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Treasury Department, *JSLU49*
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Washington, D. C.

August 1, 1872

To the Honorable

W. Hunter,

Acting Secretary of State,

Sir:



I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st. ultimo, enclosing a copy of a communication from the U.S. Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, in which that officer states that by taking the so called Cuban Privateer "Pioneer", now in his official possession, to the wharf, and dismantling her, he will be enabled to dispense with the services of the Revenue Cutter "Moccasin", now assisting in guarding the "Pioneer."

In reply to your statement that the views of this Department as to

the expediency of relieving the Revenue Cutter from her present duty, and at the same time of detaining such of the officers and crew of the "Pioneer," as may be necessary as Witnesses against her, would be acceptable, I have the honor to suggest that the course mentioned by the Marshal, be pursued so far as the dismantling of the vessel is concerned.

In my opinion, however, the cutter should continue to assist the Marshal in guarding the privateer, until measures can be taken by the District Attorney or other proper party, to require the witnesses to recognize, on pain of imprisonment, for their appearance at the proceedings for a forfeiture of the vessel last mentioned, as provided for in the Judiciary Act of Sept. 24. '789, and in the Act of Aug. 23. '872.

I would respectfully recommend
 that the subject be brought to the
 attention of the District Attorney, in order
 that it may be decided what witnesses
 should be detained, and that the measures
 for their detention may be taken as
 soon as practicable, and the Cutter
 be relieved.

I have the honor to be
 Your obedient servant,
 Wm. A. Richardson,
 Acting Secretary.

Sub

Mr. Fish
Navy Department



Washington Aug. 1. 1872

Did to Aug 3. *Very yours*
Wm. A. Rorer

Sir

I have the honor to enclose
herewith for your perusal, despatch
No 116, dated the 22^d ultimo and its
accompanying report, received from
Rear Admiral S. P. Lee, Commanding
the U.S. Naval Force, on the North
Atlantic Station, relating to the
cruise of the Canandaigua and the
case of the Virginias.

With the request that you
will return the despatch and report to
the Department,

I am respectfully
Wm. A. Rorer
Secretary of the Navy

For Hamilton Fish }
Secretary of State. }

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Navy Department.



Washington August 1. 1872

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ult.
and to enclose herewith a copy of
instructions this day sent to Commander
E. O. Matthews, U.S.N., in charge of the
Torpedo Station at Newport, in relation
to rendering aid, on the application
of the U.S. Marshal of Rhode Island
in carrying out the Executive Order
in the case of the *Prinzel*.

Very respectfully,

G. M. Boleyn

Secretary of the Navy

Honorable

William Fish

Secretary of State

Navy Department,



Washington August 1. 1872.

Sir,

I herewith enclose a copy of a letter addressed to this Department on the 25th ultimo, by the Acting Secretary of State, in relation to the steamer Pioneer, which vessel is suspected of an intention to violate the neutrality laws.

Should the U.S. Marshall of Rhode Island call upon you for assistance, to enable him to carry out the Executive Order in the case of the Pioneer, you will render him such aid as may be in your power, and should any vessel of our Navy visit Newport, you will show the Commanding Officer thereof these instructions, which he will regard as sufficient authority for him to render all proper aid.

aid to the U. S. Marshall, should he
request it, in the case of the Pioneer.

Very respectfully

Geo M. Robeson

Secretary of the Navy

Commander

E. O. Matthews, U.S.N.

In charge of Torpedo Station

Newport, R.I.

Department of Justice
Washington Aug. 1. 1872.



Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Secretary of State,
Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, referring to a note received by you from the Spanish Minister, in which he says that the Cuban insurrectionary flag is now flying at the peak of the "Pioneer", a vessel seized by the Marshal of the United States for the District of Rhode Island, by order of the President, for an alleged violation of the Neutrality laws. Importance

it seems, is attached to this fact by the Spanish Minister, who desires to have the flag removed.

On the 29th ultimo, I instructed the District Attorney for Rhode Island to libel the "Pioneer" for a violation of the neutrality laws, and presume that proceedings have been commenced. I know of no reason why the "Pioneer" should fly any flag while she is in the hands of the United States Marshal, and can see no objection to a compliance with the request of the Spanish Minister. The United States do not recognize the

flag of the "Pioneer", and to allow it to be flying while the vessel is in the hands of the officers of the Government awaiting the action of the Court, might raise unpleasant questions, while no harm can result to anyone from the removal of the flag, and it seems to me that instructions to that effect may properly be issued to the Marshal having possession of the "Pioneer".

I think, as this is more a matter of comity than of judicial procedure, the instructions should proceed from the

State Department.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Geo W Williams

Attorney General.

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Department of Justice
Washington Aug. 1, 1872.



Hon. William Hunter,
Acting Secretary of State,
Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, enclosing a copy of one from James H. Coggeshall, United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, in reference to the mode of detaining the "Pioneer", now in his possession, and the retaining of witnesses for the prosecution against that vessel.

On the 24th ultimo, I instructed
the District Attorney of Rhode
Island to libel the "Pioneer". I
presume the Marshal, by bringing
the vessel to the wharf, can make
the necessary arrangements to de-
tain her, without the presence of
the United States revenue cutter
"Moccasin", and I should think
it advisable so to do. With re-
spect to the witnesses, if they are
about to depart, their depositions
can be taken de bene esse after
the libel is filed.

I have no doubt that the

matter can now be safely
referred to the District Attorney
for such instructions as may be
needed by the Marshal, and for
such action as may be proper
to prosecute the vessel for
violation of the neutrality laws.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
Edw. W. Willard
Attorney General.

Wm. C. Brown

New York, August 6th 1872

Gen. U. S. Grant
President of the United States of America
Long Branch, N. J.

Sir:

Permit an afflicted widow, the widow of an American citizen, an American citizen herself, and the mother of an orphan girl who according to the American law enjoys the privileges of the American citizenship, to apply to you directly in search of justice and protection.

When my husband, an American citizen since 1852 was shot in the island of Cuba, in violation of all laws and treaties, and of the safe-conduct given him by the Spanish Minister in Washington, in the name of the President of Spain and of the Spanish nation, and when I was able to obtain the proofs of the principal facts relative to this sad case, - I confidently appeared before the Secretary of State, and presented in my own name and in the name of my daughter the most just of the claims. I filed with my petition the original papers of naturalization of my husband, dated on the 24th of December 1852, and issued by the 4th District Court of New Orleans, La, and also the American passport given him by Mr. W. H. Howard, Secretary of State of the United States of America, on the 1st day of February 1867.

The State Department after having retained twenty one days my petition and its enclosures,

without giving any answer, addressed to me on the 11th of March with a note, signed by Charles Hale, Assistant Secretary, in which that gentleman says that he sympathizes very sincerely with me and with my daughter in the sad bereavement which befall us; but that "he regretted to say that the case as presented by me, was not one in which the Government of the United States could properly interfere." And not contented with this refusal, he returned the documents filed by me.

As Mr Hale did not set forth any reason for such a plain refusal, but spoke of the case, as presented by me, I asked him whether I had committed any fault of form, or whether there was any other form of presenting the claim more proper and adequate. But the Hon. Mr. Hale replied, that the phrase quoted by me was intended to intimate that the case was presented by me in the best possible way.

Therefore, Mr. President, we have here the following facts:—

- 1st That the widow of an American citizen, with whom the State Department sympathizes sincerely, presents a claim before the State Department, and presents that claim in the best possible way.
- 2nd That the State Department, in spite of the American citizenship of that afflicted widow, and of her deceased husband, and notwithstanding the perfection of the form of her claims, refuses to entertain that claim and return the papers without alleging any reasons.

Such an unprecedented action, which had given great occasion for noise to persons less inclined in favor of the Administration, leaves me without any redress for the sad bereavement with which the State Department so sincerely sympathizes, and which is still worth without end here for the future, unless you Mr. President, will be pleased to examine the case by yourself, and decide whether the rights of an American citizen can or cannot be refused without justice, and without taking the trouble of alleging the reasons why they are rejected.

I therefore, Mr. President, perfectly confiding in the high sense of justice which characterizes you, come now before you and request that you may be pleased to order the Secretary of State, who is but your Secretary, to lay before you the memorial I filed in this Department, and the whole of the correspondence relating to my husband Juan Clemente Zenea, existing of record at the Department;— and on perusal of those papers, order him to present my case to the Government of Spain as it has been done with many others which are not so sad as mine and with which the State Department has not sympathized perhaps so sincerely.

As a lady, as a mother, as the widow of an American citizen, I address this request to the gentleman, to the great soldier, to the Chief Magistrate of this Great Republic; and hope that said request will be duly attended to.

Yours, Sir, with the greatest respect
your obedient servant.

Luigi de Zeneda

N. 158 West 14th Street
New York.

To the Comm. Aug 27

Executive Messg.



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Genea Mrs L. M. de N.Y.

Calling attention to the case of her husband who was murdered in Cuba.

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of State.



In direction of the President:

Aug 19 1872

O. P. Babcock

Secretary.

State March 11-72 }
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AUG
New York Aug 8th 1872

Sir

Having been informed that the Spanish
Minister some time since addressed a
second communication to the State Department
on the subject of the expulsion of myself and
son from Havana, I respectfully request
that the Department will kindly send
a copy thereof to be forwarded to me for
the purpose of replying to it and remain
most respectfully

Sir

Yours respectfully

J. Mearns

P. O. Box 4631

To the Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington

File.
All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to.

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., August 9th, 1872.

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Hon. H. Hunter,

Acting Secretary of State,

Sir:



I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the second instant, stating that the officer of the navy in charge of the Torpedo station, would render aid on the application of the U.S. Marshal, towards guarding the steamer "Pioneer", and submitting for my consideration, how far his services may enable those of the Revenue Cutter "Moccasin", to be dispensed with.

In reply you are informed that as this Department is advised that the "Pioneer" has been hauled in to the wharf, dismantled, securely made fast, locked up, and put in

charge of a keeper, I am of opinion that the services of the "Moccasin" are no longer necessary.

The Commander has accordingly been instructed to return to his regular duties, whenever he shall be notified by the marshal that he is not needed to guard the "Pioneer".

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. A. Rulandson

Acting Secretary.

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Department of Justice

Washington August 17 1872

Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.,
Sir.

Very truly
yours not to be sent

I have the honor to enclose
a copy of a letter addressed to me
under date of the 10th instant by John
A. Gardner, U. S. Attorney for Rhode
Island, asking for certain papers rela-
tive to the "Pioneer".

These papers were returned
by me to your Department and I request
that you will comply with the wishes of Mr.
Gardner by having them sent to him.

Very respectfully,
G. Tolson
att. Leonard

U. S. District Attorney's Office
Providence. August 14th 1872.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst, and to state what I have taken, de bene esse, the deposition of Francis S. Norton, which is much stronger than his statement.

The copies certified by the parties procuring them, (excepting those of the two Commissioners held by Capt Norton) accompanying the statements which I sent to the State Department, shall need, and therefore respectfully ask in your request to have them forwarded to me, with the copy of bill of sale.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Yours
Wm. H. Williams
Attorney General.

John A. Gardner
U.S. Atty., R.I. Dist.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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AUG 19 1872
U.S. STATE

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Mr. Pratt
Give the
substance to the
Hon. Mr. Minister
New York Aug 20/72
and ask his attention

Hon. Charles Hale
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

2520
Aug 20

16 July
Franklin

Dear Sir

Since your letter of the 20th of July last, inclosing
dispatch from the Captain General of Cuba to the
Spanish Minister at Washington, in which he says that
order for the immediate release of my property has
been repeated, I am in receipt of advice from my
agent at Havana inclosing copy of the communication
to him, by the Secretary of the Intendant General
Finance which is not in accordance with the
writ of the Captain General. The latter states
my property be released immediately and the
said communication has a clause that I
must

must give undoubtly proofs that the property
embargoed belonged to Don Tomas I Mora. This
is only to gain time, put me in great expenses and
not deliver what belongs to me. My Atty says that
the only way to prevent further delays in the
matter is to have the Captain General publish in
the Official Gazette of Haranum a decree stating:
That the Capital of Don Tomas I Mora, assumed
in the Estate "Su Alberto" former "Colores" be released,
and returned to its owner. A statement of these facts
to the Spanish Minister for his early action will
much oblige

Your most obedient servant

Thomas I Mora

Box 5091

A. F. Campbell

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OF STATE

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C. August 20, 1872

Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Secretary of State,
Washington D. C.

ACKNOWLEDGED
AUG 21 1872
Office of the Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

It has been stated to this Department by private parties that the United States Consuls at Barcelona, and Palma, Spain, have failed to inform importers about to bring into the United States small quantities of liquors, of the provisions of the Acts of July 14, 1870, Section 21, and July 21, 1866, Sections, regulating the capacity of casks or packages, and the number of bottles, in which liquors may be imported.

To prevent importations contrary to the statutes cited, and consequent

forfiture of the merchandise so imposed,
it is suggested that the attention of the
councils referred to, be called to those
~~statutes~~

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Mrs. Richardson
Acting Secretary.

briefly thus. My Father has been ~~errand~~
in the Cuban Army as an Officer ~~and~~
time ago the Spanish Government by ~~pro-~~ ^{pro-} ~~clamations~~
clamations published guaranteed to all those
in arms against the government pardon
for all past offences provided they
would surrender themselves to the proper
authorities. My Father relying upon such
assurance duly surrendered himself to the
proper authorities at a place called Puerto
Principe in said Island of Cuba, upon
presenting himself under and by virtue
of said Proclamations he was there
pardoned and remained some six weeks
after in the City of Puerto Principe where
he was arrested by the Spanish author-
ities for alleged cruel treatment to some
of the soldiers of the Spanish Government.
He was tried by Court Martial as I believed
and honorably acquitted there being not
the slightest evidence of any alleged cruelty
by him to any of the Soldiers of the Govt.
A few days after his acquittal he left
Puerto Principe on his way home (the U.S.) and

While at Havana enroute for the U.S. was
again arrested and imprisoned and has been
denied ever since communication with any
one and still remains so confined.

Therefore I trust you will at once act
in the matter and let me hear from you
at your earliest moment

I am dear Sir

Obedtly Yours.

Bartholomew Santa Rosa.

U. S. Consulate General

Havana Aug 9 1872.

M^r Bartolomé Santa Rosa

Office of Messrs Vichet & C^o.

76 Pine Street. New York.

Sir: I received yesterday your letter of 1st inst. enclosing your father's certificate of citizenship. It appears that the motive for his arrest, on his arrival at this place, is his alleged complicity in the capture of the Commandantaris in April 1869, as stated in the accompanying copy of a communication from the Political Secretary, received today.

I will endeavor to obtain an interview with your father early next week and will write you the result. In the meantime I would suggest that you would bring his case to the notice of the Department of State, as I shall do by this steamer.

Respectfully

Your obt. Servt

Henry C Hall

Ch^o Cons^{ul} Gen^l

Gobierno Superior Político
Mg^o de Política

He dado cuenta al Excmo. Sr. Gobernador Superior Político de la comunicación de 8 S. fha 17 del actual referente á la prisión de Don Agustín Santa Rosa que es de un Ciudadano Americano y el cual vino á esta ciudad desde la de Matanzas desde donde parece se presentó, procedente de las filas rebeldes y fue embalsado de dicho delito por aquella autoridad local.

Movimientos enterados de todas las Particulares, referentes á este asunto, S. E. me manda contestar á 8 S. como tengo el gusto de significarle que Don Agustín Santa Rosa aparece complicado en el abasamiento del vapor corsario 'Comandante' ocurrido en Abril 1869, acto calificado de piratería por el Tribunal de Marina de este Reportado, y que habiendo expedido entonces, dicho Tribunal auto de prisión. Contra todos sus futuros, el expresado Santa Rosa ha sido puesto á disposición del mismo para ser juzgado.

Dios y de la P. S. M. A.

Habana 28 Julio 1872.

El Secretari

Mig^o Sarratx

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



OFFICE OF

NEW YORK

CITY AND COUNTY
of New York, ss:

BE IT REMEMBERED,

That on the *Tenth* day of *July* in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~ninety~~ *Sixty Six*

Augustin Santa Rosa
applicant in the COURT OF COMMON PLEAS for the City and County of
New York (a Court of Record, having Common Law Jurisdiction, a
Clerk and Seal), and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become

Citizen of the United States of America,

in pursuance to the provisions of the several acts of the Congress of the United
States of America, for that purpose made and provided. And the said
applicant, having produced to the said Court such evidence, having made
such declaration and renunciation, and having taken such oaths as are by the
said acts required:

Thereupon, it was ordered by the Court, that the said applicant be
admitted, and he was accordingly admitted to be a Citizen of the United
States of America.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Seal of the said Court is hereunto affixed,
this *19th* day of *August* one thousand
eight hundred and seventy *two* and in the ninety *sevent* year of the
Independence of the United States.

PER CURIAM

Math. James Jr. Clerk.



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Treasury Department,

Fifth Auditor's Office,

Washington, Augt 25th 1872.

Sir:

Mr. Carl Schurz late United States
Minister to Spain, having

transmitted to this Office, for adjustment, his Account for time occupied
at his post and on leave of absence

I have the honor to inquire for what period I am to credit him therefor?

He charges from Oct 20th 1868 to April 14

1869 ~~days.~~

Respectfully, yours,

J. B. Ham Auditor

To the Secretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Memorial & accounts to US & Spanish Gov^{ts}

26 Aug

John H. Cahill



Did rec^d 26 Aug

Washington, D.C. Aug. 22^d 1872

Sir =

I enclose a memorial and papers relating to a complaint of mine against the Authorities at Cardenas and Havana for unjustly retaining ~~my~~ my Diploma in their possession, detaining my goods in their Custom House, unlawfully seizing my establishment and exacting a bond from me when my wife wished to leave the island for the United States, and also imposing a fine upon me.

The intervention of your department with the Spanish Government towards obtaining indemnity for the acts referred to is requested by

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant
John H. Cahill

To The Honorable
Hamilton Fish

Secretary of State

Address: Sanito, Pinar del Rio, V^o

J. LATHAM & Co.,

Manufacturing Pharmacentists,

292 WASHINGTON STREET, Boston, Mass.

HEAD-QUARTERS FOR NEW YORK,

Nos 115 and 117 NASSAU STREET, Room 27,

New York, August 22nd 1872

Hon Hamilton Fish

Sir.



As a resident in the
of Cuba during the rebellion, and aware
that all good citizens should come for-
ward throwing all the light they can,
to aid your Department in furnishing
all information sought by the Genera-
Conference, and which is being hunted
up in Cuba, I make bold to suggest
that a man by name Schnabellius,
Ship Chandler, there at the time, and
now in the States, be interviewed with
regard to secrets and affairs of blockade
runners and privateers; also that our
Consul Genl be instructed to cause a
search to be made for a file of the
"Bolton Commercial" published at the

part of Cardenas during the first
year of the war, containing certain
official documents as would lead to
placing a friendly power, for some
part the unworthy recipient of the
comity and consideration by this
Government.

My motives are purely dis-
interested and only prompted by
the feeling that men of war should
receive their just deserts, whoever
they may be.

Respectfully Yours
Pablo J. Carrasco

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Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., August 23^d 1872.

Sir:



I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22^d instant, transmitting the official bond, approved by you, of Charles Morand, Esq, appointed Consul of the United States at Denia, Spain, and to say that said bond has been this day referred to the First Comptroller of the Treasury, to be placed on file.

I am, very respectfully,
W^m A. Richardson
Acting Secretary.

To

Hon. W. Hunter,
Acting Secretary of State.

(Private)
Aug 23
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Custaloga, Pa.,
Aug. 23d 1872.

Hon. Hamilton Fish.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I wish to obtain some information about the colored stewards of the Star of the West, Walter Goodyear and Ben Mann. You will recollect that when the Star of the West was captured they were taken to Montgomery & sold into slavery. I wish to learn all that is known about their fate. If they were ever rescued from slavery - and by what means - the names of any persons who interested themselves in their favor, and particularly if

Thos. Sumner took any interest
in their fate, and made any
effort to have them released. If
he did not, and I am inclined
to think he did not, I think
the fact will go a long way to
destroy any influence he may
have with the negro voters. He
was to my certain knowledge
appealed to to aid in their res-
-cue; but I am induced to be-
-lieve that with all his boasted
friendship for the Colored race
he never raised his hand or
voice to aid these unfortunate
men. I presume that the information
desired can be obtained in your
own or the Navy Department.

I presume no apology for this
note is necessary; but as I am
personally unknown to you, you
can enquire of any prominent

Republican you know from
Pittsburgh or Alleghany County,
as to who I am.

I am, Sir, in haste,

Yours Respectfully,
Isaac Craig

Worhead P. O.,
Alleghany Co.,
Pa.

Class: American Fork and ...
Re: ...

Let refer of there
is anything
new in this case
at any of
the parties that
have been
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21 Aug



Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Since the receipt of our last
letter date May 6th from your
Department, in which you inform
us that the attention of the newly
appointed Spanish Minister has
been invited to the case of
restitution of the fine exacted
from our vessel the "Omaha",
we have received no communication
from the Spanish or Cuban
authorities, and we must ask
again that the attention of proper
authorities be called to this matter.

(Strictly Private)

immediate

Respectfully

Hon. Hamilton Fish,
State Department, 117 Wall St
Washington City,
D.C.



Let Report of these
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+ + notify parties that
case has been again
brought to att. by
Sp. minister
Aug 30-
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Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Since the receipt of our last
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us that the attention of the newly
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from our vessel, the "Omaha",
we have received no communication
from the Spanish or Cuban
authorities, and we must ask
again that the attention of proper
authorities be called to this matter
and insist on an immediate
settlement

Very Respectfully
Yours, &c
F. Talbot & Co
117 Wall St

Spain. American Cons. and Int. Cons. Dept. Spain.

Del

as of in Mr. O'Connell
of Wash here with
Oct 25
Divided 28 Aug

Mr. Peabody M. Pratt
Washington D.C.
August 26th 1872.

Hon. Wm. H. Hunt.
Acting Secretary of State.
Present.



Sir:-

In the last communication I received from the Department, relative to the case of Mrs Magdalena Ferrer de Mora against the Government of Spain, I was informed that on the 24th of June "the attention of the Spanish Minister had been called again to the request which had been already made for the release of Mrs de Mora's property."

Now, - about two months after the renewal of the request, - Mrs de Mora has received private information from Havana, stating that the property was released, - or to say better, that the Spanish authorities had ordered the release of

said property, although nothing was published in the "Saceta oficial" as it is customary.

I am requested to beg you, in case that such an information proves to be correct, to transmit to me a copy of the communication of the Spanish Minister giving information of the release. If the news received by Mrs Mora is not correct, may I call your attention to the time elapsed since the last note of the Department (June 24th) and to the reduced circumstances in which Mrs de Mora lives, owing to the unjust embargo of her property?

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant.

J. J. Rodriguez

1452. 76. street.

Department of State

Washington August 28, 1872

J & Rodriguez

Washington D.C.

Sir

Your letter of
the 26th instant, in relation to the
claim of Mrs. Mercedes Ferris De Mora
against the Government of Spain,
has been received.

The Department has received
no further information on the
subject ~~than~~ ^{since} that of which you
were advised in the communication
from the Department to which
your letter alludes.

You will be
promptly advised of any action
of the Spanish Government on
the subject, whenever the Department

shall have received information
of such action.

J Am

Bureau of claims

August 28th 1872

Mrs Demora. Embargo property

Nothing has been received
from Spanish Minister or other source
in reply to note of 24th of June

On that day June 24th Admiral
Polo informs Department in reply
to its communication of the 20th of
June relative to Tomas Demora's
claims, that he will address note
on that subject to the Captain
General. This seems to be the
latest from the Spanish Legation
on the subject of these claims

Henry C. Connor

The Republican party can not afford
to let the case rest any longer.
and I have advised Mr Guindi to
withhold his case from the American
press a little longer - feeling quite
sure that satisfactory explanations
would be given for the delays which
have occurred. His health is failing
under his long confinement, and
his last letter to me was written
while bolted up in his bed.

I am most respectfully
your Obedt Servt
E. Jacobs

copy
sent as here
Oct 29
Aug 29
1872
Waysville, Warren County, O.
Aug. 26. 1872.

Hon Hamilton Fish,
Secretary of State

Sir

I inclose
a copy of somewhat lengthy
extracts from a private letter
of Mr Guindi. It came by a
sailing vessel via Boston, which
accounts for its being two weeks
behind the regular August Mail.

Having, at your request, per-
-mised such information in this
case, as was in my possession, I
felt that you ought to have this.

If some of the strictures Mr Guindi
makes upon the doing of Howe,
and the suspicion of improper
influence affecting yourself

Should seem to be ^{out of place} ~~unfortunate~~ and
without foundation, his deplorable
condition, I trust, will lead your
generous mind to forgive him:
Besides, these things were written
for private use.

I know that Bacz is capable of
doing all, and more, than he is
charged with by Guicchi. When
Dr Howe says, he "almost
promised to grant the passport" then
he did not know that Bacz had
promised the Italian Consul, he
Cambiaso, last winter to give the
passport to Guicchi within one week,
and when the time arrived, withheld
it under a pretense that he "expected
to find out some things against him".

I admit that I have coveted the
position of dealing with Bacz in
this case - in that cool, straight
forward, determined manner
which generally secures his respect

if not his affection.

I rec'd a brief line from Guicchi
by the steamer, in which he says
"Dr Ames will write to Captain
Carpenter to come around from
Samana with the Mautasket, to
take me on board". From what
I know of Captain Carpenter, he
will avoid decisive action if
there is any possibility ~~of~~
getting around it.

The rights of an American
Citizen - the cause of justice
and humanity - the honor of
the Nation, demands speedy
and efficient action in the
case of Guicchi.

If it will not be presuming
too much, may I ask, ⁱⁿ the
behalf of this persecuted man, what
his prospects are for relief by our
Government?

It also seems to me that the

in order to know mine. Two days
previous to his departure, he came
back and told me that Bass had
almost promised him to grant my pas-
port. The next day - April 19th - he said
to my brother, that this Government
would let me go home by the next
Zyber. That, doubtless, was said to
him by Bass, with the view to prevent
him from working in my favor at
Washington.

Dr Howe also told me, at that last
interview, that he thought it best for
me to accept my passport as a favor
because if the case goes to a court, it
will take quite a time before any deci-
sion is rendered: And that in conse-
quence he had resolved to beg of Genl
Babcock, as a favor to him, to write to
Bass, asking him to grant me the
passport.

General Babcock's letter to Bass, was
to be enclosed by Dr Howe in another

Copy

Santo Domingo City,
July 11th 1872.

E. Jacobs, Esq.

My dear friend:

I wrote
you by the last 'Zyber', in answer
to your kind letter of the 26th of May.
On the 21st of June, two days after
the Zyber left, Dr Curran showed me
a despatch from the Department of
State, in which he was notified that
"A vessel of War" would come to take
me on board for New York. It bears
the date of May 21st; but no vessel of
war has, as yet, arrived here, and
I am inclined to believe that it will
not come at all. Why so? I will tell
you my impression.

After Secretary Fish wrote that

2 Despatch Dr Howe arrived in Washington: And as I know his heart and soul are for Baer - for you know full well that Baer did his best to gain his deference - do not doubt that he has made such misrepresentations of the case, as to counteract the good will of the Government in my favor.

In speaking of Dr Howe & myself on the 5th of June last, Dr Ames made this remark: - "O Dr Howe & Howe! I do not think he will do anything for you. He ought to have done something, but as he was the guest of the Nation, he did not care for the injustice done to his fellow Citizen."

In fact Dr Howe came to visit me more as one of the warmest supporters of President Baer, than as my fellow Citizen, since he, not knowing the facts which induced, or rather forced me to seek refuge in this Consulate,

3 used such arguments as these: That I, in pursuing such course have made an accusation of injustice against the Dominican Government: That I am not imprisoned here: That he is sorry for Baer, because he (Baer) is obliged to be a Tyrant: That all the arbitrary, despotic measures taken by Baer are justified by the Latin Maxim: Voluntas Populi Suprema lex esto: And because I told him that such an Maxim has nothing to do in this instance, because all the wrongs here are committed by Baer - not by the people, nor for the benefit of the people, but only for Baer's Ambition, he added: That Baer represents the people, and that consequently his conduct is all right!

Notwithstanding all this, Dr Howe promised to ask Baer to grant me a passport ^{for} New York; and as an excuse for his surprising arguments, told me he had used Baer's own reasonings

me, and possessed of an independent character, which enables you to speak the plain truth in regard to my case.

I wrote to Dr Howe in May, in care of one of the young ladies who came with him to this city; if he has not answered me - Although he promised to send me back the original of the letter on the Annexation Scheme which I addressed to you, and a copy of the New York Herald, containing an article about me; both of which I lent him, and he ought to have returned them to me before leaving.

If, in a month hence, no decisive action is taken in my case by our Government, I will make an appeal to my fellow citizens through the press' x x x x x.

After enquiring particularly about our approaching Presidential

5 to Dr Ames; but the Tyler did not bring it, and the "Vessel of War" does not come. What do you think of all this my good friend?

It is a shame, indeed, that the Home Government should be humiliated by Baez, as they really are in my case. I possess the legal proof of my American Nationality; and although I have not sworn Allegiance to this Dominican Government, it has not paid due attention to my complaint, merely because Baez says I asked for a permit to practice law - as though that were sufficient to loosen the ties which bind me to the Government of the United States - much less when that was prior to my becoming an American Citizen: It was in June of the year 1853, with a view to claim the Real Estate of my parents: I had a disagreement with Santana - the then President - sent be shot to him

The license to practice law - Went
back to the United States, and in 1855,
became a citizen.

It is more than twenty one months
that I have been in this Italian
Consulate, deprived of my personal
liberty! Of what avail then, to me, is
American Citizenship?

Dr Howe told me, "Baer says he
was willing to give you the passport,
but that you asked for it as an
American citizen; and I think you
did wrong. You ought not to have
resorted to diplomacy, but to take
the passport without quavering".

Aye - Dr. but why should I ask
it as a Dominican if I am not
such?

"Oh well" said the Dr. you ought to
have taken it any how. What you
need is to go home. Very well; take
the passport as he is willing to give
it to you".

7 He deceives you Dr. said. He is not
disposed to give me the passport in any
way. Please ask him to grant it to me
without regard to my nationality, if
you will see that he does not do it.

The day after tomorrow will be
three months since that conversation.
Baer played with me, and
through him, I fear, is now playing
with Secretary Fish. Why not bring
this matter to an end? Why not ob-
lige this Dominican Government
to show the proof of my having for-
feited my American nationality
by having sworn allegiance to them?
I have not done such a thing.
And in order to nullify my American
Citizenship this Government must
show a legal proof - a sworn record
contrary to it.

O. how sorry I am that your
house is so far from Washington!
Because I believe you sincere to

9 election, manifesting much anxiety as to its probable effect upon the Amputation scheme; the written proceeds: -

"Some fifteen days ago, an American Man of War came here from Samana, and left for Sea. I have been assured by one of my Neighbors - A warm supporter of Baez, that she was ordered to go there to watch the Haytiens, because an attack by Sea is contemplated. I wonder what Mr Simmer would say to that?"

Baez has paid two Months Salary to his employees, as well as to the Army. What a happiness for these poor fellows! It made business a little lively for three or four days, but it is dull again as usual. x x

Nothing is heard of Cabral, in a military point of view: But it is known that all his advisers have

deserted him, and are trading
in different & captives towns. That
revolution is over: But perhaps
a new party will soon be organized,
and I will tell you why I think
so. We all know well, that polit-
ical parties are essential to social
life: But besides that general rule
there is a peculiar reason here at
present why a new party may soon
make its appearance in the political
arena: It is that a Constitutional
Congress has been appointed (all the
the legislators (?) have been elected
by Baze ...) in order to revise the
Constitution, principally to amend the
article which forbids the re-election
of the President of the Republic: and as
the term is for six years, any one
who knows this people may be sure of
an outbreak soon after Baze is re-
elected.

Please write to me; and do not

forget these words quoted from
your letter: "I do not intend to
let this matter rest till justice is
done you."

I remain dear sir

Your sincere friend

A. Cruzado Guisado

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American and Spanish Commission
Washington August 27th 1874.

Hon Charles Hale.

Acting Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your communication
of date the 26th instant, together
with the memorial and other
papers therewith enclosed, relating
to the claim of John F. Cahill
against the Government of Spain.

I am, Sir, very respectfully.

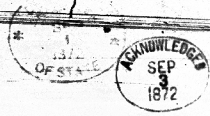
Your obedient servant.

George O. Moore.

Secretary

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letter to
Mr. Hunter
and in the
commission
on the
Chapin 2
New York August 30th 1872

Hon. Wm Hunter
Acting Secretary of State.



Sir:

I have the honor to inclose a list of the property belonging to me, which was seized by the Spanish authorities of Cuba, and which according to the orders given by the same authorities, at the request of your Department, is to be restored to me as soon as the Government of Madrid should approve of that restoration.

Judging by the time elapsed since the papers were sent to Madrid, I deem it probable that the approval by the Government of Madrid is about to be received at Havana, if not already received; and under all circumstances I have thought it desirable or convenient that the United States Government should be particularly informed of the property which is to be restored at his request. Thus the Government will be able to claim every thing that might be detained at the time of the restoration; or in other words to watch over the faithful execution of what it was promised.

In addition to this, I beg leave to request you to forward one of the two lists I inclose, to the U. S. Cons. General at Havana with proper instructions, directing him (if not inconsistent with law or public service,) to take posses-

ion in my name and in behalf of me, of the said property, subject to deliver it again to the person I shall then designate. — Deprived as I am still of all civil rights in Cuba, I cannot appoint now any person to be my attorney or agent at Havana, and I have to wait for the actual and final repeal of the decrees of embargo and its publication and proclamation. In the meantime, the U. S. Consul is my natural representative, as I am an American Citizen.

Of course, I am ready to pay him all the legal fees, as well as any expenses he may incur in taking possession of said property, the making of the inventories &c; and I will not delay either the constitution of an attorney who will receive the property from the hands of the Consul and relieve him from all cares and responsibility.

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

Martin Mueses.

Please direct to n.º 305 West 14th St. New York City.

For the State Department.

A list of the property belonging to
Martin Mueses. in the City of Havana
and its vicinity, which is to be restored
to him by the Spanish authorities of
the Island of Cuba.

Houses in the city of Havana.

N.º 1. Cárdenas st., corner of los Corrales st.
wood frame.

" 2. do do. stonebuilt.

" 3. do do. wood frame.

" 4. do do. stonebuilt.

" 5. do do. large tenement house
wood frame.

N.º 7. Corrales st. wood frame.

" 9. in the same st., corner of Cárdenas st.
stonebuilt.

A farm of three hundred acres of
land, named "La Artilleria," about

nine miles distance from the city
of Havana, in the District of San-
tiago de las Vegas, County of Calaba-
zar.

Martin Mueses.