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Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE

Third Assistant Postmaster General,



Washington, D. C., Sept. 10. 1870.

Sir:

By direction of the Postmaster General, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th. inst., and of the package therein mentioned, containing 450 dead letters, from Consul General at Havana.

Very respectfully, &c. &c.

J. M. Ireland

acting 3d. Asst. P. M. Genl.

The Secretary of State,

Washington,

D. C.

New York. Sept. 10. 70.

Jose M. Macias.

Cuban Commission

January 1872.

New York. Sept. 12. 70.

Joseph Hernandez.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 1872.

to Mr. Hale
only 2 v. 6 June Harlan
Sept 14
Sept 13
SEP 13 1870
OFFICE
New York
Mrs Jasper Smith
Sept 13

Sir -
Sept 12th 1870.

Sir - Your valued favor of July 7th covering a communication from the Spanish Minister at Washington, saying "the fine imposed on the "Queen of the South" would be refunded, provided the Captain had not been in Cuba since Dec 19th 68 to the time the fine was imposed" was duly received.

I immediately forwarded the necessary papers to Hon. C. H. Bithorn at Manzanillo, proving the above fact, and as I received no answer have again written him.

I have learned from one of my Captains who arrived from Manzanillo last week, that Mr. Bithorn is awaiting a communication

from the Authorities at Havana to
the Custom House, authorizing them
to refund the amount, and thinking
you would write the Consul General
at Havana. I have taken the liberty
of again addressing you on the subject.
I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant.

41 South St.
J. H. Winchester
Hon. J. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

West

A. C. 14



Mr. A. Smith

Telegram

Ashtabula O.,

Sept. 14, 1870.

Hon. Hamilton Fish

City of State,

The telegram of
this morning announces the
death of my Son Jno. H. Parsons,
Consul at Santiago de Cuba,
yesterday. Can arrangements
be made to have his remains
brought home?

Henry E. Parsons



Telegrams,

Astounded O. Sept. 16. 89.

Hon.

J. C. Davis.

Asst. Secy.

Will the Department
Telegraph to Consul General of
Havana at my expense, for
particulars concerning death of
my Son, and how soon arrange-
ments can be made to bring his
remains home? I would refer
you for my responsibility to
Mr. Colfax or General Garfield
if in Washington.
I will send you drafts for any
sum you may indicate to
cover expense.

Henry E. Parsons

Recd. at 4 PM

The Department has already written for
particulars. Will also telegraph.

Report particulars of death of Consul
Parsons of Havana.

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Sole Agent.
21. 1870

Order to Mr. Price requesting
him to accompany Captain General
Mr. Luceas & his family, in return
for the gift.

No. 119 Broadway N.Y. Sept. 19. 1869.
Superior W. Manning of such letter
Sept 20



Hon. Hamilton Fish

Wm. J. Smith

Secretary of State U.S.

Washington D.C.

Sir.

Mr. Robert has kindly offered to com-
municate with the Captain General of Cuba
in reference to the release of my sister and family
from the island. He will write by the steamer
of Thursday of this week asking the Captain
General to permit Mr. Price, our Consular
agent at Havana, to take such steps as
may be necessary to secure to my sister

safe conduct through the Spanish lines.

Permit me to suggest that a line from the State Department to Mr. Price would probably facilitate the undertaking. I am only slightly acquainted with Mr. Price and although he promised me when here to do what he could, I cannot but think that a communication from the Department would benefit us very much.

Very respectfully

John Dredick Sewall

W. H. Waring

W. H. Waring

New York. Sept. 19. 70.

Joseph Hernandez.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72

Copy to City. End. For use the last all of the
Sept 22 Schuyler. That the documents
Office of the District Attorney of the United States.
from the Southern District of New York
New York. Sept 20 1870
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
RECEIVED
SEP 21 1870
NEW YORK

Sir
Referring to your letter of the 7th
July addressed to my predecessor, in
relation to the Steamer Upton and
her alleged violation of the neutrality
laws I beg leave to say that the vessel
is still lying in this harbor with
no apparent movement indicating
an intention to depart

An examination of the depositions
and other documents furnished to this office
by counsel for the Spanish authorities
shows quite satisfactorily the breach
of the neutrality laws by the Upton
and I think the facts shown by the
depositions, if properly presented to the
Court would ensure a condemnation

I have thought that under present
circumstances, it might be better to
refrain from instituting proceedings
against the Weston until she shows
some signs of preparation for a
new voyage. She is thoroughly
watched and on the first indication
of a design to renew her violation
of the neutrality laws she can be
promptly libelled for her past offences.

If you think best however that the
proceedings be commenced forthwith please
advise me & I will act accordingly.

I am very respectfully
Yours
Wm. Davis
U. S. Atty

Wm. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

~~Washington,~~ *Thomas C.* Sept 20, 1870

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Sec. State
Dear Sir

Will you
please forward the enclosed
letter

Very Respectfully
E. C. Howe

letter forwarded.

✓ Sent 2 Copies Philada. Sept. 20/70

~~Wm. Smith~~

Hon. Hamilton Fish W. Pratt

Secy. of State

Dear Sir;

Will you please

send me as soon as possible
one or two copies of the pam-
phlet relating to the correspon-
dence of the Dept. of State in re-
lation to the seizures of vessels
&c during the hostilities in
Cuba.

Yours Truly

Leonard Myers

Hon. Leonard Myers
M.C.

Mr. Pratt.
Not yet rec'd - request for payment has been made -
no reply yet - Sept 20 & 26-Sept -
So ans
New York Sep. 24. 1870.

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

Sir -

I have from Hon. S. C. B. Davis
Acting Secy of State, a letter dated 15th
Ult., Stating that the interest on Spanish
Certificates of indemnity due 6th August
last, had not then been paid to the State
Department by the Spanish Government -

I have the honor now to request that
you favor me with some information in
regard to this interest, as to when it will
be paid &c -

Very Respectfully

Chas. Callaghan Jr.
Care of

Wm. A. Sale & Co.

111 Pearl St.

Sub



No 528

Arch St

Phila Pa
Sept 26/70

Hon Hamilton Fish.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my
thanks for documents received

I should like to have if
no trouble the speeches of
Senators & Rep. upon the Cuban
Question. or any documents which
refer to the Republic of Cuba

Yours truly
Thos L Ogden

Received by the
agent of the
Consulate
General
of the
United States
at
San Francisco
Sept 30 1870

~~Citizen of the U.S.~~
New York September 30th 1870.
Ans 23 Oct

At the request of our esteemed
friend Don Pedro de Leon y Alfones, we
beg to recommend to your attention the
enclosed Memorial which he addresses
to your Department on the subject of
the confiscation of his Estates in Cuba.

He informs us that the documents
corroborative of his statements have already
been forwarded to the Department.

He are respectfully
Yours obed^to
Miss Taylor

Wm Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
Washington

The evidence of the
Citizenship of Mr. DeLeon
filed by Senator Shurg
shows that he has had
no fixed place of residence
in the U.S. The Reps
observe that the letter
of Messrs. Moses Taylor & Co
discloses that
he has been in possession
of a large income & wishes
to know, ~~before taking steps~~
whether he has paid to
the U.S. a tax thereon.

Key West, Florida, Sept
September 30 1870.

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State
of the United States.
Washington.

Sir.

The undersigned, a native of Cuba, and a Citizen of the United States, and for the last year, a resident of this city, begs leave to call the attention of your Excellency, to the following facts, which caused him to leave the island of Cuba, with all of his interests therein, and seek in the United States, with his family, that peace and security, which from the civil war existing in Cuba, he was fearful might not be accorded him. On the 2^d of April 1869, with my family on board the Steamer Liberty, I left Havana, for New Orleans, and after a residence of five months in that city, I left for this place, as having a climate more like the one, I was accustomed to, and offering facilities of hearing at least every few days from my home.

My age is 52 years, nor have I in the least, taken any part in the civil commotion disturbing Cuba, by any action open or covert; and have most studiously kept aloof from the associations of politicians, whose design was revolution.

I have not been in New York, since I left Havana, nor am I a member of the Cuban Junta thereat, in any way, direct or otherwise.

And yet, by reason of some one of its members, bearing a name somewhat similar to mine, the Spanish Government, have identified me,

as the party of New York, and ordered my property for confiscation in Havana. I trust that so bald and outrageous a wrong, your Excellency will not permit, - and at once stay by your authority, the consummation of an act, which has not a shadow to justify it.

My property in Havannah, consists of 32 houses, and a small farm at Cienfuegos, yielding a monthly rent of \$1338. In my private residence, I had rich and valuable furniture, carriages, jewellery, etc, value at \$10,000.

The property of my wife's family, consisting of a Sugar plantation, whose annual income was from 130. to 150 thousand dollars, was under my superintendence, and yielded me a percentage from 3. to 9 thousand dollars.

The aforesaid property is all abandoned, and is suffering such deterioration and injury, as to render all estimate uncertain in the extreme.

The amount of specie left by me in the Chest of said Sugar plantation, was between 80 and 90 thousand dollars, and said amount is in great danger of being removed, if not immediately ordered to be restored to me.

With this relation of my property and interests in Cuba, thus jeopardized, injured and sequestered by the Spanish Authorities, I appeal to your Excellency as an American Citizen, simply asking but Justice, and that your Excellency will give the subject that consideration and action, that its importance demands.

Leaving the troubles which were around me in Cuba, I sought this land of my adoption and Citizenship, in the hope that peace and quiet

might be accorded me, and that at least, the Revenues of my property there, might keep my old age, from the harassing privations of want.

In this I am disappointed, - And I now ask your Excellency's intervention in my behalf as an American Citizen, - that this property be at once restored to me, with compensation for its unjust detention and injuries, by the Spanish Government, amounting to this day (28th August) Fifty thousand dollars.

All of these overments are true, and susceptible of the best testimony: and in conclusion, the undesigned hopes, that this appeal, from an American Citizen to his Government of the wrongs inflicted on him, by Spanish Authority, will be promptly investigated, and redressed.

Pedro de Leon y Alfonso