit to Venezuela,  
and immediately upon his  
return I shall bring your  
letter to his attention.

Very respectfully,

Confidential  
Stenographer.

Professor Frederic Dean,  
Times Building,  
New York City.

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Only address = Times Bldg



Times Building  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 1915

My dear Governor Hager: -

I am just home from a four-weeks' tour thru six states - New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and New Jersey - preaching the gospel of Puerto Rico

Everywhere I met with success and was received with an ovation

At the Fort Orange Club (Albany) and Mohawk Club (Schenectady) I met

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(21 Nov 15)



CABLE ADDRESS  
WETHERHAWK

many who were interested in the "Island Beautiful" and at almost every stop I found at least one person who had been or was going to Puerto Rico.

At the Cosmopolitan Club (Cornell University, Ithaca, New York) the President of the Club was a Puerto Rican. I occupied his quarters at the Club and was given a Puerto Rican dinner the following day - sitting down with 13 Puerto Rican boys.

In Grand Rapids, Mich.

(21 Mar. 15)

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CABLE ADDRESS  
WETHERHAWK

again, I had five requests  
to repeat my talk on  
the following day -  
In Indiana I spoke  
five times -

I have been  
~~was~~ engaged by <sup>the Messrs</sup>  
Rushmore to edit their  
book on Puerto Rico  
Mr. Rushmore is now on  
his way to the Island.  
His brother - David B.  
Rushmore - tells me that  
he has written to you  
about the book and  
that you "approve"

I was disappointed in  
finding no word from  
you on my return -

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CABLE ADDRESS  
WETHERHAWK

possibly you have de-  
layed writing waiting  
for further developments  
regarding the Exposition  
appointment - I am  
free to go at your or-  
der.

I am informed that Mr.  
Baister has resigned  
his position and return-  
ed to the States - I write  
him at your request.

I am further informed  
that an appropria-  
tion of \$30,000 - has  
been made for explai-  
nation purposes here  
in New York and as

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CABLE ADDRESS  
WETHERHAWK

position created (carrying a \$3,000 salary) for the purpose of furthering such exploitation - Is this position the one you wish me to fill?

I think I have shaven my desire to serve Puerto Rico in any way that I am able. Possibly, by holding this position I could make my lectures still more effective and, at the same time, keep the Island before the public in a dignified way.

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CABLE ADDRESS  
WETHERHAWK

With all good wishes  
for you now and always

Believe me,

My dear Governor Zager

Yours faithfully,

Fredrick Dean

Very

Hon Arthur Zager

San Juan

Puerto Rico

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April 14, 1915.

Dear Sir:-

The bronze eagle referred to in your letter of the 31st ultimo was received in good condition, and Governor Yager has instructed me to express to you his thanks for the same and to say that it will be used in the manner you suggested.

Very respectfully,

Confidential  
Stenographer.

Mr. Charles H. Davis, President,  
National Highways Association,  
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

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South Yarmouth,  
Massachusetts.  
March 31, 1915.

Dear Sir:-

It has been called to our attention that some defective bronze eagles were forwarded due to lack of proper inspection. If you received one please return to this office and it will be replaced.

Thanking you for advising us, we are

Yours very truly,

for

*Charles H. Davis*

President.

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June 22, 1915.

Dear Sir:-

It is with real pleasure that I acknowledge the receipt of your kind note of the 28th ultimo, enclosing annual ticket N°6384 for the use of my wife and myself should we find it possible to attend the Exposition in your city.

I thank you for this attention and hope that before the end of the year I shall be able to visit the Exposition.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

Mr. H. O. Davis, Director General,  
Panama-California Exposition,  
San Diego, California.

July 28, 1915.

Doctor L. E. Downs,  
Georgetown,  
Kentucky.

I enclose check for \$8.00  
in payment of your account as per statement  
of the 14th instant which is also enclosed.  
I infer from the statement that the amount  
due is \$8.00.

With kind regards to you and  
Mrs. Downs from all of our family who are  
now here together, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Governor.

November 20, 1915.

Miss Laura K. Dresser,  
228 North Street,  
Geneseo, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of November 5th was received and I am enclosing a copy of the Organic Act of Porto Rico, which is the fundamental law of the island and will give you information as to the organization of the various departments of the government, the "Cámara," etc. We have no recent edition of the REGISTER OF PORTO RICO, and perhaps you already have the edition of 1911. If you have not it and will so advise us we will try to send you a copy of it. I would do so now but there are none available for distribution. The governor's annual report contains statistics and comparative statements of the government's activities for the past years, but the last one which would be most useful to you has not yet been issued by the government bureau at Washington. It is due to be finished, however, within two or three weeks, and you could likely secure a copy promptly by making application to the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, Washington, D. C.

On the question of citizenship, the Porto Ricans are truly in an anomalous position. In 1898 they lost their

citizenship as Spaniards because of their separation from Spain, and yet they did not acquire citizenship in the United States as they expected, but instead were made citizens of Porto Rico which of course gives them no international status, because Porto Rico is not an independent country. While they have the protection of the United States Government they are not citizens of the United States nor of Spain nor of any independent country, and this deprives them of some important privileges and has many sentimental disadvantages. I would refer you, in the line of general history and life of Porto Rico to Salvador Brau's HISTORY OF PORTO RICO and also to Van Middle-dyck's HISTORY OF PORTO RICO, both published I believe by Appleton & Co., New York. They will both give you much information about the Island.

Hoping that this may be helpful to you, I am  
Sincerely yours,

Governor.

might be kind enough to give me -  
Is there a "Register of Porto Rico" for  
the current year in print? I have not  
seen a copy but should be glad to.

I trust I am not unduly troubling  
you by asking this information, but I  
am anxious to speak accurately if at  
all, so I venture to follow Dr. Rudd's  
suggestion -

Very sincerely -  
Laura K. Dresser.

228 North St. Geneseo, Ill.  
Nov. 5, 1915 -  
Hon. Arthur Yeager,  
Governor of Porto Rico,  
San Juan, P. R.

Dear Sir -

My friend Rev. A. B.  
Rudd, who for many years was  
Superintendent of our Baptist  
mission work in Porto Rico, has  
suggested that you could give  
me valuable information on the  
exact measure of self-government  
and the exact relations, politically,  
between that island and our own



intermountain has produced the various  
types, similar yet not identical, now  
found in Costa Rica, Cuba and Mexico;  
Also I need to know the political  
history of Costa Rica since the American  
occupation; and the standing and  
importance, past and present, of the  
Catholic Church, must be made clear.  
On all these subjects, I find a  
wealth of reliable printed matter, and  
as you can tell me what publications  
or authors to write asking your aid -  
By you can tell me what publications  
with books, pamphlets or special  
reports, showing the organization of our  
Camera in San Juan, the years of the  
statement that the Costa Ricans have no  
citizenship anywhere, etc. - or any other  
items that an accurately told, should  
greatly appreciate it, as well as any  
suggestions or other information you

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United States Government.  
For five years, I was a Baptist  
missionary in Costa, and now  
during our enforced rest because of  
broken health, I am asked to prepare  
a series of talks to be given at our  
Baptist missionary training school in  
Chicago, on our Spanish-speaking  
dependencies and neighbors. This  
series is to begin with a historical  
background of our island possessions,  
of Mexico and of South America, followed  
by a concise but accurate statement of  
the political and commercial relations  
of each of them to our own government  
at Washington. In order to do this,  
it is necessary to know the history  
of the first settlers on the islands  
and first what was the race whose

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
R. R. SNEED, SECRETARY  
NASHVILLE

W. D. SCRUGGS,  
CHIEF CLERK



Nov. 25, 1916.

Martin Travieso, Jr., Acting Governor,  
San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of Nov. 15th., inclosing me certificate for Mr. Rupert E. Denton, which I have properly prepared and herewith return you. I received a similar instrument to this from Tatum, Thach & Lynch of Chattanooga, with money order for four dollars, and as the fee on each of these certificates is two dollars, I used their money order to pay for both certificates and am returning you the money order which you sent with the certificate.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. R. Sneed".

Secretary of State.

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San Juan, P.R., November 15, 1916.

S i r : -

On behalf of Mr. Rupert B. Denton, a young Porto Rican, who graduated from the Chattanooga College of Law in 1914, I have the honor to request that you certify as to the authenticity of the signature of W. A. McClure, as Notary Public of Hamilton Co., Tennessee, on the affidavit enclosed herein. This certified affidavit is required under our laws to enable the young man to take the examination for admission to practice before the Courts of Porto Rico. I might add, that the examinations are about to be held and he requires the certificate immediately.

Mr. Denton informs me that the fee for this certificate is four (4) dollars, and I am enclosing herewith a postal money order for that amount. If there is any other fee in connection with this, please defray that expense and send the certificate to me and I shall be glad to see that the amount

(15 Nov. 16)

thereof is forwarded to you at once.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to  
this matter, I am, with the highest consideration,

Yours very respectfully,

Acting Governor.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State,

Chattanooga, Tennessee.  
*Knoxville*

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The Filson Historical Society

Los Angeles Calif  
November 28 1917  
Hon. Arthur Good  
Gov. of Porto Rico

Dear God. I am Juan P.P.  
I knew the Porto Rican  
But has passed. I don't  
to ask will you say  
agreed word for me  
to the O.K. my a b p h i -  
cation is to be held in  
with others for the  
position as Treasurer.  
Since leaving the  
Island I have wandered  
through Texas, New Mex  
Ariz. and Southern Cal

(2) Trying to prolong  
mother's life but  
to no avail. She passed  
away Nov 23 at  
Chedsmere N.M.  
I had spent all  
I had saved on the  
island in my  
vain endeavor to  
and now find my  
self financially  
short. Morally and  
physically I am  
feeling fine. I have  
had twelve months  
rest and I am now  
fit to undertake  
anything. Hope  
you and yours are  
enjoying the best of

(3)

everything. I sincerely  
hope your wise help  
me in this matter  
and I can only  
assure you of my  
faithful and loyal  
service. Thanking  
you in anticipation  
of your kindness  
I remain yours  
Very respectfully,  
B. R. Dix

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SAN JUAN, P. R. May 29, 1917

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

My dear Governor:

Appropos of our conversation yesterday afternoon on the subject of the Liberty Loan of 1917, I beg to say that I feel we are not doing all that we might do, or in my opinion all that we should do in this important matter, nor are the Banks, nor is the Press, nor the merchants, the clubs, the churches, the various civic bodies, nor the public generally.

Two billions (\$2,000,000,000), is an enormous sum of money; more than the mind can easily grasp, and it cannot be raised over night without great work and effort even in a country as rich and powerful as the United States. It is not a matter only for the well-to-do and the rich, as some very wrongly think, but it is of concern to the entire public, and to make the loan as successful as it should be all who possibly can must subscribe.

To let the public fully understand this requires publicity of the greatest character, and that is what we are failing to do here in Porto Rico. There has been very little done here to advertise the loan in English, and almost

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nothing to place the matter before the Spanish-speaking part of our citizens. Very many of the English-speaking citizens are very poorly informed regarding the needs of the Country in respect to this Loan.

Something should be done to arouse our people and to awaken their interest here locally to their duty in this matter.

There is not a section of our Country where magnificent patriotic work is not now being done on behalf of this Loan, those taking part in these movements are taken no chances in the Loan being a failure. Mass meetings are being held by bankers, by merchants, by members of the various professions, by the Governors of the various States, by the Mayors of the different cities, by clubs, by civic associations, by patriotic and fraternal organizations, and by public spirited citizens generally. In fact everything has been done possible to enlighten and arouse the people generally. Why can we not do some such thing in this city and in Porto Rico generally? Certainly there is no place where there is more need of such work than here in Porto Rico, because of our peculiar geographical position, which keeps us from close contact with our fellow-citizens, and makes us to some extent unconscious or cold to the great spirit of patriotism abroad



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in the great Country of the United States, of which we are a part.

The Loan should be over subscribed many times not only because the money is needed by our Government but <sup>so</sup> as to teach a great lesson to our enemies abroad, demonstrating that the great mass of our citizens and the Country as a unit is behind the fight against autocracy with its full force and power.

The number of subscribers to this Loan counts also, as well as the amount subscribed, hence the importance of a large army of small investors. The greater number of subscribers the greater the moral effect of the Loan, the greater its success; the larger the amount is over subscribed the greater increased value the bonds will have, the better financial investment they will consequently prove to the people, the stronger will be the Government's position financially, and so make later Loans, as they will surely come, easier to place and of better investment to the participators in them.

Everything can be done here by publicity, and if we go about it in the right way personally I feel sure that Porto Rico will play a creditable part in this Loan. Our new citizens here should be given every facility to know about this Loan, and an opportunity to take advantage of their

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privilege of participating in this Loan. I know of nothing that will tend to create and foster a better spirit of patriotism and good citizenship toward our Government than for our people here not only those who are born on the Continent but those who are born in this Island to become owners of these Bonds, no matter how small the amount, and participators with the Government in a personal way in the great war in which we are engaged in. Those who hold Government Bonds will realize their proprietorship in the Government and in the War, and so it becomes in a personal way their war when they invest in it.

I understand June third has been set apart as "Church Day" for the purpose of giving greater publicity to the Liberty Loan. Can we not do something here to make this subject better known and awaken the interest of our people to the importance of their doing their part in this most patriotic work.

If you would see your way to appoint here a representative committee to undertake the giving of greater publicity to the Liberty Loan I believe the results would be far beyond your greatest hopes or expectations. At any rate we would have made here every effort possible, and at least have prepared the ground for the future.

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I have the honor to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

*Henry W. Dooley*

HWD/MC

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I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE

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SAN JUAN, P. R. June 9, 1917.

Hon. Arthur Yager,

San Juan.

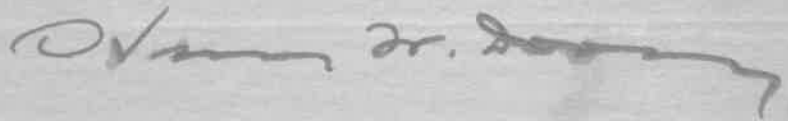
My dear Governor:

I wish to thank you very much for your action and effort yesterday afternoon in arranging to appoint a Liberty Loan Committee. I have hurriedly struck off a few suggestions, which I think might be helpful to some of the members of the Committee, and I believe are practicable and feasible to be put into effect immediately that the Committee is appointed.

With renewed thanks, I have the honor to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

HWD/MC



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SAN JUAN, P. R.

June 11, 1917.

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

My dear Governor:

I wish to advise you that I have just received a cable from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, thanking me for my letters regarding extension of time for subscribing to the Liberty Loan, and that the Treasurer of Porto Rico was authorized to cable the subscriptions and payments to the Federal reserve in New York, to arrive there not later than June 15th.

Knowing you are glad to get this information, I remain,

Very truly yours,



HWD/MG

P. S.

Ten new subscriptions passed through my hands this morning.

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June 12, 1917.

My dear Mr. Dooley:

Your letter of June 11 has just been received and I was glad to have the information contained in it as to the cable received from Washington and also as to the results of your activity in regard to the Liberty Loan.

I desire to take this occasion to express my thanks to you for the admirable service you have rendered in regard to this loan and the spirit in which you have rendered this service from the beginning.

I have just had an interview with Mr. Cautiño from Guayama and he informed me that he would send me to-morrow from Guayama, thru the Royal Bank of Canada, subscriptions for this loan of \$10,000. each for himself and Mr. Manuel González.

With best wishes, I am as always,

Sincerely your friend,

Governor.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley,  
6 Tetuán Street,  
San Juan, Porto Rico.



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SAN JUAN, P. R.      June 13, 1917.

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

My dear Governor:

I wish to thank you sincerely for your letter of the 12th instant, and also for your kind words of appreciation regarding my activity in reference to the Liberty Loan.

Assuring you that I will do all that is in my power for the success in Porto Rico of the Liberty Loan, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*H. W. Dooley*

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July 11, 1917.

My dear Major;

I take pleasure in introducing to you the bearer, Dr. W. T. Lippitt, the Head of the Department of Health of Porto Rico, who is visiting Santo Domingo on private business.

Dr. Lippitt has been living in Porto Rico since the American occupation and has for many years been directing the Health work of the Government.

I am sure you will be glad to extend him any courtesies in your power.

With the highest respect, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

Major Davis,  
Commanding Officer,  
San Pedro de Macoris,  
Dominican Republic.

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

Liberty Loan Bonds.

My dear Governor:

In the next few months, sooner or later, the second issue of Liberty Loan Bonds will be offered for sale, and I take, therefore, the liberty of suggesting that, in order to be very much better prepared than we were the last time to secure subscriptions for this issue of the War Loan, a committee be appointed now in order to give them an opportunity to study ways and means of the most efficient manner to bring this Loan to the attention of the public generally in Porto Rico.

All things considered the Island did very well with the last issue, although had we been better organized, and a more energetic campaign waged, it is my belief we could have done 100% better at least than we did.

I believe that the members of the banking community are the ones who should take the lead in this matter. They are in the most favorably position to prosecute such campaign successfully, and I have

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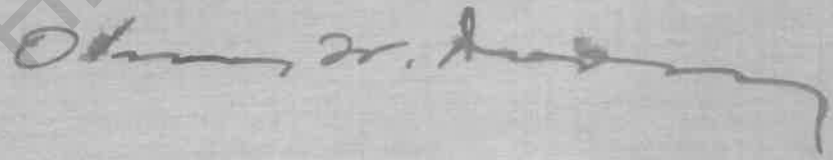
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Hon. A. Y.-2      SAN JUAN, P. R.      July 14, 1917

every reason to believe that they will be more than  
glad and willing to co-operate in every way possible  
to making this second issue a great success.

I believe that action should be taken here  
now, so that ~~everything~~ <sup>they</sup> may be ready to act when the  
call is made.

I have the honor to remain,  
Respectfully yours,



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ROOM 312.

FEDERAL BUILDING

SAN JUAN, P. R.

August 22, 1917

Hon. Arthur Yager

Governor of Porto Rico

San Juan, P. R.

My dear Governor:

I thank you very much for your most  
courteous letter of August 20th, which is great-  
ly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Chairman.

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August 20, 1917.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley, Chairman,  
Porto Rico Chapter of the  
American Red Cross,  
San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Mr. Dooley:

Your letter of the 18th instant has been received and read with care and interest.

I note your clear statement of all of the facts relative to your connection, or rather lack of connection with the movement which I understand has been inaugurated of operating for a time the race course for the benefit of the American Red Cross.

I shall file your letter for record and hope that no damage may ever come to the great organization which you represent.

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

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ROOM 312.

FEDERAL BUILDING

SAN JUAN, P. R.

August 18, 1917

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

My dear Governor:

I have been informed that at the time the San Juan Racing & Sporting Club requested authority from the Insular Racing Commission, to re-open the San Juan Hippodrome, that the Commission was advised that the Chairman of the Porto Rico Chapter was in favor of these races being run for the benefit of the American Red Cross. I wish to take this opportunity of informing you, both personally and officially, that if such statement was made to you by anybody whatsoever it was made absolutely without the knowledge or authority of the writer, and furthermore that he was not aware until Saturday, August 11, that any such request had been made by the San Juan Racing & Sporting Club, or until August 13th, 1917, that the Insular Racing Commission had granted authority to said Club to run races for the benefit of the American Red Cross, and furthermore I beg to advise you, that I had never given or expressed any opinion officially or otherwise as to whether such a proposition of running races for the American Red Cross would meet with the writer's personal or official approval or disapproval.

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Hon. A. Yager

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I send you this not so much for a statement of the writer's personal views, but to protect the Porto Rico Chapter of the American Red Cross from the possible charge that the Chairman of the Chapter and Chairman of the Executive Committee had given his approval for such a project, either before or after application to the Insular Racing Commission was made by the San Juan Racing & Sporting Club.

Trusting this is perfectly clear to you, I have the honor to remain,

Respectfully yours,

  
Chairman of the Porto Rico Chapter  
American Red Cross.

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San Juan, P. R., Dec. 26, 1917.

Hon. Arthur Yager  
% Major Gen. Frank R. McIntyre  
Bureau of Insular Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

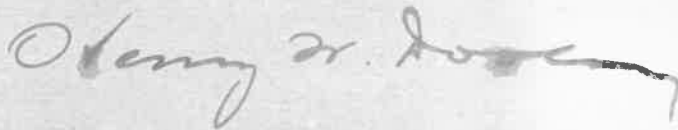
My dear Governor:

I have hesitated for several days in regard to sending you the enclosed, which is a copy of my letter of Dec. 15th which I have sent to a gentleman in reply to a request made by him on the writer. I have hesitated being somewhat in doubt whether I was justified in sending you a copy of this letter, but I have concluded that I was, provided I did not give the other party's name, and so I am sending the enclosed to you for you to utilize the information contained therein in any way that seems best and wiser to you.

Possibly you know more about this matter than does the writer.

With best regards to you and your family, and with every good wish for a Happy New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours



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Your letter of the 10th is before me, and although I naturally appreciate the compliment which you pay me, I must be very frank in my reply, which is to the effect that under no conceivable circumstances could I permit the use of my name at this time in connection with the Governorship of Porto Rico, nor would I, on the other hand, join in any activities, nor countenance such, toward any change in the Governorship of Porto Rico.

Of course, I was disappointed, as many others were, and I still am, that Governor Yager did not feel called upon to give more moral support to democratic principles, and to those persons, both Porto Ricans and Americans, who were interested in developing and promoting such principles among the people of this Island. But though feeling this way it would be no justification for me to take any such action, or to lend my name to the movement suggested by you.

I thank you for your consideration, but I trust you will fully understand the reasons for such determination on my part.

I have the honor to remain

Respectfully yours



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SOME OF A FEW OF THE THINGS WHICH MAY YET BE DONE AND  
EFFECTIVELY DONE TO GIVE GREATER PUBLICITY TO  
THE LIBERTY LOAN OF 1917.

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- 1 - Name June 10th as Liberty Loan Sunday, even as June 3rd was Liberty Loan Sunday in the United States. Advise Bishop Jones, Bishop Colmore, Rev. Relyea, and the rest of the clergy immediately by telephone, and request them to call attention to the Loan tomorrow in the churches, and to give as much publicity to the rest of the clergy for the same purposes as it is possible to do.
- 2 - Communicate immediately with all the newspapers in this district, beginning fir/<sup>st</sup> with the afternoon papers (so they may have notices regarding the Loan this afternoon), asking them to co-operate to the fullest extent with the Liberty Loan Committee in giving every publicity to the importance of making the Loan a great success, not only in the interest of the United States but in the interest of Porto Rico as well, not only because of its patriotic act but also because it is one of the finest investments in the world. Newspapers issuing supplements tomorrow should make reference to the Loan, and advices should be sent immediately to the newspapers all over the Island asking their co-operation. Special importance should be given to publicity in the Spanish language.
- 3 - Every available bit of space in the newspapers in English and in Spanish should be secured for advertising the Loan.

- 3 - I believe there is not an advertiser in Porto Rico who would not donate <sup>all or</sup> ~~at all~~ half of the space he has contracted for to the Liberty Loan Committee to advertise the Loan from now until June 15, 1917. Some of them, however, might wish combined their own ad with publicity for the Liberty Loan. Without question, however, they would all co-operate with the Committee in this, and without expense to the Committee. They should be canvassed immediately for this purpose. Such houses as Sanchez Morales & Co., J. P. Bouret, New York & Porto Rico S/S Co., Bull-Insular Line, Red D Line, Miguel Morales, M. Savino, J. T. Silva & Co., Porto Rico Railway Light & Power Company, Atlas Line, Behn Brothers, Finlay, Waymouth & Lee, and a host of others would probably only too glad to co-operate toward this end.
- 4 - I did not mention the San Juan Film Exchange in the foregoing paragraph. They would co-operate also, and very likely assist the Liberty Loan Committee in securing slides at once to advertise the Loan and would arrange to see that these slides were used without charged in the various Cines of the Island, advertising the Liberty Loan.
- 5 - Signs could be placed immediately in the Trolley Cars between here and Rio Piedras, and Rio Piedras and Caguas, and I doubt not but what the Trolley Company would do this without expense and furnish the cards as well.
- 6 - The Chamber of Commerce in San Juan would undoubtedly appoint a sub-committee to visit the comercio of this city with a view to securing subscriptions.
- 7 - Similar action could be taken by the Chamber of Commerce of other cities of the Island.

- 8 - The Postmaster at San Juan has undoubtedly already, or would, upon request, notify all the postmaster in the Island regarding the extension of date so far as Porto Rico is concerned, and what the Liberty Loan Committee are endeavoring to accomplish.
- 9 - The Treasurer of Porto Rico, I understand, has already notified all the Collectors of Internal Revenue; they also could be advised what the Liberty Loan Committee are doing.
- 10- The newspapers should not only institute a news campaign regarding the Liberty Loan, but an editorial campaign as well.
- 11- The banks should willingly and gladly continue the work they were doing, but even more aggressively than they did before.
- 12- The sugar centrales should be an excellent field for subscriptions to the Liberty Loan, and the sugar association will aid in the publicity if asked to do so.
- 13- The propaganda could be most effectively and most quickly handled by immediately naming sub-committees, representing for example wholesale merchants, retail merchants, bankers, brokers, lawyers, notaries, doctors, engineers and architects, transportation and other special interests. Also sub-committees from the various bodies, the different churches, the masons, elks, other fraternal orders, Knights of Columbus, the Union Club, the Country Club, Casino de Puerto Rico, Casino Español, and any other organization not forgetting the ~~many~~ <sup>medical</sup> associations and the bar associations. Through the Presidents and Secretaries of these various associations they could all be advised, and the services enlisted provided this matter was laid

- 13- before them immediately. Without question they would circularize their own members if requested to do so. No loyal American, whether born in Porto Rico, or born in the United States, will refuse to aid in this campaign to their fullest extent of their power. In my little experience regarding this Loan I have found just as much and perhaps more enthusiasm and interest on the part of the Americans born in Porto Rico than the reverse.
- 14- If Wednesday June 13, 1917 was decided upon as Liberty Loan <sup>it</sup> Day ~~may~~ would give time enough for the organizations, the officers and members thereof to do their part in giving such publicity to the Loan, so that Wednesday might be made a great day throughout the entire Island in getting and close up subscriptions.
- 15- The Mayor of San Juan should not be overlooked, nor the mayors of the various cities of the Island to aid in giving publicity to the Loan.
- 16- The great thing, however, because of the short time, seems to me, the use of the newspapers, editorial and in their news columns, and by use of the advertising space as suggested above.
- 17- If aggressive action is taken today and tomorrow we will have four days in which <sup>an</sup> intensive ~~campaigns~~ could be waged.
- 18- The foregoing are few suggestions hurriedly transmitted, but I believe would prove effective, and I believe most of them are capable of being carried out. With a short ~~pull~~, with a long pull, and a pull altogether we can reach the goal.