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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL ECONOMY

October 25, 1913.

Dr. Arthur Yager,  
Georgetown, Conn.

My dear Yager;

Yesterday I saw in a newspaper that you had been confirmed as governor of Porto Rico! I am delighted to learn that you have been successful and offer my congratulations. I have no doubt whatever that you are going to do excellent work as governor making a record of which all your friends will be proud.

Did you know that some of my friends recommended me for the position of minister to Holland? Dr. Charles Lee Smith, whom I think you knew at Johns Hopkins, organized the movement and did very effective work. Nothing, however, came of it.

When are you expecting to leave for your new field of work? Let me have at least a line from you and remember me warmly to Mrs. Yager.

Ever faithfully yours.

Richard F. Ely

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June 19, 1914.

Mr. A. F. Estabrook,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Estabrook:

I received both of your recent communications and enjoyed them. I am glad to get the little book review and shall try to secure a copy of the book itself.

I wish I could see you, but I suppose that is impossible until next summer.

Of course you are acquainted with the progress and condition of Dr. Hugart. I have been much interested in his remarkable recovery from a very extraordinary illness.

We are all fairly well.

With kindest regards to you, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

P.S.- I understand that Mr. Stone is still working on the hotel project, but he has not yet got it in shape to submit to the Government.

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New York  
Chicago  
Baltimore  
Hartford

Dear Gov Yager

My regards to you & the  
family.

Glad to get a line from you.  
They assure me that Hug Hart  
is steadily gaining &  
coming north to rest. as  
soon as able

July 8<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>

I think he realizes  
his position & will get  
well.

I plan to spend Jan'y  
& Feb'y - in P. Rico. if usual

if that money holds out!

My business does not  
thrive under these new  
ideas & conditions

(26 June 14)

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Chicago  
Baltimore  
Hartford

I have a long acquaintance  
spanning the lot. I cannot  
put my finger on one that  
does approve of, without  
under the present practice  
(theoretical legislation.

I do wish the bunch could  
get together & listen to  
some one beside Mr Bryan.  
& read the handwriting on  
the Wall. & call themselves  
in. !!

I wish you would so  
advise them.

It is suicidal

& unwise.

& unnecessary.

When they do stop, our business  
men can commence again

(26 June 14)

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to do good business & make  
money & do charitable work  
& help worthy Institutions

One cent per libel when  
it is impossible to make ends  
meet  
as is the case now.

It is a funny world  
& sometimes a wicked one.

Mr Stone may be slow, but  
he is sure. & it is the  
man for you to stick to.

Truly

W. Estabrook

*Please  
read this  
as part  
of the letter*

AS the great World War, which had affected every continent, every country, and almost every individual in the world, drew to a close, it became evident to the Editors of The Encyclopaedia Britannica that it was necessary to make New Volumes which would tell all that had happened during the last decade and bring The Encyclopaedia Britannica right up to date. These New Volumes added to those you now own will really constitute a new edition.

*3 New  
Volumes*

The Editor, Mr. Hugh Chisholm (who was Editor of the 10th and 11th Editions) and his assistants have been at work for some time, and they find that the additional matter will occupy three volumes each of the same size as a volume of the set you now own; these will be numbered 30, 31 and 32 (your present volumes are 1 to 29).

The editorial work has advanced so far that it is now necessary for the Publishers to arrange for the distribution; this is the hardest problem that a Publisher ever had to face.

There have been sold 250,000 sets of The Encyclopaedia Britannica (11th Edition), which you own, and the work is selling at present at the rate of 30,000 sets a year; for this alone one million pounds of India paper is required, an amount larger than was produced in the entire world in 1911 when the 11th Edition was first printed on India paper.

*Manu-  
facturing  
Problem*

It is absolutely impossible to procure enough India paper to keep on printing the 11th Edition and at the same time print 250,000 sets of the New Volumes needed for the old buyers of the 11th Edition. We are trying to buy India paper all over the world, and we hope to accumulate enough to print 50,000 to 75,000 sets of the New Volumes next year.

In view of our inability to supply everyone there is only one thing for us to do and that is to give each of the old buyers a chance to order the New Volumes in advance of publication in exactly the same order as they originally ordered the 11th Edition of The Britannica.

*You have the right to one of these early sets if you want it.*

You may not realize what a really stupendous task is before us in the manufacturing line. A single volume of the Britannica contains as much matter as ten ordinary books. The set of the New Volumes will more than equal 30 ordinary books.

*Distri-  
bution  
Problem*

If all the 250,000 buyers of the 11th Edition should ask us to furnish them with a set now, it would mean that we would have to manufacture at one time as much matter into books as all the new books put out by all the publishers of the United States for an entire year. You can realize what an impossible job this is.

Please remember that these New Volumes will make every set of the 11th Edition of The Encyclopaedia Britannica just as good as new; it will put a new and increased value on the set of books that you have paid for. Also remember that while these New Volumes will bring the work which you now own up to date in every respect, much of the space will be used to give you the only unprejudiced history of the great War that will be published in our day. And that story, in all its aspects, is so complicated and so many-sided that the encyclopaedic arrangement provides the only form in which it can be told so that you can grasp it clearly.

*History  
of War*

Just as the existing Britannica is recognized as being the only international library of the knowledge which mankind possessed before the War, so it will be recognized that these New Volumes will supply the only complete narrative of the War from all the different points of view.

We are sending out to-day to 4,999 other subscribers to the 11th Edition letters and cards such as this one to you, each with its purchase number on it and on the expiration of the time given on the card we shall send out another 5,000. When we have received orders for 17,000 sets of the New Volumes we shall be obliged to stop sending out cards until we are able to accumulate another lot of India paper.

*Why  
Haste Is  
Necessary*

Each order received will be given the number of the original purchase and the New Volumes sent out in that order. No. 1 old purchaser will get set No. 1 of the New Volumes provided he returns his order form promptly. In cases where any purchaser of the 11th Edition does not order the New Volumes his place will be given to the next original purchaser and so on.

*Of course the New Volumes will match your set in size of type, size of paper, kind of paper, and size of the volumes.*

So that you may not misunderstand our position in this matter we would like to repeat that there are 250,000 sets of the 11th Edition of the Britannica that will require the New Volumes and there is no doubt that there will be as great a call for the completed work as there has been for the 11th Edition; this means another 250,000 sets of the New Volumes or 500,000 altogether. Unless the market for India paper improves it will take three years to manufacture this number of sets. It is therefore necessary for you to return at once the card attached if you would be among the first to receive the New Volumes.

*Important*

*The number of your purchase of the 11th Edition is stamped on the enclosed postal and if you return it before the date given on the card your place will be reserved until you have had time to receive samples of the bindings and decide whether you will order at the pre-publication price or wait until after publication and pay the higher price.*

F. Personal.  
Estabrook & Co.  
15 State Street  
Boston

Mrs. May 11<sup>th</sup>

May. 28 — 17

Dear Gov. Yager.

My regards to you  
all.

I guess you are having  
stormy times but  
hope you all keep well.

I preached Palm Beach  
Mch 15<sup>th</sup>

I found Mrs Estabrook  
with a lady friend  
waiting

(I was 10 days late)  
we gradually worked  
north — reaching Boston  
May 1<sup>st</sup>

I am well. & so busy  
J. M. C. A. Red Cross  
I want to start

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(28 May 17)

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Boston

No time to myself.

No business except  
hustling to get the Bond.

making every body buy  
Liberty Bonds. etc.

None of us. have the slightest  
idea of the contract we  
have made. in going  
to war.

No more than Mr Britting  
had.

We are in it.

We had to do it.

we are going to  
win.

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I see your troops - have  
gone to Panama

Burnham. & Paulbee  
in command. & you  
four there - are doing



(28 May 17)

3  
Estabrook & Co.

15 State Street

Boston

From "bit" - nobly.  
~~So~~ are we.

I would give a lot of  
money, to throw it all  
overboard, & go down  
to some beautiful Island  
now, & get a rest.  
But, that's selfish  
& heart.

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I do hope to go, as  
usual, next winter.  
& to find you all well.

Truly

A. Estabrook

(28 May 17)

Estabrook & Co.  
15 State Street  
Boston

I had a nice letter  
from Mr. Curtis.  
He is very grateful  
for what you did  
for him.  
I am endeavoring to  
get on his feet,  
to keep there  
I predict, he will

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Boston

June. 20 77

Dear Gov. Yager.

Yes, this is a strenuous  
year.

The Cussers, in Washington  
who appropriate Billions  
to make our iniquitous  
Taxes, call it

A Psychological Year.

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What in the D. does  
that mean?

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I see you, too, are busy  
We must all do our "bit"  
up here  
if Mr. C. A. squeezed us  
then the R & G. bleed  
us. & later the  
Taxes may swamp us

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(20 June 17)

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2  
15 State Street

<sup>Boston</sup>  
Somebody (why not you) must call them in. Or they will kill the goose that laid the golden egg.

The expenses of the War, should be carefully considered — & wisely distributed over the 20 or 30 years to come. & not squeezed out of our Principals — this year.

Taxes on incomes are ok.

This year. No income! but — they want to put an extra tax now — on the average of our incomes. Oh

(20 June 17)

3 Estabrook & Co.

15 State Street

Boston

Some 3 prosperous years.

Personally. During those  
good years. I made  
money & lots of it.  
I gave it all away  
to good causes.

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The business men are  
backing up the Post  
& the Liberty Loan  
& the War Expenses;  
& the Administration  
must keep us all  
in touch; & see  
that justice is done.

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To all of which I  
know you will agree  
The Post will not  
listen to us

(20 June 17)

Estabrook & Co.

15 State Street

Boston

It will be to you.

Go to it — please.

I hope you will all keep  
well. even if you cannot  
go north.

My kindest regards  
to the good wife  
& her young Master  
& the kids

I am at  
too busy — (after business)  
to get sick

Truly

J. Estabrook

We business men. are better  
friends to Wilson than  
out of Politicians

Mr. Arthur F. Estabrook  
requests the pleasure of your company  
at luncheon at the Union Club  
on Wednesday, September 26th, 1917,  
at one o'clock, P.M., to meet friends from  
Porto Rico. Please reply.

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P. F.

Brookline May 14/11

Gen. Frank A. McKintyre

Bureau of Industrial Affairs

Washington

Dear Sir,

I have read, with great surprise, in the papers here - a report that Mr Gompers has asked President Wilson to receive Governor Jager of Patoka, for inability in handling the labor situation -

Mr Gompers, according to the papers bases his petition on the report of Sawyer, Tyler, claiming that laborers are under paid and that in some instances women are paid 2 1/2 ¢ per day -

I can assure you that, being a Patokaian and living there all my life I have never heard of such ridiculous wages for <sup>girls</sup> labor and I have been in Patoka this winter and admired the impartial way in which Gov Jager handled



236 WEST THIRTY-SEVENTH STREET  
CITY OF NEW YORK

June 17, 1918.

My dear Governor Yager:

This note will introduce Mr. Wm. H. Selden of Michigan and Pittsburg, who is going to Porto Rico in connection with the development of the iron properties about which I spoke to you a year ago this time and which were examined by Mr. Albert Smith.

While I do not know Mr. Selden personally, he is highly recommended by Mr. Smith, who is a friend of mine of long standing, and in whose recommendation I have complete confidence.

I trust that the visit of Mr. Selden will be very profitable to Porto Rico, and commend him to you for such courtesies as you may find it practicable to show him.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel Knight*

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

*P. F.*

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## Hotel Ponce De Leon

March 30 9

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Governor

I am sorry you  
were away, when I  
left St. Rico.  
Blustering up that row  
I suspect.

Good  
He needs it

He also needs some  
Men. in his Cabinet.  
— Gee, what a Bunch!

So, all business men  
say, regardless of  
Politics

and I pay.  
Went there for rejoicing  
when the Bunch. talk  
that inevitable trip,  
up Salt River —

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(30 Mar 19)

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Dear G at the  
Palace & took

4 of my good  
friends from the West  
I saw your wife  
& kid

I am so sorry Mrs  
Lewis — is not strong —  
— you please give  
her my love  
She will make me one  
call, which I much  
appreciate

It's not hard good  
luck, in getting away  
from the Island.  
Regular Boats — to  
Havana, sunk in  
something

(30 Mar 19)

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So - same as last  
year. I took the  
Johair Oil. i. o.

Boat. from Ponce via  
Hayti & San Domingo  
to Santiago - then  
by train to Havana  
(30. hours) - I  
got to Palm Beach  
the 19<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs E. arrived the 8<sup>th</sup>  
wasted 11. days.

Sorry  
too bad  
could not help it.

all right now &  
gradually working  
north.  
Home May 1st

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ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_\_

I am in fine shape  
my winter diet  
was good

Your Island is  
steadily improving  
& the finest spot on  
earth.

So I say  
& so all my visiting  
friends say  
Next winter, it predict  
will be the banner winter  
New Hotel.

People cant go to  
Europe  
etc

More tourists — this  
winter — than ever  
& it has got to come

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ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA \_\_\_\_\_ 191\_\_\_\_\_

Some day, when  
 you get bored &  
 want to get out  
 of the whirl, motor  
 out to the Ranch,  
 & get a rest & a  
 view - sit at the  
 Desk, & write me  
 a letter. Tell me  
 how you all are -  
 My regards to all,  
 C. F. Stewart

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April 5, 1919  
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Dear Gov.

Good Democrats  
have always idolized  
Henry Waterson  
The Old War Horse  
a good Jeffersonian.

Here's what he says  
about Woodrow.

He's right  
that is the reason  
why our business men,  
regardless of politics  
are afraid of the  
Bunch. !!

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I hope you &  
 yours - are well.  
 My regards  
 to the children &  
 they are fine

A. Prestabrook

Show to the "persecuting"  
 Attorney General. if  
 you wish

The Filson Historical Society





HOTEL CHAMBERLIN  
GEO. F. ADAMS, MANAGER  
FORTRESS MONROE, VA.



Dear Mr. Yager.  
The enclosed  
is funny & worth  
reading — so  
I send it along  
with the my request  
of the  
Stetson

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# MR. WILSON A PUNISHMENT FOR SOME NATIONAL SIN, IS VIEW OF COLONEL WATTERSON

President's "Mediocre Mind and Colossal Vanity" Will Result  
in Setting Europe Afire by Midsummer, Editor Declares—  
"His Mission to Make Trouble Wherever He Appears."

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]

MIAMI, Fla., Sunday.—In response to the HERALD's inquiry, "What of the President's continuous performance in Europe?" Mr. Henry Watterson, detained in Miami by a recent indisposition, replied:—"I think that events, helped along by the President himself, will verify my forecast that he is not merely a candidate for a third term in the White House but that for a nomination to such he holds all the winning cards in his hands."

"You mean that he controls the democratic machine?"

"Why, yes," he answered, "if you care to put it that way. The democratic party, so called, he long ago abolished, having previously much debauched it. Nothing of it survives, except the tattered label, and he holds that betwixt his thumb and forefingers. I am inclined to believe, however, that he has eliminated the United States from his immediate activities as an established conquest and is now giving his mighty thought to the sublimation of the world."

"That suggestion, Mr. Watterson," interjected the reporter, "would seem to require elaboration, if not explanation."

"Mr. Wilson," the editor resumed, "like most of those whose ambitions outrun their talents, has become the victim of the contingencies he has himself raised up. He has been caught by the foreign lure. He sails the blue of the empyrian. The scion of a race of religious fanatics and rustic scholars, his commonplace mind grew to be overtrained, and he reached manhood already a dangerous intellectual adventurer."

"Such characters seem strangely favored by fortune. The powers of evil delight in exploiting them. Within less than a decade, advanced from a university professor to the chief magistracy, Woodrow Wilson has so thrust himself into the affairs of his own land, and other lands, as to be at this moment the most conspicuous figure at the forefront."

"A virtuous, right minded man thus situate would emulate the humility of a Washington and the humanity of a Lincoln. Mr. Wilson sees nothing but himself and his personal exaltation—lives for nothing except his own advantage—seeks nothing save power and authority, the concrete things of rulership represented by the regal splendors and feudal glories, which though somewhat frazzled and fading, still go on about him. He is too clever not to set up for a prophet. Thus the

League of Peace and the Religion of the Uplift. The once famous faker, the 'Immortal J. N.,' as he called himself, must turn over with envy in his grave and the bones of Mother Eddy grow sick with the thought of lost opportunities."

"Don't you think, Mr. Watterson," I asked, "that Mr. Wilson is doing more good than harm on the other side?"

"If I were phrase making or word splitting," he replied, "I might say that he deserves impeachment for going at all. It is the old story of meddle and muddle. The world is always full of it. As a consequence of his maladroit tinkering Europe will find itself the middle of the coming summer in flames. Then we shall have him home again urging intervention. It has been his mission in life to make trouble wherever he appeared. When the great Jehovah interjected such a sinister spirit into our affairs it must have been to punish us for our manifold delinquencies as a nation and a people."

"We should steer clear of European complications. Never has there been a time when the admonitions of Washington, Jefferson and Monroe carried greater weight. Mr. Wilson's mediocre mind and colossal vanity have already carried him far to sea. It is ours to look to it that he does not carry the country to the shipwreck of its institutions."

A.—

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**M<sup>re</sup> VERTUS S<sup>œurs</sup>**  
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DUBHOT but SMARTER.  
Umbrella Shop in Paris.  
VISIT IT AFTER THE WAR.

April 22, 1919.

Mr. A. F. Esterbrook,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Esterbrook:

I have received only recently your letter of April 5 from St. Augustine, Fla., also the one of an earlier date. I have derived much pleasure from reading them both notwithstanding the rather grouchy political observations which put into them.

The enclosed clipping, giving "Marse" Henry Watter-son's views of President Wilson and his trip to Europe, was also read with interest and some amazement. Whatever his views of the President I can not understand how any sane man can take this view of the President's trip to Europe. However, "Marse" Henry is quite an old man and he is now very cranky and grouchy with many old scores to settle with practically all of the public men in the country, and his views and policies are no longer considered of importance, especially in Kentucky where he is best known.

I am now very busy. We have now have a Congressional party visiting Porto Rico and we are all trying to entertain and enlighten them upon Porto Rican matters. Uncle Joe Cannon is among them and seems to be having the time of his life, tho he sometimes embarrasses his associates by talking very freely and frankly to the Porto Ricans.

With best wishes for you always, I am,

Sincerely your friend,

Governor.

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June 12, 1919.

Mr. A. F. Esterbrook,  
15 State Street,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Esterbrook:

I have heard with real pain and anxiety of your sickness, and am writing to express my sympathy for you, and also my sincere hope that you will speedily get better and be strong enough to come down to Porto Rico to recuperate. You always seem to be better here in this climate, and if you could come down here for a few weeks this summer I feel sure it would help you to convalesce from your present illness.

We have been having lately lots of rain, and yesterday we had quite a downpour all around this part of the Island. This has cooled the whole country, and it is delightful to-day.

Mrs. Yager and Miss. Diana went north on the San Juan yesterday. Mrs. Yager has not been well all winter and is going to seek competent medical advice, but I hope nothing serious will be found wrong with her health. She plans to spend the large part of the summer at Chautauqua, N. Y., with the children.

The Island is quiet and prosperous; sugar

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moping on the schedule promised. The cigar makers' strike has not yet been adjusted though there seems to be good prospects of a settlement in a few days.

The steamboats are so crowded that there are many hundreds of people wanting to go north who can not find passage. Two transports are coming to help us out, the latter part of June, and the Brazos will get back in the run in July, and I hope this will relieve the situation somewhat. But ships are still awfully scarce all over the world -passenger ships especially so.

The Legislature is still in session, and still slowly grinding out bills, some of which I am sure the Governor will have to disapprove.

Congress is also in session now, and the truly great and good Republican Party will have a chance to see what it can do besides making a great lot of investigations to find out how we lost the war.

But I am writing you a long letter when I meant only to send a brief note of sympathy. Please let me now if there is anything I can do for you, and don't forget that there are scores of your friends here in Porto Rico who would be delighted to have you come down and spend the summer with us. A summer at Casa Isabela would be perfectly delightful as to scenery, climate, and every detail of its surroundings.

Yours very truly,  
Wm. H. Hunt

ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK,  
15 STATE STREET.

P. O. BOX 1.

July 20 1919  
on the Ranch

BOSTON,

Dear Mr. Jagers,  
Thank you for your letter  
I will see you  
Still isolated. I am good  
I can't talk  
Good luck to you.

Arthur F. Estabrook

August 29, 1919.

Mr. Fred Escalona,  
P. O. Box 46,  
Waialua, Hawaii.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 30th has just reached me, and I have read it with real interest.

The petition to which you referred has not yet come to my office, but if it arrives I shall be glad to have your letter as an object to any representation that may be made as to the conditions of the Porto Rican laborers in Hawaii.

Very respectfully yours,

Governor.

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Box 46,

Waialua, Hawaii,

July 30th, 1919.

To the Honorable Governor of Porto Rico,

Executive Mansion,

San Juan, P. R.

Dear Sir:

It has just come to my knowledge that a petition is being sent to you signed by and in behalf of Porto Ricans employed on Hawaiian sugar plantations, setting forth alleged hardships endured by them in connection with their employment.

I am a native of Porto Rico and consider it my privilege to inform you that I have been employed here for several years, at present holding a position requiring a daily inspection of various laborers' camps, and always in close touch with Porto Ricans and their families.

The Waialua Agricultural Co., Ltd., by whom I am employed is one of the largest sugar plantations in these Islands, employing many Porto Ricans; and I can truthfully state that any petition Porto Ricans may sign claiming unjust treatment, proves them very unjust to their employers. It should not be difficult for the average man, familiar with conditions here, to realize that the sugar plantations on these Islands could hope to receive no possible gain by dealing unfairly with their employees.

Porto Ricans working in these Islands are paid as much, for an equal amount of work, as is paid to laborers of any other nationality; and during the past 5 or 6 years their wages have been steadily increased, so that now they receive about 90% more than they did several

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years ago. This steady increase in wages has been and is now more than sufficient to take care of the steadily-increased cost of living. Porto Rican families, the same as families of the other nationalities, are provided with comfortable living quarters (in my opinion equal to the better class of laborers' houses in Porto Rico), also firewood and other benefits free of charge. And they are given employment every month in the year.

I believe the majority of workmen in Porto Rico employed in similar capacities to Porto Ricans employed in Hawaii would gladly exchange places with the Porto Ricans here if they knew of the advantages and had the opportunity of making such exchange. If the conditions for Porto Ricans in Hawaii are as poor as is claimed in the petition, it is not easy to reconcile the many instances that have come to my notice of Porto Ricans writing to their relatives in Porto Rico urging them to come to these Islands.

The Porto Ricans in Hawaii have absolutely no grounds for complaint, and I can only account for their action as being the result of influence exerted by agitators. I write this letter with the hope that it may serve the best interests of some of those of my own race of people who are being deceived by false advisers.

With assurances of high esteem, I am,

Respectfully,

  

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Fred Escalona

FE/J

February 21, 1920.

Mrs. Felia Emmanueli,

La Ballaja,

San Juan, P.R.

My dear Mrs. Emmanueli:

By request of the Governor, I am herewith  
enclosing a letter to you which explains itself.

Respectfully,

Confidential Secretary  
to the Governor.

The Filson Historical Society

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August 30, 1919.

Honorable Rafael Rivera Esbri,  
Alcalde of Ponce,  
Ponce, P. R.

My dear Mr. Alcalde:

This is to introduce to you the honor Mr. Felix R. Rigau, the Porto Rican aviator, who is now giving exhibitions of aviation in Porto Rico.

I understand that he will fly over to Ponce in his machine to-morrow, arriving about 10:30 A. M., and he will be giving exhibitions in Ponce for about a week probably.

Any aid or courtesies that you may extend to Mr. Rigau during his stay in Ponce will be duly appreciated both by him and by myself.

Yours very truly,

Governor.

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May 17, 1921.

Mrs. Joe H. Eaton,  
1123 - 9th Ave.  
Greeley, Colo.

My dear Cousin:

I received and read with immense pleasure your letter of May 2nd, and in order that it may receive the best attention I'm endorsing it to Mr. Paul G. Miller, the Commissioner of Education here in Porto Rico. I feel confident that he will be very glad to secure a good American teacher for service in Porto Rico, who seems to have such good credentials as the person to whom you refer. I wish you had given me the name. I think that he or she will find it pleasant and profitable to have a teaching position here in the island, though a good deal will depend upon the particular town or locality to which she is assigned, especially if she is a woman as I assume she is. The smaller towns are most of them more or less lonely for an American teacher and it is difficult to find a good boarding place where the home conditions may be comfortable for a stranger. But in the larger places where there would be a number of other American teachers or business people, such as, San Juan, Rio Piedras, Ponce, Mayaguez, the conditions are much better, for however, if she can speak Spanish she can get

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along very well, I have no doubt and might be better for her to use that language exclusively while she is in the island.

We are now all well, but we are in the rush of leaving Porto Rico for good because my successor has been appointed in due course of politics. We are going back to Kentucky, stopping off perhaps for a short stay in New York and other places in the east. But I, at least, expect to be in Louisville before long and arrange my future plans after my arrival.

I was very glad to get your letter. Remember me cordially to Joe and also to your two big boys.

Sincerely your cousin,