

New York, August 26th, 1915.

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

My dear Governor,

I arrived safely and very early Monday morning, and I find it good to be back on home territory once more.

Immediately upon my arrival a business proposition was made me which is of such a nature that I believe I cannot refuse it, and which will prevent my returning to Porto Rico. The position is the presidency of the McCall Corporation, a corporation which publishes the McCall Magazine, which has a circulation of over a million and a quarter, and in connection carries on the business of dress patterns.

I shall therefore feel obliged to tender my resignation, to take effect at the end of my leave of absence. I am sorry to be obliged to come to this decision so suddenly, though as a matter of fact I can leave my position there with as little inconvenience to the Department at the present moment as at any other time.

I shall spend a few weeks in the woods, taking a complete rest, which I find I am more in need of than I appreciated on leaving the Island, and shall begin in my new position probably about October 1st. But this will not prevent my being of any assistance possible to Porto Rico at this end of the line, and I do not believe it will prevent my participation in the Lake Mohonk Conference.

I am today in receipt of a letter from Major Walcutt saying that the Attorney General has given his opinion that the proposed bond issues are valid, and asking when the bids should be opened. I shall reply suggesting that bids be opened on the 28th of September, because it appears now that the effects of the "Arabic" incident will by that time have been fairly clearly determined one way or the other, and it seems desirable to sell them as early as convenient, both because the money is needed and because some other unfortunate incident is likely to occur at any time.

Please let me say that the past year of my work

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in Porto Rico has been the pleasantest of my years there. I have very much enjoyed working with you, and if the present remuneration and future prospects for a moment justified my doing so, I should much prefer to continue in the work than to change to any other, but being almost at the end of my appointment on the one hand, with the inevitable uncertainty of the re-appointment of a Republican, and on the other hand having what is really an exceptionally attractive opportunity here, I feel that it would be most unwise for me to decide otherwise.

I shall hope to see you while you are in the States, though it now seems probable that I shall be either in Canada or the Adirondacks at the time of your arrival, and I hope that it is needless for me to say that I shall be most glad of any opportunity to be of service to you personally or to the Government of Porto Rico at any time, not only before my resignation becomes effective, but afterwards as well.

Expecting to see you at Mohonk, if not before, with kindest personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Office of the Treasurer of Porto Rico

San Juan

April 9-1917.

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

My dear Governor, -

I take pleasure in forwarding to you the enclosed telegram signed by four of the assessors who have been engaged in the special reassessment work as well as by the collector at Barros, who has been serving in that capacity for a number of years. I have already replied to the telegram expressing my gratification at this evidence of their patriotic spirit and it has occurred to me that you would be interested in knowing of this spontaneous offer on the part of these men regardless of whether or not it might be necessary for the Government to avail itself of their services. This coming so closely after the patriotic utterances at yesterday's

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celebration at Fajardo seems to me to be further proof of the loyalty and devotion of the Porto Rican people.

Very sincerely yours,

*Charles F. Rice*

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