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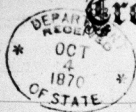
**THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

Washington: 1964

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W. J. Fish

Treasury Department,



October 14. 1870.

To:

Again referring to your letter of May 31st 1870, in which you inquire whether I have any knowledge that Mr. A. D. Phillips, late Acting Consul at Santiago de Cuba, has paid a tax on his income, I herewith enclose a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue on the subject.

Respectfully Yours
Geo. B. Mitchell,
Secretary of the Treasury

Mr. Hamilton Fish }
Secretary of State }

Treasury Department,

September 29th 1870.

Sir

Enclosed I return to you the letter of the Secretary of State, respecting the income tax of A. S. Phillips late acting Consul at Santiago de Cuba, addressed to you May 31st and by you on the same day referred to this Office.

Assessor Meeds of this City was immediately called upon for an examination and report.

He was again written to upon the same subject Aug. 6th and reported that Mr Phillips is residing in the City of New York. Inquiry was then (Sept 2nd) made of Assessor Mead

of New York, who replies under date
of 27th instant as follows.

In reply to your
letter of September 2^o 1870 in relation
to A. C. Phillips late Acting Consul
at Santiago de Cuba, I have to state
that I have since had an interview
with Mr. Phillips and he informed
me that he had never made return
of or paid income tax to the U. S.
Government.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Douglass
Acting Commissioner
Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell
Secy of Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Aug 5 Oct 4 1870



New York Oct 3 1870

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Secy of State
Washington D.C.

Sir

Will you have the
goodness to inform me of
the extent due on the Spanish
Indemnity bond, & payable on
August last has been remitted

Very Respectfully

Yours sincerely

Wm. L. Garrison

(Box 2087. N.Y.)

Sub Report
W.H. Report
Gals -
Account according to report
call attention to collection in Mexico
Report
Gally
15 Oct



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59 Beaver
N.Y. Oct 04. 64.

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secy. State U.S.

Dear Sir.

In Octo. 64. I addressed
you in reference to exporta-
tion to Spain of Books
(School Books, Bibles &c), printed
in Spanish in this country.

I immediately recd.

in reply a note saying you
at once w^d present the
matter to the Court at
Madrid.

A few months since
I made a shipment but have
been unsuccessful in entering
them, nothing having been de-
cided at Madrid.

Will you give me any
information from Mr. Henry G. Hall

Department of State,
Washington, 14th Oct^r 1870

Exportation to Spain of
School books Bibles &c

M^r Henry C. Hall - 4th

Oct 7 inquires on the subject.

By No 13 Oct 18. 1869, Genl
Sickles was instructed to enable
Dept to inform M^r Hall whether
any change in the policy theretofore
pursued had been made, whereby
school and other educational
books, printed in Spanish
language, could be imported
into Spain. No acknowledgment
of instruction and no answer to
be found.

Respectfully Submitted H. O. Pratt

Wash Oct. 4th 1870.



Sir,

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3^d inst referring to the memorial of Don Pedro de Leon y Alfaro, forwarded in ours of 30th ult.

Not having been the business agents of Don de Leon y Alfaro, we are unable to reply to your enquiry as to his having paid the U. S. Income Tax. but we forward to him a copy of your letter, requesting him to furnish the Department with the information asked for.

Yours Truly
Misses Taylor

Wm Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington
D. C.

Brooklyn. October 5. 70.

A H Locum trans. mem. of Henry Long.

Suban Commission

Jan. 1872

New Brunswick, N. J.

October 6. 70.

L. J. Brito

Cubaan Zumbini

May. 72.

October 6. 72.

Augustus Wilson

Memorial

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.



W. Pratt
Treasury Department,

October 6, 1870

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of one case Cigars, as per bill of lading herewith returned.

imported for the use of the Spanish Minister
in the City of Merida
at the port of New York, from Havana

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

I am, very respectfully,

J. F. Harcey

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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

New York. Oct. 9. 70.

Madalena Wood.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72



229 Broadway N.Y.
Oct 11/70

Sir:

I beg to enclose
you herewith the bond of
Sr. L. Washington as Deputy-
Coment at Matanzas,
Island of Cuba.

Absence from the
City - has been the occasion
of some weeks delay in
the execution and forwarding
of the bond.

Yours Truly
Sr. Washington

Hon. J. C. B. Davis
Capt. Sec State
Washington City.

October 11, 72.

Joe Manuel Macias

Cuban Commission

Jan. 73.

New York, Oct. 12. 70.

Joseph Hernandez.

Cuban Commission.

Jan 1872.

Philadelphia: Oct. 13. 70.

Ramon Rivas y Lamar.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 1872.

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No commences yet again upon?

Mr. Pratt



Oct 11
arts 18 Oct

New York Oct 14th 1870
152 Front St.

Wm. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Having that a Commission has been appointed to arbitrate on claims of parties growing out of the Cuban insurrection, we desire to know if the claims of merchants against parties in Cuba for advances made previous to the breaking out of the insurrection will be considered by that Commission, and if so, the proper method of placing our claims before them.

Our claims are for advances made to planters, both in cash and merchandise, principally the former, and if our aids are correct, the plantations and other property belonging to these parties have been confiscated by the Spanish government.

Any information from your department relative to the proper procedure for us to take under these circumstances will be earnestly appreciated by

Your most

Obedient Servant

Thomas J. C. [Signature]

No arrangement has as yet been made



Mr. Smith

New York 14 October 1870.

To his Excellency

Honble. Hamilton Fish.

Washington City.

Dear Sir,

Being the owner of a sugar estate in the Matanzas district on the Island of Cuba. I have found it for past few years, very greatly to my advantage in preserving my neutrality as an American citizen, to be able to communicate direct with the Captains Generals of the Island.

We have had lately appointed Captain General Cordova, may I presume so much as to ask of you a personal note of introduction to him, only to obtain of him, in case of need, that attention my communications to him will receive as in with previous Generals - Through friends I have had from Washington City - personal interviews with Generals Concha, Soriano - & Dulce, very materially to my advantage.

These communications are made, only in case of disturbances from any small officials, or others, in the general management of my affairs as a planter and citizen of the United States. I am Very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Servant
R. H. Chinn

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Treasury Department,

October 17, 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, transmitting the official bonds, approved by you, of James W. Taylor, Esq. appointed Consul of the United States at Winnipeg B. N. R. and George S. Washington Esq. appointed Deputy Consul at Matanzas, Cuba, and to inform you that said bonds have been referred to the First Comptroller to be placed on file in his office.

I am

Very respectfully

L. H. Burrows

Assistant Secretary

Hon. Hamilton Fish

Secretary of State

Washington, D. C.

Encl
2/2/78

Sample of thought
properly

OFFICE OF



Baltimore and Texas Steam Transportation Co.

No. 81 POST OFFICE AVENUE,

Baltimore, Oct 22 - 1870

Mr. J. Smith

Honorable,

Hamilton Fish.

Secretary of State,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,


The committee of claims
of the Senate requires of me
some evidence of the necessity
for the expenditures made by me,
for clerk hire and Rent of office,
while I was Vice Consul General
at Havana.

I respectfully request that
instructions be given to Mr. Hall,
the Vice Consul General at Havana,
to permit Messrs. Raphael &
Springs or clerks of his consulate

to reply to such enquiries as
I shall forward hence to them
on the subject.

I am Sir,

Very Respectfully
your Obedt. Servt,
J. H. de la Rive.



New Brunswick, N. J.

October 18. 70.

Joseph Hernandez

Cuba Municipium

Jan. 1872

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Substance written to Spain in Oct 20th

1876
Department of Justice

Washington Oct 19 1870

Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Secretary of State
Sir,

In answer to yours of the 14th instant enclosing a private communication to you from Mr Roberts, the Minister from Spain in the United States, in relation to the steamer "Hornet," I have to say that on the 14th instant, having received from the District Attorney of the Southern District of New York a verbal statement that, in his judgment, the evidence against the "Hornet" was insufficient to condemn that vessel under our neutrality laws, I addressed to him a letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The letter of Mr. Roberts to you fur-
nishes no new facts upon the subject.
His reasoning makes out against the
"Hornet" a case of suspicion, sufficient,
perhaps, to justify the original seizure
of the vessel, but not sufficient to
authorize me to overrule the judgment
of the District Attorney — the officer who,
under our Government, is charged with
the immediate direction of criminal and
other proceedings on the part of the
United States in his district. It was
his judgment that the evidence against
the vessel was altogether insufficient for
conviction; and as it is not the custom
of this Government to oppress private
parties with unfounded legal proceed-
ings, and as the District Attorney of

the Southern District of New York is a very competent officer, I felt bound to authorize the release of the vessel, in case an examination should satisfy him that the detention of her was unauthorized by the evidence.

I return the letter of Mr. Roberts to you as you requested.

I am, sir, with great respect
your obed^t. serv^t.

A. T. Akerman
Attorney General.

Washington. Oct. 19. 70.

J. M. Macias.

Cuban Commission

Jan'y 72.

Havana. Oct. 19. 70.

Leopold & Price

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72

New York. Oct. 19. 70.

Gen. H. Hingale

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.

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Mr. A. Smith

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
OCT 20 1870
OF STATE

Treasury Department,

October 19, 1870

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 17th instant, transmitting the official bonds, approved by you, of R. N. Young, Esq. appointed Consul of the United States at Santiago de Cuba, and Samuel W. Dabney, Esq. appointed Deputy Consul at Fayal, Azores, and to inform you that said bonds have this day been referred to the First Comptroller to be placed on file in his office.

I am

Very respectfully

J. T. Vance

Assistant Secretary

Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

HES & HODGES,
Attorneys at Law.

LOTHROP S. HODGES, *Wm. L. Smith*

GEORGE C. BATES,
LOTHROP S. HODGES.

WESTERN MERCANTILE COLLECTIONS,

124 WASHINGTON STREET,

OFFICE OF THE AGENT TO THE COLLECTION OF MERCANTILE CLAIMS IN ALL THE STATES AND TERRITORIES. WILL GO, AT A
PART OF THE COUNTRY, AND ATTEND TO SECURING OR COMPROMISING DOUBTFUL OR HAZARDOUS DEBTS.

CHICAGO, *Oct 2*, 1870

To the Secretary of State of
The United States

Dear Sir

In 1869 Col Charles J Helm settled his accounts
at your Department, as former Consul General of
the United States under Buchanan's Administration
at Havana; and a balance was certified in his
favor of about \$2,500 by his Indian War claims
warrant. Soon afterwards Col Helm, joined the Confederate
Government, and continued in its service until its
final Expiration, and nothing has ever obtained by
him or his family. His Indian War claims were
settled by Col Helm, who died a Col in the United States
Army, has now employed me by a certain individual
to recover this balance so due for services rendered from
1864 by Col Helm, and to be paid to her and
the Guardian of her three infant children, and
if so what papers are necessary to obtain it.

The claim is not only the daughter of a
man who died in the service of the United States
but is also the sister of the wife of Major
Robert A. Hines of the Pay Department of the
United States. If the money can be obtained she
will be much as Col Helm's wife, who was the Confedera-
te's wife.

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Let the enclosure
go forward

OFFICE OF

Baltimore and Texas Steam Transportation Co.

No. 34 POST OFFICE AVENUE.

Subj
Instructions
of 1870

Baltimore, October 26th 1870.

William Hunter, Esq.
2nd Ass't. Secretary,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith, a note
& form of certificate for Messrs.
Springer & Raphael, Clerks at the
Consulate in Havana at the time
I was in office.

Will you please have both
sent to Mr. Hall, with request to
return them, when duly executed.

Very truly yours,
A. R. de la Renta

New Brunswick, N. J.

October 28, 1870.

Joseph Hernandez.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.

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Wm. J. Smith

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THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

JOHN VAN HORNE, Gen'l Sup't
LOUISVILLE, KY.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } New York

Dated Ans Oct 31 1870.

Received at

To

Nashville Tenn
Oct 28 1870

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington DC

Dear Sir,
Will you be so kind
as to give me the name
of the American Consul
at Remedios, Island
of Cuba, and state whether
the disturbed condition of
Cuba would prevent a
letter reaching him
mailed in the ordinary
way — Respectfully

Address. J. W. Fisher
W. U. Telegraph Office
Nashville Tenn

New York, Oct. 31, 7

Jose Gorri y. Pulo.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 1872.

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U.S. Fish Commission
Washington

U.S. Fish Commission,
Washington,

31st October 1870.

Mr. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th instant forwarding a copy of a despatch from the Hon. Vice Consul General at Havana with its accompanying abstracts of the meteorological observations made at the Jesuit College of Belen in Havana, from the 5th to the 9th of October during a time in which hurricanes passed over the island of Cuba, and also the report relative to the sale of the 19th instant.

The Observatory feels that it best

thanks

thanks are due to the Vice-Consul General,
W. Wall, for the consideration shown
by him in procuring for its use this
very interesting and valuable information;
and for your courtesy in forwarding the
same, I beg also to express my
grateful acknowledgments.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obed^t Serv^t,

B. F. Sawoy
Commodore,
Superintendent.