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**MISCELLANEOUS LETTERS
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

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Acknowledged. We understand
they say satisfactory to this govt.
Hon^{ble} Hamilton Fish
New York Aug 1st 1870
Wm. B. Atto
Aug 24
Aug 1
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OF STATE
Secretary of State
Washington

We beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your note of 4th ultimo
notifying us of the selection by the
President of the U. S. and the Minister
of Spain of the undersigned to act as
Referees in the matter of damage
arising from the seizure & detention
of the Steamer "Clay & Sophia".
Your instructions contained in above mentioned
note will be carefully adhered to, and
we shall lose no time in proceeding to
take proofs of damage and determine
upon the same as the facts & evidence
may appear. As umpire we have
agreed upon Johannes Roering the
Consul of North German Union residing
in this City which selection we trust will
be acceptable to both parties in interest
P. J. C

Thanking the President and Ministers
Roberts for the honor conferred in
their selection of the undersigned
we share the honor to be Sir

Yours Obedt
J. W. Williams
J. W. Williams

Boston Aug. 4. 70.

Comer & Sprague.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.

Copy

North Atlantic Fleet.

N^o 92.

U. S. Flag Ship Decatur, (2nd Rate)

Key West Fla. July 22nd 1870.

Hon. Sec. W. A. Robinson

Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 9th enclosing a communication from the Hon^{ble} Secretary of State asking for additional data and fuller explanations in reference to the boarding of the American brig Mary La Bonnery beyond the 'Marine Jurisdiction' of Cuba by the Spanish cruisers, also directing that a transfer of all negotiations about the matter to the Consul General at Havana be made.

I am unable to furnish any other data than that obtained from the Master of the brig which was also furnished to Admiral Malcampo in my second communication to him dated Havana June 1st 1870. to wit. Boarded on the 15th ulto. in Longitude 79° 57' Francis Key bearing S S W distant 12 miles. Boarded on the 16th ulto in Long 79° 54' Bristol Key bearing S W. dist 8 miles. The bearings, Longitude and distance given if correct show the position and determine the point of Marine Jurisdiction approximately, but the testimony was verbal and given by the

Master alone, his "log book" was examined but merely con-
tained an entry of being boarded and detained by a Spanish
"Man of War", without giving name of vessel or the Officer com-
manding neither could the Master of the Mary to whom we
gave any information upon this last point.

The names of the Cruisers and their Officers could, no doubt
be obtained from Admiral Malcampo, who promised to investi-
gate the case. The time and position would of course enable
him to ascertain the names of the vessels cruising in the
locality at the date given.

I shall transmit the correspondence to the Consul Genl
at Havana by the earliest opportunity.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Yours Obt. Servt

(signed) W. H. Brown

Rear Admiral

Commander in Chief A. S. Fleet

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DEPT. OF STATE
AUG 10 1870
* * *

Auburn N.Y. August 8/70
Hon Hamilton Fish
Sec. State

Washington D.C.
Sir

Will you please give me
the name of our Consul
at Havana. Cuba and
his address. and greatly
Obliged an American

I am Sir
your Obedt Servt
B. F. Davis

Thos. Pinckle Gent.
U.S. Consul Genl.
Havana.

New York Aug. 10. 70.

Thos. J. M. G. M. G. M.

Cuban Commission
Jan. 1872.

New York. Aug. 12. 1871.

W. A. Montijo. (S. Sherman)

Cuban Commission

Jan. 1872.

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did as 15 aug

Mr. Pratt



New York August 13th 1870

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington
Sir.

We beg that you will forward
to us by return mail, a copy of
the Agreement with the Spanish
Minister to arbitrate the case
of the Steamer Col Lloyd Robinson
as we may have need of it at the
third meeting of Reference, Tuesday
next.

Sincerely your
Obedient Servants

J. M. Fayard

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Get
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A. Aug 26
From the ruling of the
Cotton. Write Senate they
acknowledging the paper
& say that these papers
by one placed on file cannot
be withdrawn, such is the
this understood is he demands
have been filed? St. Louis, Mo. Aug. 17. 1870.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed papers were
sent to me by a friend at Key West,
who desired that I should speak to
you about the case they refer to.

I am not advised whether Mr. Pedro
de Leon y Alfonso has already addressed
a formal petition for relief to your
Department, or whether he desires the
affidavit sworn to by him before the
Clerk of the U. S. Court of the Southern
District of Florida to be regarded as
such. Possibly the latter.

Neither am I instructed or authorized

to file the accompanying documents in
your Department, although that may
have been the intention of Mr. de Leon
and his friend. I communicate them
to you with the understanding that
Mr. de Leon be permitted to withdraw
them if he should see fit to do so.

I know nothing of the matter except
what I can gather from these papers;
from them it appears that Mr. de Leon
has a clear claim on the protection
of the U. S. and that the case is well
worthy of serious consideration.

Very truly yours

C. Schurz

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Sec. of State.

Personally appeared before me J. W. Locke
Clerk of the United States court, for the
Southern district of Florida, Pedro de Leon
y Alfonso, who being duly sworn declares
and says: that in the year eighteen hundred
fifty one he declared his intention to become
an american citizen and was naturalized a
citizen of the United States of America: that
he owns important property in the Island of
Cuba consisting in estates, thirty four houses in
the city of Havana, money &c &c; that when
the cuban insurrection broke out, he left the
Island of Cuba and resided since that time at
New Orleans, Pensacola and Key West; that he
has never been affiliated to any political club
or society organized against the government of
Spain; that the spanish government confiscated
two months ago all his property; that he address
himself without success to the spanish authorities
and presented to them a declaration made by the
american authorities in Key West stating that he
was american citizen and not connected with any
political society or club; that his property is now
in possession of the spanish government and that
he address himself to the Government of the United
States to enforce his rights.

Pedro de Leon y Alfonso

Sworn Subscribed before me this

24 July 1840

Jas W Locke

Clerk of U.S. Court S.D. Fla.

x We the undersigned citizens of Key West Fla. do hereby certify, that Pedro de Leon y Alfonso, came to this city from New Orleans, La. about ten months since, and has ever since resided herein, and that during that time, his conduct has been most exemplary and faithful to law and order, and in no way compromising his duties as a peaceful citizen, in lending aid or counsel or personal service, to political or other associations, in this city or elsewhere.

We the undersigned citizens as aforesaid, do further certify, that Pedro Leon Alfonso, whose properties have been confiscated by the Spanish Government, is not, nor has been a resident amongst us, and should

not under any circumstances, be taken
for, or decreed to be, Pedro de Leon y Al-
fonso, now and for the last ten months
a citizen of Key West.

This explanation is made by us
in order, that a similarity in names,
may not lead to a perversion of justi-
ce, and that Pedro de Leon y Alfonso,
may not be made a victim of law, &
through mistake of his personal identity.

Henry Mulhmann
Mayor City of Key West.

George D. Allen

Fernando J. Moreno

U. S. Marshal

J. B. Brown

Wm Curry

Charles Fift

D. W. Whitehurst M.D.

John Jay Philbrick

N^o 17

El infrascrito Consul de

España en Cayo Hueso Fla.

Certifica que las firmas que anteceden puestas al final de la presente declaracion es atestado es verdadera y la que usan en todos sus escritos M.^r Henry Mulbrann, Mayor City of Key West, George D. Allen W. L. Marshal, J. B. Brown John Curry, Charles Keft, D. W. Whithurst M. D. John Jay Phillips y a la cual debe darse entera fe y credito tanto en juicio como fuera de el.

En fe de lo cual y por constar me ser asi lo firmo y sello con el estanco sulado de mi cargo en Cayo Hueso a 19 de Mayo de 1870.

El Consul de España
Manuel Carrido

Seal

General of the United States
of America at Havana

I, the undersigned, Vice Consul General of the

United States of America at Havana, do hereby

certify that the foregoing declaration of Citizens
of the United States at Key West, duly authenticated
by the Spanish Consul at Key West, is a true
and faithful copy of the original filed in this
office. Given under my hand and the

Seal of this Consulate General the

30th day of July A.D. 1870 -

Henry O Hall
V. S. Vice Consul Genl.

Copy

State of New York

In the Court of Common
Pleas for the City and
County of New York

I, Pedro de Leon Alfonso,
do declare on oath, that it is
bona fide my Intention to
become a Citizen of the Uni-
ted States, and to renounce
forever all allegiance and
fidelity to any Foreign Prin-
ce, Potentate, State or Sovereignty
whatever, and particularly to
the Queen of Spain, of
whom I am a subject.

'sgd' Pedro de Leon Alfonso
Given this 15th day
of March 1851

'sgd' George W. Ribbet Clerk

Clerks Office Court of
Common Pleas For
the City and County of
New York

I certify that the
 foregoing

foregoing is a true copy of an original Declaration of Intention remaining of Record in my office.

In attestation whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the Seal of said Court this 9th day of January 1866.



Jgd
Nathl. Jarvis Jr.
Clerk

State of Louisiana, Fifth District Court for the Parish of Orleans

Certificate

I Philip Power Jr. deputy clerk of the Fifth District Court For the Parish of Orleans, do hereby certify, the above to be a true Copy of the Original declaration of Intention of Pedro de Leon Alfonso, and that the same is now of Record of this Court.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said

said Court, at the City of
New Orleans this Thirtieth
day of August in the year
of our Lord One Thousand
Eight hundred and sixty
nine, and in the Ninety
Fourth year of the Inde-
pendence of the United
States of America.

Philip Jones
by Wm H for
the Parish of Orleans

United States of America.

STATE OF



LOUISIANA.

These are to Certify, That *Chas Leammont*,
whose name is subscribed to the instrument of writing herein annexed, is and
was at the time of signing the same a Judge 5th Dist
in and for the Parish of Orleans in this State, and that his
attestation to the same is in due form of law and by the proper officers.

Witness my Hand, and the seal of the State of Louisiana,

at the City of NEW ORLEANS, this *thirtieth* day of
August A.D. 1869, and of the Independence
of the United States of America the *ninety fourth*

Wm E Love
Secretary of State.

Copy
(The original returned to Senator
Cady Schurz, Sept. 27, 1870)
Extract from the Minutes

United States of America
State of Louisiana
Fifth District Court for the Parish
of Orleans.

I Philip Power Jr.
Deputy Clerk of the Fifth District
Court for the Parish of Orleans, do
hereby certify, that at a Session
of said Court, holden in the City
of New Orleans, on Saturday the
First day of May in the year of
our Lord One Thousand Eight
Hundred and Sixty Nine among
others the following entry was made
on the minutes of said Court.

This day, personally came and
appeared in said Court Pedro de
Lima

Leon Alfonso, an Alien, a native
of the Island of Cuba, and made
application to be admitted a citizen
of the United States: and thereupon
he said Pedro de Leon Alfonso con-
sulted to the Court a certified
copy of a Declaration made by him
in the Court of Common Pleas for the
City and County of New York in or-
der to become a citizen of the
United States, on the Fifteenth day
of March in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight Hundred and
Fifty One. And it being proved to
the satisfaction of the Court, here
on the oaths of Gregorio Espinola
and James King citizens of the
United States, that the said
Pedro de Leon Alfonso has resided

within the limits and under the jurisdiction of the United States for upwards of Two years immediately preceding the date of this application and within the State of Louisiana, where this Court is now holden, for more than One year: And it being proved that he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same: and the said Pedro de Leon Alfonso having declared on Oath, before the Court, here, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and he doth forever renounce all allegiance and fidelity to every Foreign Prince.

Potestate

Potestate. State or Sovereignty
whatsoever, and particularly to the
Government of Spain the said
Pedro de Leon Alfonso was
thereupon admitted to become a
Citizen of the United States, and
these proceedings were ordered to be
recorded.

 In testimony whereof, I
have hereto set my hand
and affixed the Seal of the said
Court, at the City of New Orleans,
this Thirtieth day of August 1869
~~on the day, month and year first~~
~~above written~~, and in the thirty-
^{fourth} ~~third~~ year of the Independence of
the United States of America

Philip Power Jr.
Clerk

I Charles Leammont Sole Judge
of the Fifth District Court for the
Parish of Orleans. do hereby certify
that Philipe Power Jr. is the Deputy
Clerk of said Court. that the same
is a Court of Record, having ~~Common~~
Common Law Jurisdiction. and
that the signature Philipe Power Jr.
dy Clerk to the foregoing Certificate
is in the proper hand writing of him.
the said Philipe Power Jr. Clerk: So
his official acts. as such. full ~~and~~
faith and credit are due and ~~owing~~
owing: and I do further certify. that
this Attestation is in due form of
Law.

Given under my hand, and ~~and~~
Seal at the City of New Orleans
on this thirteenth day of August
in

in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and sixty-nine

Chs. Leamont
Judge.

Three words erased and
Seven words interlined
"Approved"

Office of the Congressional Printer,



Washington, August 18th 1870.

Hon. J. L. Davis,
Acting Secretary of State:

Sir:

Yours of yesterday's date, asking that your department be furnished, at the earliest practicable moment, with Senate Executive Document relating to affair in Cuba, has been received.

In reply I beg leave to say that the last of the copy has just been placed in the hands of the compositor, and will be closed as soon as possible, and that your department will be furnished with the same on Monday morning, 22^d inst.

Very respectfully,
A. M. Clapp
Congressional Printer
for Thompson
GCS

New York Aug. 19. 70.

Giles M. Silwell.

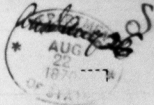
Cuban Commission

Jan. 72

Wm. J. Smith
Treasury Department,

August 20

1870.



Sir:

Copy letter of May 31, communicating a copy of a report from the Minister of the United States to Peru and also making inquiry as to the payment of income tax by J. L. Phillips, late Consul at Santiago De Cuba, was referred in its receipt to the Commissioners of Internal Revenue

The Commissioner's reply, a copy of which with the enclosure is herewith transmitted shows that he has thus far been unable to ascertain the facts in regard to Mr. Phillips' income.

If it is in your power to inform me of the place of Mr. Phillips' usual residence the desired information may thus be much more readily obtained

Very Respectfully
Wm. J. Richardson
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State

Copied
Treasury Department.
Off. of Int. Rec. Washington Aug 12 1879

Sir
The letter of the Hon Secretary of State of 31st May
last, addressed to you and by you referred to this Office, on 3rd June was
received. That portion of the Secretary's letter which
was referred to, by your endorsement, reads:

In this connection I beg to inform you that Mr. A. E.
Phillips, late Acting Consul at Santiago de Cuba, reports himself to this
Department as possessed for several years past of a professional income
of from \$7,000⁰⁰ to \$10,000⁰⁰ a year, and of an income from invested
property of \$10,000⁰⁰ a year. Mr Phillips is now in Washington.

For several years past he has resided in Cuba.
As he is claiming the protection of the United States for alleged
wrongs, I would like to know whether you have any knowledge
that he has paid a tax on his income &c

The Assessor of this District was called upon by letter
of 7th June to report the facts within his knowledge. No report
having been received, after a considerable and sufficient time had

Edward, he was again called upon for such report by letter of 6th
inst, and I herewith enclose a copy of his reply dated on the
10th inst.

Respectfully.
(signed) J. M. Douglass
Actg. Commissioner

Wm. J. Portwell
Secretary of the Treasury

(True Copy),

United States Internal Revenue,
Assessors Office, District of Columbia,
Washington, August 10th 1870.

Hon. J. W. Douglass.

Acting Commissioner Internal Revenue,
Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., "H. A. B." stating "that the office waits a reply to our letter of 7 June last, in relation to the income of Mr. A. E. Phillips, late Acting Consul at Santiago de Cuba" I have the honor to report, that Mr. Phillips was at the "Arlington" in this City, and that before his whereabouts had been ascertained he went North, leaving word that he would be back in two weeks.

Mr. Phillips has not since returned to Washington, and it has been impossible for me to make

The desired investigation,

I am, Sir

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Benjamin H. Meeds,

Assessor for D. C.

Known to Mr. Calverton August 12 1865

To Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, of the United States of America. Washington City:

The undersigned, a naturalized citizen of the United States respectfully represents to you that he is a native of the Island of Cuba and was a subject of the late Queen Isabella of Spain. That he is the owner of real and personal property in said Island, that has been obtained by purchase, inheritance and his own industry. That he was a quiet and loyal subject of the Queen, and was so esteemed by his fellow subjects and the Governors of the Colony:

That in the year 1864, he determined to remove from said Island and establish his future home in the City of New York: To that effect he devoted his attention from thence forth; settled up his business affairs on the Island, and purchased a dwelling house for his family, in the City of New York: In the following year he removed with his family, to the home he had purchased, and in which he has continued to reside until this time. Since his removal from the Island of Cuba in 1865, he has ^{not} returned there, or gone beyond the United States:

On the 5th February, 1866, he applied to the Court of Common Pleas, of, and for the City of New York and made a declaration as follows:

"I Ramon Martinez Hernandez do declare on oath, that it is my bonafide intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever, all allegiance and fidelity to ~~any~~ foreign Prince, potentate, State or Sovereignty, whatsoever and particularly to the Queen of Spain of whom I am a subject:

This declaration of intention of intention to become a citizen of the United States, was duly placed on file in the Clerk's Office of the Court of Common Pleas in the City of New York on the day last aforesaid

as will more fully appear, reference being had to a certified copy of the same that is hereto annexed Marked (A). And on the 6th day of February 1866: he caused to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York in Albany a further declaration in the words following:

"Ramon Martinez Hernandez of the City of New York being duly sworn doth depose and say: that he is a resident of, and intends always to reside in the United States, and to become a citizen thereof, as soon as he can be Naturalized, and that he has taken such incipient measures as the Law of the United States require to enable him to obtain Naturalization,"

Reference is here^{to} to the Annexed certificate Marked (B)

In accordance with these declarations, and in conformity with the several laws made, on the subject of Naturalization, in the United States, the undersigned applied for and obtained, on the 18th day of May 1869: a certificate of Naturalization, which declares "That it was Ordered by the Said Court of Common Pleas, that the Said applicant be admitted, and he was accordingly admitted to be a Citizen of the United States of America".

The certificate of Naturalization is hereto Annexed Marked (C).

The undersigned is advised and believes, that these papers and proceedings are sufficient, under the Constitution and laws of the United States, to authorize him to claim for himself and his property the protecting care of the Federal Government, Since the removal of the undersigned from the Island of Cuba, an insurrection against the laws and Authority of Spain has taken place in said Island and still continues, The Island has been and still continues to be subject to Martial law, and the Authorities have frequently seized upon the property of the Subjects of Spain

charged with participating and promoting the insurrection;
During the time that the undersigned has remained in the
United States, all his property on the Island of Cuba has been
under the charge of his Agents, who have not been charged with any
violation of the laws of Spain, and the undersigned has never
been informed that the Authorities in Cuba pretended to have
any rightfull claim upon his person or property,

Notwithstanding the absolute rights of the Undersigned as a Citizen
of the United States, the following declaration of the intentions of the
Authorities of Cuba will show for what Object the undersigned
presents this protest and claims the protection of his government,

"Official Section".

"Office of the General Commandant of the District of Matanzas."

The Supreme Authority having decreed the embargo of the property be-
longing to McKanson Martinez Hernandez - as included in the Circular
of the 20th of April of last year, I make known the same by this means,
to Order that such persons, as possess money, effects, values, or property
of any kind belonging to the above named individual, shall give
immediately an account of the same to this Government, - they
being held responsible for all concealments, or attempts to evade the Ordinance
of this decree. It being positively forbidden to purchase, sell, pay, transfer,
abandon, or to entertain or carry out any obligation affecting, or which can
refer to the Ownership of the property, which is placed by Order under embargo,

With the understanding that such as shall disregard or ~~infringe~~ the
terms of the decree, shall be included in, and subject to, the penalties
to which one liable to those guilty of treason is decreed by his Excellency
the Superior political Governor, dated 13th February of same year;
And shall be sentenced to a Court Martial

Beurreil,

Matanzas August 1st 1870:

The above Order or decree takes, absolutely, from the undersigned
all the property owned and possessed by him in the Island of Cuba,
Upon this statement the Undersigned Appeals to his Government
to make such representations to the Government of Spain and the
Authorities ruling in the Island of Cuba, as will induce them
to restore his property, so designed, taken and appropriated by them,
And Also to tender and pay to him a just compensation for the
damage he has and will sustain in his property and business,
Respectfully Submitted to the Secretary of State of the
United States, by - Ramon Martinez Hernandez
New York Aug 22 1870.

State of New York

City of New York

I, R. E. Elder is a sworn Party
duly Commissioned Notary residing in the City
of New York do hereby certify that on this twenty
fourth day of August in the year one thousand
eight hundred seventy, before me came
Ramon Martinez Hernandez to me well
known to be the individual who signed the
above memorial and he being duly sworn
on his oath did declare that the statement
herein before set forth is true and that all the
facts therein stated are correct except as to
those matters which are therein stated in his
information and belief and as to those matters
he believes them to be true.

Sworn and subscribed before me

R. E. Elder
Notary Public

Ramon Martinez Hernandez



State of New York.

(4)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK

I, Ramon Marting Hernandez
do declare on oath, that it is *bona fide* my INTENTION to become a CITIZEN of the UNITED STATES, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Queen of Spain of whom I am a subject.

Sworn this

5th Feb

1856

Ramon Marting Hernandez

John L. Jarvis, Jr.

Clerk

Clerk's Office Court of Common Pleas,

for the City and County of New York.

I CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true copy of an original Declaration of Intention remaining of record in my office.

IN ATTESTATION WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed the Seal of said

Court, this

5

day of

February

1856

John L. Jarvis, Jr. Clerk



Notarial Seal.

Garth Spring B.

Notary Public

State of New York

Secretary's Office

I have compared the foregoing with an original Declaration filed this day and also recorded in this Office and do certify that the same is a correct transcription thereof and of Record of said Original Dated at Albany the 6 day of February 1856

Crathorn Clark

Asst. Secy. State



In the matter of the
Naturalization
— of —
Ramon Martinez y Hernandez

Copy Affidavit
of Declaration of Intention

..

Spring & Wetmore
Attorneys &c
24 Pine Street N.Y.



(6)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of New York, City and County of New York.

Be it Remembered, that on the

Eighteenth

day of

May

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-

nine

Ramon Martinez Hernandez

appeared in the COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, (the said Court being a **Court of Record**, having common law jurisdiction, and a Clerk and Seal,) and applied to the said Court to be admitted, to become a CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, pursuant to the directions of the Act of Congress of the United States of America, entitled "An Act to establish an uniform rule of Naturalization, and to repeal the Acts heretofore passed on that subject," passed April 14, 1802; and the Act entitled "An Act for the regulation of Seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," passed March 3d, 1813; and the Act "relative to evidence in cases of Naturalization," passed March 22d, 1816; and the Act entitled "An Act in further addition to an Act to establish an uniform rule of Naturalization, and to repeal the Acts heretofore passed on that subject," passed May 26th, 1824; and an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Acts concerning Naturalization," passed May 24th, 1828; and an Act to amend the Act entitled "An Act for the regulation of Seamen on board the public and private vessels of the United States," passed June 26th, 1848, and "An Act to secure the rights of Citizenship to the children of Citizens of the United States, born out of the limits thereof," passed 10th February, 1854. And the said applicant having thereupon produced to the Court such evidence, made such declaration and renunciation, and taken such oaths as are by the said Acts required: **Thereupon it was ordered by the said 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 hereto affixed,
this *18th* day of *May* 186*9*, in the
ninety third year of the Independence of the United States.

By the Court,

Wm. Harris
Clerk.

Sanctification

Official Section
Office of the General Command
of the District
of Matanzas.

(10)

The Supreme Authorities having decreed the embargo of
the property belonging to the Company Maribini, Gen-
erally, as included in the Circular of the 20. of April
of last year, I must know the same by this means, in
order that such persons as possess money, effects, values
or property of any kind belonging to the above named
individuals, shall give immediately an account
of the same to the Government, they being held in
foreclosure for the Government, or at least to comply
by order of this decree; it being positively to pur-
chase, sell, pay, transfer, assign or to entertain,
or carry out any operation affecting or which can result
to the ownership of the property, which are placed
by order under embargo, with the understanding
that fines as shall be imposed or arising from the breach
of the decree shall be included in said & subject to
the penalties & fines and liable for the guilt of breach
as shown by his Excellency in Ordering Political
Governor, dated 1. Feb. 1890 of the same year
and said decrees to a Court Marshal. - Matanzas
August 1. 1890. - Burnell.

Hon. Hamilton Fish

New York City, N.Y. E. 85. August 22nd 1876

Secretary of State of the United States, of America, Washington,

My dear Sir, I am well and intimately acquainted with Mr. Ramon Martinez Hernandez who is presenting his petition to you. He has been a friend and neighbor of mine for several years. - I have no doubt that my word stated by him has been well considered by him and is correct and sincere. Mr. H. is not only a man of integrity and honor, but he is a sincere lover of our Country and a citizen that, through our tax collectors, pays annually a large amount to the support of our Govt. - Long before he removed from Cuba he procured for his family instructors in the English language, so that they could more easily appreciate the importance and value of a residence here.

When he removed his family to this City, in 1865, as he has often informed me, he bid a final adieu to the Island of Cuba, and he has continuously since ^{been} transferring his property from that Island to this City. - He has not visited Cuba since 1865.

The seizure of his property by the Authorities must have originated in a mistake, for, there is not a more mild, gentle and kind headed man living, nor one whose act would ^{his} excite hatred and ill will, -

It is very important to Mr. Hernandez to have a speedy decision. - And to me it will be a personal favor, if you give this case early attention. - And I presume you will excuse so strong an appeal from me, because of our old and life long friendship -

Respectfully Yours Ob^d Serv.

Lias M. Stilwell

Ramon Martenes Hernandez
Memorial
to.

The Secretary of State of
The United States
of
America—

August 22nd
1870

Q. M. Say that the Naturalization
paper can be withdrawn, leaving
a copy.

Mr. J. Smith



{ A. Aug. 27th Louis, Mo. Aug. 23rd
Dear Sir,

I have just received your
letter of the 20th inst. by which I am
informed that the papers of Pedro de Leon
y Alfonso, if they are once placed upon
the records of the Department, cannot
then be withdrawn. With this understanding
I deem it best in the interest of Mr. de
Leon to have the papers put on file, with
the exception of the Naturalization paper
which it may be important to Mr. de Leon
to have in his possession. But I would suggest
that, while the original is held at the
disposal of Mr. de Leon, a copy be made
and placed on file as evidence of the
existence of the original. Cannot such

Wm. T. B. Davis

a copy be made and duly certified to
at the Department?

Truly yours

C. Schuyler

New York. Aug. 24. 70.

Thos. S. McGraw.

Cuban Consumption

Aug. 72.

New York. Aug. 24. 70.

H. A. Houliji. (S. Sherman)

Cuban Consumption

Jan. 72

Copy.

Department of the Interior,
Office of Indian Affairs.

Washington, D.C. Aug 24th 1870

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt by reference from your Office, of a communication from the Department of State, transmitting a copy of a dispatch from Henry A. Pierce, U.S. Minister, Resident at Honolulu, in reference to the application of Barbary Long Knife, a Cherokee woman, for assistance to enable herself and children to return to the Cherokee tribe of Indians in the United States. The Minister suggests that possibly the Indian Bureau may be able to assist Mrs Long Knife or grant her petition to return to the United States.

In reply to your request for a report upon the case, I would say that the applicant has full liberty to return to the United States and needs no permit from the Government. In

reference to her application for aid, it may be remarked that as her departure from her people was voluntary, she had no just right to expect the aid of the Government, to enable her to return. Further, this Department has no means at its disposal applicable to such an object, and there would seem to be no circumstances in the case which would demand from this office the expenditure of funds required for legitimate use in the Indian Service.

The papers are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servant,
Wm. J. Cady

Hon. J. D. Cox

Secretary of the Interior,

Acting Commissioner



Louisville Ky
Aug 25/70

Sir:

As myself and some friends have in contemplation the introduction of Chinese Labor into this State, and not wishing to infringe any of the treaties, laws, rules and regulations governing their introduction, I respectfully ask at your hands full copies of rules regulations laws &c relating to this subject, if any such you have printed.

This State sorely needs labor, and societies are forming for its introduction - some looking to Europe and others China. Can Chinese be readily

hired or employed in
San Francisco to come here,
and thus obviate the necessity
for sending to China for
such? Have you any information
upon the subject? Can a
sufficient supply to meet
the necessities of Kentucky,
be had in California?

To whom can you
refer me in California
for definite information?

Anticipating your reply
I have the honor to remain
Very truly

Yours Ob't Servt
J. H. Woodman

To the Commission of Immigration
Washington
D. C.