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Mr. Wood

Washington D.C.

July 6th 1871

Hon J. C. Davis

Acting Secretary of State

Sir:

We the undersigned, late officers in the United States service, have the honor to call your attention to the fact that Col Frederick F. Canada late an honorable and brave officer in the United States service, and for a long time a fellow prisoner with us in Libby Prison Richmond Va, was captured recently in arms against the Spanish Authorities, (See telegraphic column of the New York Tribune of the 4th inst) and will be taken to ^{Puerto Rico} ^{Cuba} for trial and immediate execution.

As he was a brave officer
in the United States Service in
the late war of the rebellion, and
a citizen of the U.S.; and entered
into the Cuban rebellion only from in-
tense love of liberty and a desire to
free his former countrymen: we
respectfully request that all meas-
ures which are proper and practicable
to be taken by our government, may
be exerted to save the life of Col.
Canada, and that these efforts may
be made at once.

By acceding to our request
you will receive the gratitude of his numer-
ous friends here and elsewhere

Very respectfully

A. B. White & P. Whitney

J. L. Wright & J. S. Stearns

CH 3^d Div. off
925 2^d Div.

OFFICE OF

Mr Jefferson

Harrison, Waring & de La Mare,

COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

No. 117 BROADWAY,

NEW YORK,

Ans?

July 7th
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1871

Wm. B. Harrison.
Wm. H. Waring.
James C. de La Mare.

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

Dear Sir,

I desire to present a claim against the Spanish Government on behalf of M^{rs} Josephine del Risco, an American citizen, for damages sustained by reason of the confiscation and destruction of her property at Puerto Principe, Cuba, by the Spanish Authorities in that Island, for alleged complicity by her husband, Dr Risco, with the Rebellion.

Would you have the kindness to inform me whether the claim shall be presented directly to the State Department, or to the Commissioners recently appointed, and if to the latter, where I can procure the "Instructions to Claimants" which I am informed have been promulgated by the Commissioners.

very respectfully,

your obedient servant.

Wm H Waring

St. Louis. July 8, 71.

Felix Bisler

Urban Commission

Aug. 72.

Richmond July 10:71

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Mr. Wm. B. Backus

U.S. Sec. War

My Dear Sir -

A relation of my wife - Capt. Henry Harrison of the Cuban revolutionary army is now I learn a captor in Havana - A very large circle of relations & friends in Virginia were with painful anxiety intelligence of his fate. You were paid on me I feel assured for presenting the matter to you with a view if you deem it consistent with the public duty of instructing through the War Department the ever active consideration of the Spanish authorities - Capt Harrison is no ordinary adventurer but his former life can be said his natural abilities & cultivated intelligence may fit of him a useful & honored career among his own people - He is a member of the same family with the Gen Prescott Harrison & in his collegiate course gave high promise of usefulness & distinction - I know that you will do anything for him that you can with propriety & will accept the occasion as free apology for my intrusion -

Very truly yours

B. B. Backus

New York. July. 11. 71.

Wm. G. Angarica.

Cuban Commission.

July. 72.

New Brunswick N. J.

Aug. 17. 71.

J. V. Brito

Cuban Commission

Aug. 72.

Washington July. 18. 71

Harry Norris.

Cuba Company

Aug. 72.

O. G. L.
Manager of Sagadahoc
6 June 30th 1871

Capt Joseph Griffin
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My very best Sir.
With much pleasure I sit down to write
you those few lines hoping that they may
find you, and all your family quite well.
I wrote you on the 5th of June and said that
I could probably get out of here in a few days
but last Monday & Tuesday that is all a misfortune
I am just as well now as the first day I came
in here they have neither given me a trial or
anything else I want only to know when I will
get out of here for good. It is really to bad
the way foreigners are treated in this island
by these people and it is a wonder to me
President or the people of the United States
put a stop to poor ungrateful Americans or
Englishmen it treats us more like a brute
beast of the field than anything else. If
there is anything you can do for me I ask it

a particular favor for you know as well as
I do that I am perfectly helpless here and you
are the only one now I can depend on
for a little help on the old do. If you think
advisable you might publish something
in the New York Herald about it, you know
my case and how I am fixed as well as I do
myself. I need not say that I will be for
ever grateful and thankful: and if it ever
should lay in my power to do you a service
you may depend I will do it with a heart
and ready. That beautiful specimen of human nature

Captⁿ Simpson was up here to see me the day
before yesterday I wanted to sell him a bride
and a whip as I was nearly played out for money
and the contemptible skunk allowed that
he had ^{not} sent with him. he did not
even fetch me a Chew of Tobacco. Such
Contemptible Curs as this one are not fit to
associate with white men. It is an old
saying and a true one. That the road
is ^{long} ~~long~~ that's got no women in it

and who knows but I may get old him before the Devil gets
a hold of him. We have got the same lot of Roosters here
as when you left there is no change it is the same thing
over and over there are about 20 in the quarters that for
and Capt Moore occupied four or five of them what
some people call big bugs I am the only unfortunate
Phil Charlie, who speaks English and that I have got
to speak to myself for nobody else understands it

Hoping soon to hear from you and apologizing
for any trouble may be giving you I'll soon come
with saying good by and ever believe me my dear
Capt Griffin your sincere and humble friend
Henry Moore

P.S. The fellow that makes the bottles is continually
asking for you hope soon to see you here and begs
to be remembered if you receive this letter and will
please direct your letter to this care of the Canal
We should very much like to hear from you & I

Sincerely

W. H. Thomas

Aug 10



Captⁿ Joseph Griffin
Stehⁿ Lillas Stockton - Me.
United States
America.

Mr Wood



Navy Department,

Washington July 19 1871.

Sir,

I have the honor to return here

with despatch N^o. 487, from the U.S.
Consul General at Havana, which was
transmitted to me with your letter of the
17th instant, and to inform you that
Rear Admiral S. P. Lee, Commanding the
North Atlantic Fleet, has been this day
instructed to send a vessel of war
to St. Jago de Cuba for the protection
of American citizens.

Very respectfully,
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Wm. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State

Commodore
Secretary of the Navy

ask 27 July

Spanish Claims



New York July 19th 1871

Hon. Hamilton Fish

Secy of State

Washington D.C. } Sir

The sinking fund of 1 per cent, which by the treaty with Spain made in 1804 was to be compounded at 5% interest, & applied to the extinguishment of the Spanish Indemnity Bonds, will on the 14th of August next (when the annual interest is due) amount to the sum of \$609,700, which is more than sufficient to pay the bonds in gold.

Permit me to ask whether any steps have been taken by the U.S. government for the payment of these bonds. The holders of scrip would be satisfied to get their pay in currency, & think their payment should no longer be deferred. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

Wm. L. Garrison
Box 2087, P.O.

Department of Justice
Washington July 21, 1871.

Hon. William Hunter,

Acting Secretary of State.

Sir,

I have received your letter of this date enclosing the copy of a letter from the Vice Consul General at Havana, respecting a Chinese coolie said to have escaped from Cuba.

The copy has been transmitted to the District Attorney of Maryland with instructions to take any necessary action in the premises.

Very respectfully your obt. servt.

A. T. Sherman
Attorney General.

Gen. Canby says that these
rooms are inadequate

Mr Wood St

The Dept has no information of the Revenue Division
Washington July 22, 1871



Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State



Sir:

I have the honor
to inform you that the
American and Spanish
Commission on Cuban
claims has now made the
necessary arrangements
for the reception of com-
munications from either
government at its rooms
on F Street No 1110.

G. O. Moore
Secy

New Brunswick. N. J.

July. 22. 71.

Joseph Hernandez.

Cuba Bonifacio

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New Brunswick, N. J. July 20. 71

J. V. Brito + José Hernandez.

Cuban Commission

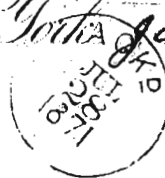
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Office of Webster & Craig.

3 - Ward

No. 29 Nassau Street.

H. B. B. B. B.

New York July 26th 1871

Hon Hamilton Fish

Secretary of State

Washington D C.

Sir:

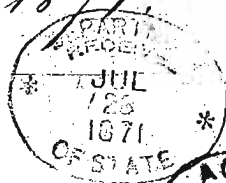
Will you please furnish us, (to be used as evidence in a cause pending in the Circuit Court of the United States in this district) with a copy of any paper on file in your department, showing the citizenship of Mr Cirilo Villaverde formerly of Cuba, but now a resident of this State. Or if no such paper can be found, then a certificate to that effect.

On being informed of the amount of your fees therefor, we shall remit.

Very respectfully
Webster & Craig

^{by telegraph}
Instruct Mr. Hall to name a person to act in the Top
abroad, & to report by cable July 28. Mr. W. D. O.

Boston July 26. 1871
Hon. J. C. B. Davis
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington
Sir.



I have the honor to inform the
Department that I have this day received from the
Vice Consul General at Havana, the following
Telegram; "the Superior Authority (of Cuba) refuses
Fischer permission to act, name another un-
objectional person to the Department". I have
therefore the honor to propose to the Department
Mr. John Ryley a resident at Trinidad de Cuba
to act as Consul there during the few months
I shall be absent.

I am entirely at a loss to
understand what objection the Authorities of
Cuba have to Mr. Fischer; he is a gentleman of
high standing and of irreproachable conduct.
I shall return to Portland
in a day or two to remain there during my

leave of absence.

Yours with great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Norris Tracy

Consul at Trinidad de Cuba.

WM. Y. FENDALL

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FENDALL & FENDALL,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,

Corner Four-and-a-Half Street and Louisiana Avenue.



Washington, D. C., July 27th 1871.
Ans? " 28 "

Hon. Hamilton Fish,

Secretary of State,

Sir:

In May, 1858, Samuel Moford presented to the Department of State his claim for injuries done him by the Spanish authorities in Cuba. We believe that no final action was taken in the matter. On behalf of Mr. Moford we beg leave to call your attention to the matter and to inquire whether the claim is such an one as will properly come before the Arbitrators appointed under the agreement recently made with Spain.

If the claim is one of which the Arbitrators have jurisdiction Mr. Moford desires that any papers on file in your Department may be laid before the Arbitrators.

We are, Sir,

Very Respectfully Yours,
Fendall Fendall

Washington, July. 27. 71.

J. G. Delgado.

Cuban Commission

Aug. 72.

to Mr. Andrew

office at 215 3rd Front St.

NY Nod -

Philadelphia July 27th 1871

Hon. Hamilton Fish

Secretary of State

Washington D. C.

Sir:

Having had property destroyed
by the insurgents in Cuba, I should
like to know if the Cuban claim Com-
mission will consider such claims, or
limit itself to losses caused by the
Spanish authorities, only.

Your reply will greatly oblige

Your obt. Servant -

P. M. Lusson

A Citizen of the U. S.

Rec'd 28 July Mr. Pratt

Treasury Department.

Public Accounts Office.

Washington, July 24th. 1871.



Sir:

Mr. A. Augustus Ade, Secretary of Legation to Spain, claims salary as Chargé d'affaires from June 21st 1871 to June 30th 1871 - in lieu of the rate of six thousand dollars per annum. I beg that you will inform this Office whether this charge may be allowed.

Respectfully Yours.

W. D. Warren
Auditor.

Barthamilton Fish.
Secretary of State.
Washington.
1871.