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WARREN & GREGG,
Ship Brokers,
No. 134 South Delaware Avenue.

Philadelphia, Feb 5th 1868

Dear Mr. Deason,
Washington

The Brig, R. B. Hassel of Stockholm
named sailed from this port, on
March and arrived at Manzanillo
Cuba in April, bringing an error in
her Spanish Manifest, she was fined
by the Spanish Government something
over thirty hundred dollars in
gold.

After considerable discussion the
Spanish Govt remitted the fine and
notified the parties at Manzanillo
withstanding they have not as
yet authorized the Collector of Man-
zanillo to pay over the said amount.
Our Government instructs the
S. Consul at Havana to take the
proper measures to have the money
paid over that the owners of the vessel
may receive money which has been
withheld from them since April last
which is a serious matter to them.
In order please have the Consul notified
and of my yours truly,
Warren & Gregg

M. Clinton

War Department
Washington City

November 5th 1864

Sir:

In reply to your request of the 23^d. September last, made at the instance of the Consul of Hesse Darmstadt at New York, for a military certificate of E. Frankenstein, Company "H", 7^d. New York Volunteers, I have the honor to inform you that he is reported on the records of his company "Absent wounded in action at Fredericksburg, December 13th, 1862," and no further information can be obtained relative to his fate.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

A. M. Fish
Secretary of War

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

Honorable Sir, Mr: Jefferson

Since my last resp: of the 31st of the 18th, as per enclosed presscopy, I have not received any of your esteemed communications to reply to, and in addition to my previous statements concerning the insurrection in this Island, I have today to complain, that the same is assuming daily a more serious aspect and that the same shall now extend to Pt. Principe, Holguin and St. Jago de Cuba with Yajamao as headquarters. Some detachments of Insurgents have advanced lately within three miles from this town, have had several skirmishes with abt 500 men troops sent ag^t them and have retired after destroying the principal bridge leading over the Yara river and as is stated in reliable quarters threatening to attack this town & destroy it by fire, if not surrendered to them. Their force shall exceed 20000 fighting men and shall daily increase, a general rising in Pt. Principe and other towns being expected momentarily. - Captⁿ Westington of St. Jago de Cuba, 4 guns 2 1/2 & 2 1/2 rifled, 145 men, arrived here yesterday noon from Jamaica via St. Jago de Cuba with instructions of Commodore Phillimore to protect at these places British subjects and interests, states, that he learnt of reliable sources that the Capt^l General at Havana shall have instructed the Governor of St. Jago to send a deputation of influential citizens to enquire into the grievances of the Insurgents with the view if possible of allaying the insurrections, and altho' he possibly knew, that said deputation was to proceed yesterday to the camp of the Chief of the insurrection, the Governor at St. Jago denied the fact, & would he put the question to him.

Captⁿ Washington, when presented to the Gov^r,
over here this morning was requested by latter
to remain here some days at least, as a vessel
with arms and ammunition was expected ~~momently~~
by the insurgents from the Ist. States; which might
attempt to anchor in this port; whilst the two
Spanish Gunboats "Flectva" and "Leptimo" were
cruizing along the coast to intercept her. Captⁿ
Washington however considers the 2000 men garri-
-son here in town quite efficient to prevent this
and in virtue of dispatches, which he received this
noon by the Sr. "Cienfuegos", Bearer of this, from
St. Jago, will leave to-morrow at 3 a.m. for
Jamaica, stating that the Commodore might
determine to send another man of war to St. Jago,
as no British Subjects nor interest required ~~the~~
his remaining here any longer, except it be to watch
like Hayti the proceedings of the insurrection.
Colonel Campillo commanding the Spanish troops
here shall have declared yesterday his intention
of withdrawing, if forced by the insurgents, into
the entrenchments erected round the Hospital
on an eminent point near the town and from
there as well as from the ^{two} gunboats cannonade &
destroy the town. - When such extreme measures
are talked of, Your Honor may well imagine
how matters stand, suffice to state, that the
Captain commanding the primitive 50 men Insurgents
of this town has been since Monday with other
prominent citizens here, arrested as participants
in the insurrection. - even the police master.
Under such circumstances it would be the greatest
relief to see one or more U. S. men of war of light
draft of water (not exceeding 17 to 18 feet) make

their appearance, especially should the insurgents carry out their threats of aborning the slaves, which to my judgement, would only bring on a similar state of affairs as at Hayti and St Domingo and make the lives of every white man unsafe, as it must be feared, that the vengeance of such a perfect barbarous foe suddenly let loose without the least preparation, would neither respect friend or fiend.

I accompany press copy of the Insurgents manifest, which I have translated into English adhering as much as possible to the Spanish text, remaining with every respect,

Honorable Sir,

Your most obt. Serv^t

C. H. Pittman

Manzanillo/Cuba

the 7th Novbr 1868.

By Mr. Cienfuegos via Butabano's Havana

P. O. Box No. 7.

The Honorable Secretary of State
Wm. T. Seward Esq.
Washington.

COMANDANCIA GENERAL

DE LAS

FUERZAS EN OPERACIONES.

ESTADO MAYOR.

D. BLAS DE VILLATE Y LA HERA CONDE DE VALMASEDA, CABALLERO GRAN CRUZ DE LA REAL ORDEN AMERICANA DE ISABEL LA CATOLICA, CONDECORADO CON LA DE SAN FERNANDO Y OTRAS POR MERITOS DE GUERRA, MARISCAL DE CAMPO DE LOS EJERCITOS NACIONALES, SEGUNDO CABO DE LA ISLA DE CUBA, COMANDANTE GENERAL DE LAS TROPAS EN OPERACIONES DE LOS DEPARTAMENTOS ORIENTAL Y DE PUERTO-PRINCIPE.

Nombrado para estos cargos por el Excmo. Sr. Capitan General y aunque decidido á proceder con mano fuerte contra los individuos que faltando á sus sagrados deberes, han tomado las armas contra el Gobierno de su patria, convencido sin embargo de que muchos de ellos lo han verificado hostigados ó forzados por los cabecillas, y otros por un error ó ilusion de que pueden haberse arrepentido, en virtud de las facultades de que estoy revestido, ordeno y mando:

Artículo 1º Concedo indulto amplio á todos los reveldes que en el plazo de ocho dias contados desde que se publique en cada punto por la respectiva Autoridad militar, se presenten á mi Autoridad ó á los Comandantes Generales, Comandantes Militares ó de Armas siempre que lo verifiquen con las armas con que hayan combatido en la insurreccion. Estos individuos despues de concedido el indulto podrán retirarse á sus hogares.

Artículo 2º.—Pasado este plazo, los que se aprehendan con las armas en la mano, los que se alzasen públicamente para destruir la integridad Nacional, los que bajo cualquier pretesto se revelen contra las autoridades constituidas por el Gobierno Español, ó trastornen de algun modo el órden público, los que redacten, impriman ó circulen escritos ó noticias subversivas, los que interrumpen ó destruyan las comunicaciones telegráficas, los que detengan ó intercepten la correspondencia pública, los que destruyan las vías tereas ó pongan obstáculos en los demás caminos públicos para perseguir á los revoltosos, los conspiradores y auxiliadores en fin, de todos estos delitos, sus cómplices y encubridores, serán pasados por las armas.

Artículo 3º.—Los comprendidos en el artículo anterior cuando fueren aprehendidos serán juzgados por un consejo de guerra verbal.

Artículo 4º.—Estas disposiciones cesarán tan luego como terminen los motivos por los cuales se han dictado.

Manzanillo 10 de Noviembre de 1868.

El Conde de Valmaseda.

**EL GENERAL D. BLÁS DE VILLATE, CONDE DE VALMASEDA, A LOS FIE-
LES HABITANTES DEL DEPARTAMENTO ORIENTAL.**

LEALES CIUDADANOS: La ambicion de algunos que sin amor al trabajo y al estudio quieren llegar á los primeros puestos, reunidos á otros que por sus depredaciones os son á todos conocidos, han tenido bastante habilidad para sacar á los pacíficos habitantes de vuestra vegas y hacerles tomar armas contra el Gobierno de la Pátria.

La Autoridad de vuestro Capitan General, vela por los buenos y acrecienta los infinitos medios de que dispone para castigar á los culpables: tened confianza en él, sed fuertes en vuestros hogares y acordaos que los leales siempre triunfan cuando arde en sus pechos el amor al trabajo, el cariño á la familia y el deseo de engrandecer á su país.

Mi nombre conocido en la generalidad de los pueblos de esta Isla, es una garantia para los buenos y quiera Dios que los obcecados al oír mi voz vuelvan á sus hogares para vivir tranquilos y satisfechos, y que no conozcan nunca los sinsabores y desgracias que acarrean las guerras entre hermanos.

Leales habitantes, permaneced firmes en vuestro puesto de honor; tened confianza en vuestro Capitan General, y la completa seguridad de que ha de llenar sus deberes el General segundo Cabo de esta Isla, encargado de las operaciones militares

Manzanillo 9 de Noviembre de 1868.

El Conde de Valmaseda.

DE OFICIO.

Capitanía General de la Siempre fiel Isla de Cuba.—Estado Mayor.—Una partida de catorce hombres salida de esta capital en armas contra el Gobierno y el orden público de la Isla, ha sido hecha prisionera en la jurisdicción de San Cristóbal á las 24 horas de haberse sublevado, y sus individuos son juzgados por la Comisión militar.

Lo que de orden del Excmo. Sr. Capitan General se publica en la *Gaceta* para general conocimiento.

Habana 12 de Noviembre de 1868.—El Coronel Jefe de E. M. interino.—P. I.—El Coronel Teniente coronel 2º Jefe de E. M. interino.—*Fructuoso de Miguel.*

DE OFICIO.

Capitanía General de la siempre fiel Isla de Cuba.—Estado Mayor.—Sección 7ª

Por exigirlo las circunstancias anormales en que actualmente se encuentran algunas localidades del Departamento Oriental, he resuelto lo siguiente:

Los administradores de las estaciones en los caminos de hierro de esta isla, los conductores de sus trenes, los capitanes y patronos de las embarcaciones de cabotaje, así como cualquiera de los empleados de estas y aquellos que intervengan en el recibo y embarque de efectos para su transporte, serán considerados como reos, cómplices ó auxiliares, según los casos, de los delitos de que trata el artículo 2º del Bando de este Gobierno y Capitanía General de 20 del mes último, y sujetos por lo tanto al juicio y fallo de las Comisiones militares, siempre que en dichos trenes ó embarcaciones se conduzca armamento, municiones y demás efectos de guerra, sin la competente autorización de la autoridad militar del punto ó distrito en que hubiera tenido lugar el embarque.

Y para el debido cumplimiento publíquese esta determinación y circúlese á quien correspondiere.

Habana, 10 de Noviembre de 1868.

Lersundi.

DE OFICIO.

Gobierno Superior Civil de la siempre fiel Isla de Cuba.—Secretaría.—Circular.

—Aunque debo creer que el Gobierno Supremo hará modificaciones profundas en el sistema tributario, vigente en esta isla, entre tanto y como premio á la lealtad acrisolada se rebajará el cupo de un año de contribución territorial á todo campesino y sitiero que se una con armas de cualquier género á las columnas ó fuerzas destinadas á la persecución de los insurrectos en cualquiera jurisdicción que esto tenga lugar.

Y á fin de que llegue á conocimiento de los habitantes del territorio de su mando, lo hará Vd. saber por todos los medios dando en su caso bien justificado el certificado del servicio prestado y el derecho á la condenación.—Dios guarde á V. muchos años.

Habana 12 de Noviembre de 1868.—*Lersundi.*

Sres. Gobernadores y Tenientes Gobernadores de las jurisdicciones de esta Isla.

Correo de Trinidad en su
ue, según sus noticias par-
as por el vapor *Cienfuegos*,
nuevas operaciones; pero
mado las debidas precaucio-
pudiesen pasar á otras ju-
sublevados ni ganar más
es que las diferentes colum-
ender operaciones combina-
do del Excmo. Sr. General
—También dice el *Correo*
vapor *Villa Clara* debía em-
lanzanillo el Sr. D. Ramon
oga, distinguido patricio y
al de Trinidad.

Anuncia el *Correo* de Trinidad en su número del 10 que, según sus noticias particulares recibidas por el vapor *Oienfuegos*, no había habido nuevas operaciones; pero que se habían tomado las debidas precauciones para que no pudiesen pasar á otras jurisdicciones, los ~~est~~ ^{de}blevados ni ganar más terreno. Sabidoes que las diferentes columnas iban á emprender operaciones combinadas bajo el mando del Excmo. Sr. General Segundo cabo.—Tambien dice el *Correo* que á bordo del vapor *Villaclara* debia embarcarse para Manzanillo el Sr. D. Ramon Torrado y Quiroga, distinguido patricio y Alcalde municipal de Trinidad.

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1868

Bay City Michigan Nov 8 - 1868,

Fred. W. Seward Esq
Asst Sec^y of State
Washington

Dear Sir;

You will place me under great obligation, if after conferring with the Secretary of State, you will inform me, whether an application tendered by the Governor, and the Congressional delegation of Michigan, in behalf of a resident of this state, for nomination to the Senate as Consul General to Cuba, resident at Havana, would now be considered.

Very Respectfully
Yours to
James Birney.

Dr. Kellton

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Havana Nov 14th 1868 V

D^r Sir,

The week that has passed has not brought the Rebels in the Eastern department to grief. They are stronger every day. Govt has gained no advantage over them. They are regularly organized. They will not submit until the Independence of Cuba is brought about. Those in arms are Cubans fighting against Spaniards, and the Govt of Spain. The Spaniards in the island, less than a 10th part of the whites are for the Govt of Spain, the Cubans almost to a man desirous to be free from Spain. The Cuban mass desires no slavery. The Spaniard does wish slavery to go on. I speak of those here. My opinion is that this movement

will extend through the whole island.
A duty war will be maintained
and the island will be ruined
If the Spaniards were sane, they would
sell the island. The Cubans in ten
years could pay up the 200 millions.
But no they will wage a murderous
war as usual, and as usual lose
the ground, they wish to hold against
the will of its real owners, the Cubans
who are American and not European.

You should be officially
informed that no vessels either
coasters or foreign can enter
any port in the Eastern & Central
departments, where there is not a
Custom house. They could until
now, to load. You notice the
Central department is mentioned.
It is asserted that Puerto Principe
is in possession of the Fabrics

If so, then they are in possession
of half the island. The spirit here
is rebellious, for proof of which
I send you an official note
no 1 - which shows that 14 individuals
have been taken in arms in the Western
department. Troops are sent down
there... So we are almost bare here
of them, except volunteers, Spanish.
They have even now to send the
useless militia to the seat of war
No 2 is an offer from Terreside to
the country people, of an exemption
of taxes for one year, if they take
up arms to aid Govt.

No 3. This is a warning to racket
road conductors & Captns of roads,
to not to take arms as freight
without Govt authority. No 4 is a
paragraph from the Govt paper
"Diario de la Marina". To say that

that the rebellion is confined to
the original jurisdiction in which
it broke out, and say that different
columns are ready to make a start
against the rebels. I understand it is not

These different govt- pieces of
information & all show that Gooch
has its hands full and I predict
that the island will be free, by
Hook or by Crook before very long
The spirit of making an effort is
growing and people are becoming
bolder and more determined in pro-
portion to the helplessness that is
apparent in the govt- forces.

Your Truly
J. Ball.

Mr Seward

P.S. It is my opinion that when the
negroes are brought into action they will
side with the Cuban whites. The Spaniards
are their enemies

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Havana Nov 14th 2 1/2 P.M.

Sanchez de Cuba is threatened by the Rebels

Dear Sir
I have just seen a German
Gentleman who came from
Puerto Principe
and told me
the distance on account
of the non-interference by road
they, the Rebels have refused and
I have no doubt that by this time
you are as well acquainted as I
am about the state of things
in the war district

The steamer has just
arrived from the Eastern end
of the island bringing news
highly satisfactory to the Patriots
The papers in the Herald or Tribune
news brought by the steamer which
they will probably publish
The road road is torn up
between Guasimas & Puerto Principe
I have just seen a German
Gentleman who came from
Puerto Principe
and told me
the distance on account
of the non-interference by road
they, the Rebels have refused and
I have no doubt that by this time
you are as well acquainted as I
am about the state of things
in the war district

Yours & J. Bull

Answered

W. H. Seward

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Treasury Department.

November 7th 1868.

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant transmitting the Official Bond approved by you, of Alvin Hawkins Esq: appointed Consul General of the United States at Havana, Cuba, and to inform you that the said Bond has been referred to the First Comptroller of the Treasury to be placed on file in his office.

I am, Very Respectfully

L. A. Dallas

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury

To,

Hon. W. H. Seward

Secretary of State

Washington D.C.