

January 15, 1915.

My dear Mr. Underwood:

I greatly regret that I found it impossible to get to see you on the occasion of my recent visit to Washington before it became necessary for me to return to Porto Rico.

President Wilson sent me a copy of your letter to him of December 16 with reference to the Porto Rico bill, and I am greatly encouraged upon reading it to hope that you and Mr. Henry would find a way to bring up this bill for consideration by the House "at an early date after the Christmas holidays."

In view of the President's expressed desire to have this done, it seems to me that you could manage it without opening the door to other legislation which the House has no time to consider.

According to the plan suggested by Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Insular Committee, it would require not more than two or three hours of the time of the House and this time could be given it at a night session.

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As far as I could see, there is no opposition to the bill. It is now on the calendar of the House with the unanimous endorsement of the Committee. If the House will pass it, I have the promise of the Senate Committee that they will take it up promptly thereafter and report it with some amendments to the Senate.

While I do not think it likely that it will get through the Senate at this session, it would be of very great advantage to the Administration here in Porto Rico to have the bill get as far as the calendar of the Senate at this session. Even this much of attention by Congress to the manifest needs of the Island will produce an excellent political effect. Moreover, it will facilitate the passage of the bill by the next Congress to have it get through the House and the Senate Committee at this session.

I hope you will pardon my writing to you, but I know that you are interested in this bill and I am writing in the hope that by reminding you of the importance of the proposed action by Congress at this time to the American Administration here in the Island I will succeed

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in securing your powerful personal aid in the way which you have suggested. I know that Congress is very busy, but I feel sure that if they could be made to see the subject from the point of view of those of us who are responsible for American government here in Porto Rico, they would find the time to give this important matter at least this much attention.

Thanking you heartily for what you have already done in regard to this bill, and with the highest personal regard and esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

Honorable Oscar W. Underwood,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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May 27, 1919.

Dr. Arthur Yager,
Governor, San Juan, P.R.

My dear Governor:

When I thought that you
were enjoying a splendid health, I heard
from Mr. Ferguson this morning that you
have been sick again.

I do not need to tell you
how sorry I am to hear such news, and I hope
that you will recover soon.

With regards from Mrs.
Hernández and myself to Mrs. Yager, to Dia-
na and to you,

I remain, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

Rafael Hernandez Usera

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July 8, 1919.

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Hon. Arthur Yager,
Governor,
San Juan, P. R.

My dear Governor:

I hope that by this time you are enjoying a perfect health and that you have good news from Mrs. Yager and Diana.

We expect to sail in a few days and I am quite sure that I will be able to see you before I go.

At the same time, I wish to obtain a favor from you for a friend of mine. Mr. Virgilio Rabaine is a young man who was working last year with Merssrs. Cheapman Limited, a New York Firm, when he was drafted in San Juan and had to return and attend to the Third Officer's Training Camp, where he was commissioned Second Lieutenant. He has been without a job since he was mustered out from the army and

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he has received a cablegram from the same firm asking him to go to New York right away, as they will give him back his job. There is no way for him for getting a ticket on any of the boats, for a long time, and if he does not go up right away, he will loose his position.

I should like to have you try to get a ticket for him for one of the boats that go to New York for such a near a date as possible, as he is a very good boy and has to help his mother with what he earns.

I am sure that taking all these circumstances in consideration you will do your best to get accommodation for him with the New York & Pto. Rico SS. Co.

Hoping to hear from you soon and with Mrs. Hernández kind regards, I remain as ever, very sincerely yours,

Rafael Hernández

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