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**THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**Washington: 1964**

Washington, Nov. 170.

Casa Nova Bros. (R. Murphy)

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.

New Brunswick, N.J. Nov. 3. 70.

J. V. Brito.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.

New York. Nov. 27.

Joseph Hernandez.

Cuban Commission

July 72.

M. D. Smith

Treasury Department,

Fifth Auditor's Office,

Washington, Nov. 3<sup>d</sup>, 1870.

Mr. *A. M. Young* United States  
Consul at *Santiago de Cuba* having  
transmitted to this Office, for adjustment, his Account for time occupied  
while receiving instructions

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

He charges from *September 24*, 1870, to *October 23<sup>d</sup>*

1870 *Thirty* days.

I am, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

*Henry D. Barron,*

Auditor.

To Hon. **HAMILTON FISH,**  
Secretary of State.

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New York. Nov. 3 70.

Josef Hernandez.

Cuba Municipion

Jan. 72.

Treasury Department

INTERNAL AUDITORS OFFICE

Washington Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1870.

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Am. Exp. Co. to Bate. Chicago  
Am. Exp. Co. to Bate. Chicago

Sir:

In reply to the enquiry in your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. relative to the claim of the widow of the late Charles J. Helm as U. S. Consul General at Hawaii. I have the honor to state, that in stead of the Government owing her the sum of \$2,500<sup>00</sup> his estate is indebted to the Government in the following amounts.

Balance due from him on Salary a/c	\$1297.87
Office Rent Blount Ave	88.00
Seamens a/c	84.56
	<u>\$1,470.43</u>

I may state further that he has been allowed salary at his post to March 31, 1861, and subsequently fifteen days for transit home, and still the first balance remains to his debit.

I Am,

Yours very respectfully  
W. D. Barron  
Auditor

Wm Hamilton Fish  
Secretary of State.

New York. Nov. 8. 70

Paulina Weston.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.



New Brunswick. N. J.

November 10. 70.

Josef Hernandez.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.



Mr. J. Smith

# Treasury Department,

Fifth Auditor's Office,

Washington, November 11, 1870.

Sir:

Mr. Fred. W. Rausden United States  
Acting Consul at Santiago de Cuba having  
transmitted to this Office, for adjustment, his Account for time occupied  
at his post of duty

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

He charges from September 14, 1870, to September 30<sup>th</sup>  
1870, *seventeen* days.

I am, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

Henry D. Barron,

Auditor.

To Hon. **HAMILTON FISH**,  
Secretary of State.



*Mr. J. Smith*

**Treasury Department,**

*Fifth Auditor's Office,*

*Washington, November 11, 1870.*

*Sir:*

*Mr. John M. Parsons, late United States*  
*Counsel at Santiago de Cuba* *having*

*transmitted to this Office, for adjustment, his Account for time occupied*  
*at his first of duty*

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

*He charges from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1870, to September 15<sup>th</sup>*  
*1870, seventy five days.*

*I am, very respectfully,*  
*Your obedient servant,*

*Henry D. Barron,*  
*Auditor.*

To Hon. **HAMILTON FISH,**  
*Secretary of State.*

*Note: - Parsons' acc rendered by*  
*J. M. Rameaux, Acting Consul.*

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The Secretary of State  
Mr. Fish  
Nov 12 1870



# Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1870

Mr. Pratt

Sir:-

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for such action as you deem proper, a letter from Mr. William Perkins, of Addison Point, Me., dated the 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. giving notice to this Government that he has a claim against the Government of Spain for certain losses sustained by him through the seizure and sinking of the Sloop "Champion" of Woin Ct, in the Harbor of St. Jago, Cuba, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1870, by the Spanish authorities.

Very respectfully,  
J. H. Fairbank  
Acting Secretary

Mr. Hamilton Fish  
Secretary of State

Addison Point Maine, Nov 7 1870

To the Secretary of the Treasury  
Washington D.C.

Sir. I have the honor to inform you that I was a seaman on board the Sloop Champion of Stair Lt. that was seized in the harbor of St Jago, Cuba, on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of Feb 1870, by the Spanish Authorities, and sunk by them on the 24 of Feb. By the seizure and destruction of said vessel I lost \$200 worth of clothing, a sextant worth \$60, books & charts worth \$50, and my wages from Nov 22, 1869 to Feb 22/70 - & 50 days detention at St Jago. I also advanced \$50 in gold to the Captain for his use in the exigency.

And I take this method of giving notice to the U.S. Government that I have such a claim against the Spanish Government, and if compensation is received by the U.S. Government from the Spanish Government, I do not wish my proportion paid to any person other than myself.

or my duly authorized Attorney.

Very Respectfully  
William Perkins

P.S. Address me at Addison Paris  
Marine, care of James Plunkett

Legman  
P. 005



New York. Nov. 11. 70.

Jose Govea.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 1872.

New Brunswick, N. J.

November 14, 70.

Josef Hernandez.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 1872.



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Department of Justice

Washington, Nov. 15, 1870

Hon. Hammett Fish,

Secretary of State.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, in relation to the steamer "Quaker City".

A communication from me to the District Attorney at New York, of which a copy is enclosed herewith, will show you what has been the action of this Department in the matter.

Very respectfully  
your obedt. servt.

A. T. Sherman  
Attorney General

(Copy)

Department of Justice  
Washington, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1870

Hon. Noah Davis,  
U. S. Attorney,  
New York.

Sir:

In the summer of 1869, proceedings were instituted in New York against the steamer "Graker City," for a violation of the neutrality laws, and a bond was taken from the owners, pursuant to the Neutrality Act of the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 1818.

The present owners of the vessel desire that the proceedings be discontinued, and that the bond then given be cancelled. In accordance with the recommendation of the Department of State, you can discontinue the pro-

ceedings, and cancel the bond, on condition, of  
course, that any costs which may be due in  
the matter shall be paid by the obligors.

Very Respectfully,

(signed) A. G. Korman

Attorney General.

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Washington: 1964

New York. Nov. 16. 70.

Joe Gorn.

Central Commission

Jan. 72.

Jose Gornio Cay Dept of State  
New York N. 14 Nov 1879

Re your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> of Novemb<sup>r</sup>  
is received in which you inform me  
that your estates in Cuba, producing  
an <sup>annual</sup> income of from 70 to 80,000 doll<sup>s</sup>  
for years have been seized by the  
Spanish authorities.

In reply I have to learn that  
~~and to ask you~~ <sup>and to ask you</sup> ~~submit a copy of the report~~  
upon similar claims made to them  
sent to Congress in July last, and  
invite your attention to the case of  
Jose Gornio y Pinta in page 191, by which  
it will appear that the debt has  
your case already under consideration.  
Before however taking further steps in  
your ~~case~~ <sup>case</sup> it may be to inquire whether  
internal revenue district of the  
United States you reside, and  
whether you have paid or  
income tax to the United States.

Upon the income represented  
as ~~being~~ accruing to you  
from your estate in Cuba?  
An early answer to these questions  
is desired.

~~Should it appear that you  
have paid such tax made~~

Yours  
Sincerely  
H. J.

New York Nov 10. 70

Martin A. Weiss.

Centerville

Ill.



New York. Apr. 16. 76

Fausts Horn.

Census Commission

July 2

The Spanish Minister has been officially informed of the  
award, & has requested to inform the Dep<sup>t</sup> when payment  
will be made. Information will be given as soon as an  
answer is rec<sup>d</sup>. by the Dep<sup>t</sup> Nov 21

Wm. P. Hall

Nov 20 21/1870



New York Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1870

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

We will be pleased to know  
how soon the award in the "Aspinwall  
case" will be paid by Spain. Mr  
Ceballos at one of the meetings  
of the Referees, said that arrangements  
had been made for Messrs Westcott & Gray  
of this city to pay the amount wherever  
determined by the Commission.

We hope you will have the matter  
promptly attended to. Mr Roberts,  
we hear from Mr Ceballos, is very

will be pleased with the decision.

We are

With great respect  
yours truly

L. A. Shepard

N.W.  
New York  
Dec 3

Smith

Ans Dec 1870  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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Treasury Department,

Fifth Auditor's Office,

November 21, 1870.

Sir:

Washington,

Mr. J. R. Garry United States  
Vice Consul at Malaga, Spain having  
transmitted to this Office, for adjustment, his Account for time occupied  
at his post of duty

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

He charges from Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1870, to September 30,  
1870, Sixty one days.

I am, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

Henry D. Barron,

Auditor.

To Hon. HAMILTON FISH,  
Secretary of State.

Received  
for Mr. Garry's  
account  
(see transcript of  
of Dec 1970)

Left Malaga July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Arrived in Wash Aug 9<sup>th</sup>

Roberts-22 Mr  
m. Pratt:  
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Treasury Department,

November 21, 1870

Sir:



I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, addressed to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of a package, containing articles of clothing, as per Invoice herewith returned.

Imported for the use of Señor M. L. Roberts, the Spanish minister, via St. Albans, Vt., at the port of New York, from Montreal, Canada.

The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

J. V. Rarney

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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

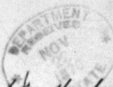
*on Mark.*

Treasury Department,

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November 21, 1870.

To:



I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> instant, addressed to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of a box as per Bill of Lading herewith returned,

Imported for the use of Sr. Don M. L. Roberts, the Spanish Minister, in the "City of Washington" at the port of New York, from Liverpool. The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

*O. J. Bailey*

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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

Wm. J. Smith

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Consul Genl  
Havana  
Nov 22 1870  
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Department of Justice  
Washington Dec 22 1870

Hon Hamilton Fish,

Secretary of State

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowl-  
edge the receipt of your letter of the 15th  
instant relating to Margaret Robinson,  
a colored girl, who is supposed to have been  
kidnapped from St. Louis, Mo., and taken  
to the Island of Cuba.

The report of Mr. Hall, Vice Consul  
General at Havana, does not state in dis-  
tinct terms that the girl was held as a  
slave by Mrs. Sackett, or by Madame  
Bolio, to whom she was transferred by  
Mrs. Sackett; but I infer from the report  
that such was the fact.

I shall, therefore, call the attention  
of the District Attorney for the Eastern  
District of Missouri to the matter, and  
direct him to institute <sup>criminal</sup> proceedings  
against the guilty parties, if he can  
discover sufficient evidence.

Very respectfully,

your obed<sup>t</sup>. serv<sup>t</sup>.

A. T. Sherman  
Attorney General.



November 22. 70.

Ramon Fernando Crado y Gomez.

Cuba Commission

Jan. 72.

Treasury Department,

November 25, 1870



Sir,  
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing for my information, copies of a correspondence with José Govin.

The enclosures have been referred to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and his attention called to the facts.

Very respectfully,

Geo. S. Wetmore  
Secretary.

Hon. Hamilton Fish  
Secretary of State.



Treasury Department,

November 26. 1870.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22<sup>d</sup> inst., enclosing a copy of a memorial from Mr. Faastl Mora, with a view of ascertaining whether any succession tax is due by him, has been received, and referred to the Commissioners of Internal Revenue.

Very Respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servant,  
Geo. W. Wetzel,  
Secretary of the Treasury.

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

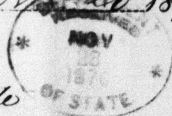
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Mr. J. Davis  
**MILLER'S HOTEL.**

Corner Paca and German Streets,

S. E. ANDERSON, - - - - - Proprietor.

Baltimore, <sup>be</sup> Nov 26 1870

To the Honorable  
Secretary of State



Sir, I have the honor  
to ask if there are any "forms" in  
table for application for protection  
for citizens of the U.S. against  
Spain, if so please send me one  
as I desire to enter a claim for  
property confiscated by that govern-  
ment.

Very respectfully yours ob. Servt.

J. E. Duggins

Miller Hotel.

Fact. Md.

New York. Nov. 28. 70.

Marlin Mueses.

Cubaconsuption

Jan. 72.

New York. Nov. 29. 70.

Antonio Massimo Mora.

Subcommissioner

Jan. 72

Acknowledge receipt -  
say that department desires  
~~information~~<sup>proof</sup> on the following  
points on which no proof  
is contained in his affidavit.

1<sup>st</sup> - When & where he became  
a citizen of the U.S.

2<sup>d</sup> - ~~When~~ where the  
property of which he was  
disposed is situated.

3<sup>d</sup> - When it came into  
his possession & how long  
he enjoyed the peaceable  
use of it.

4<sup>th</sup> - What was its annual  
value //

Done  
Mar. 8. 1870.

*M. J. Smith*

Antonio Maximino Mora  
Department of State

Washington, Dec 3 1870

First Consular Bureau

*Read the other Memorials*

The first memorial of Antonio  
M. Mora, dated July 16<sup>th</sup> 1870 was  
referred to me with this endorse-  
ment "file and add the name  
to the omnibus list" I caused an  
abstract of the memorial to be  
made which is attached. No  
further action has been taken  
in the case in my bureau.



No 172 from Genl Pickles at  
Madrid, and do not find  
the name of Antonio M. Mora  
mentioned in it.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jasper Smith

c. 110 York. chor. 30. 70.

George H. Wingate

Cuba Commission

July 1872.

Write Mr. Bridger to prevent Mr. Wingate  
Come to the Capital Ground Wm. D. Smith

### Claim of George W. Wingate

Mr. Wingate purchased in the  
City of New York for \$20,000 a mortgage  
on lands in Cuba securing the pay-  
ment in two years of \$27,280 with  
interest at 12 per cent per annum -  
- a discount indicating the  
probable hazard of the purchase.

After the purchase, the effects and  
credits of the mortgagee were  
put under embargo by the Cuban  
authorities, and Mr. Wingate efforts  
to collect the installment, which has  
become, have been defeated by such  
embargos.

I think this case fits to  
present in the general budget of  
Cuban grievances, that we may  
obtain the Spanish acquiescence to it.

I think they may reply with  
some plausibility, if not justice  
1. That a mortgage is not in  
its nature negotiable like bills,  
promissory notes &c. It is a pledge  
indeed by the assignee always  
taken subject to any equities ex-  
isting between the original parties  
to the instrument.

2. That all persons dealing with  
Real Estate in a foreign jurisdiction  
whether by way of absolute purchase  
or by way of incumbrance  
- which is in effect a contingent  
purchase for tax - are bound  
to know that their dealings are  
subject to the law of the country  
where the property lies. This will  
not be doubted in respect to the  
law existing at the time of the trans-  
fer - Whether the foreign purchaser  
subjects himself (as to the property  
purchased) to the prospective legis-  
lation of the country where the land  
lies is a different question, but

3. It would not be unreasonable  
for a government to provide  
that the confiscation of the prop-  
erty of a traitor should relate  
back to the time of the treason  
committed, instead of operating  
only from the date of his conviction,  
or even of his public accusa-  
tion - In relation to real estate  
or any interest in real estate would  
have less of hardship than in  
reference to move personal property.

The rule of Spanish Colonial

law, may, or may not, provide  
for such retrospective operation  
of a conviction, and it may  
or may not be applicable to this  
case.