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Mr. Wood

United States Senate Chamber,

Washington, March 6 1871

Hon. Hamilton Fish,

Secretary of State,

My Dear Sir,

A constituent of mine
wishes to know "the name and title of the Captain
General of Cuba." Will you be good
enough to inform me, and oblige

Yours Very Truly,

A B Anthony

Wash. Mar. 7. 71.

Paulina A. Moore.

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P.D.
& Milan, agent

OFFICE OF
REGISTER OF WILL
Washington D.C.

Dr. Stewart.

Florence, Italy }

sent copy to the March, 17th 1871

Consul Agent - Milan

Hon Hamilton Fish,

this Consul General Florence
did so - 20 (Mar) 1871

Secretary of State.

Sir:



I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your communication of the 16th inst., making inquiries respecting
a General Antonio Moro, who, it is stated by his heirs, died
in this City in 1567, 1568 or 1569, leaving to his descendants of the
fourth generation a sum of nearly one million L., and
in answer would respectfully state that a careful and
complete search of the records of the Orphans Court shows
nothing in any particular relating to the subject matter
of your communication.

I have the honor to remain,

Your Obedient Servant
Arthur Mac Arthur

Associate Justice

Supreme Court, D. C.

St. Orleans. Mar. 18. 71.

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C. Cominski

July. 72.

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Geoff. Hengate

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Jan. 72.

New York

137 East 59th St. March 21st 1877

Hon Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State

Will you have the kindness on receipt of this to enclose a few lines of introduction to the Consul of Havana for my son Richard Morris Faltus as he is going there on business & might require his aid or advice.

Please enclose any communication to
Box 2072 N. Y. P.O.

Respectfully Yours
E. M. Machado

Mar. 21. 71.

Jose Gorn.

Centaurium

Jan. 12.

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Washington, D.C.

March 23, 1871

Hon. Hamilton Fish
Secretary of State

Dear Sir

This
will introduce to you favor-
-able notice Hon E. S. Wilson
of Louisiana late Member of the
State Legislature who wishes
information relative to any
recent Consuls who it
would be advantageous for the
Government to seek Spanish
and French. Mr. Wilson is
a native of Louisiana and will
certainly be endorsed by our
whole State delegation in
Congress,
Yours truly
Wm. W. Murray
Sr.

Washington, Mar. 23. 71.

Joaquin Garcia Argarica.

Cuban Commission
Jan. 1872

Y. Jagodicya. Mar. 23. 71.

E. Schmitt

C. Coman

Jan. 72.

New York. Mar. 27. 71.

Smith A. P.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.

inform W Hall of the Collector of this Customs

March 31

disposed

Custom House,

District of Richmond

March 29, 1871.



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

Sir: I have the honor to submit the enclosed papers, which have been handed me by parties interested in trade between the United States and Cardenas, Cuba, with the request that they be placed before the proper authorities.

As insecurity, and consequently dissatisfaction, is felt by masters of vessels trading there, I respectfully ask your consideration of the statements made.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. McHenry
Collector

Copies to Comm
Washington, Apr. 1, 71

W. S. Comulate General
Honolulu November 10. 1870.

John P. Cahill, Esquire,
Hardenab.

Dear Sir;

I duly received your letter of 18th ultimo and, in reply I beg leave to say, that previous to its receipt I had already signified to Mr^r Bacot my wish that he should remain in charge of the Comulate Agency at that place, and as he has already informed me of his willingness to remain, and has hitherto discharged its duties very satisfactorily, there appears to be no motive for making any change, at least for the present. -

Your qualifications for the position are fully appreciated, but I trust you will find the reasons given, for a continuance of the present arrangement, will be satisfactory to you. -

I remain

Yours very respectfully -

Wm C Hall
Vice Consul General.

Henry L. Hall
Vice Consul General
Havana, Cuba. Nov. 10. 1870

Letter to Mr. Jas. F. Cahill
relative to his application
to be appointed Consular
Agent of the United States
at Cardena, Cuba.

Cardenas Feb. 22. 1871

To the American Consul
Cardenas Cuba

Sir

The Undersigned Masters of Am. Vessels now in
this port (Cardenas), having all hoisted the Am.
Flag this day, in honor of the memory of
George Washington and noticing with regret
the absence of such a token of respect for the
Father of his Country on your consular Office
would respectfully request you to set it next fourth
of July and oblige

Yours Respectfully

J. Hall Jr - Brig Dupuis
L. Blake Sch Ethan Allen
M. R. Hayes Sch. Willie Martin
J. S. Reed Atalanta
John Poland Sch Nellie Star
B. J. Blair " Agnes
Edgar McLehane Br. Rio Grande
John W. Winters " Medusa
J. H. French Sch. Conroy
W. S. Davis Br. Ark Andes
Henry Roberts Br. Brig Alice Wood
John Niel Sch. Jay May
Dan. White Br. S. B. Hale

Memorial of
J Hall and Twelve
Other Commanders
of American Vessels

Cordenas Cuba

Feb 22^d 1821

Statement of facts relative to the U. S.
C. A. at Cardenas, Cuba.

On 7th of May 1867 a petition (a copy of which is enclosed) was drawn up and signed by the Merchants of this city urging the appointment of Mr. Cahill to the position of U. S. C. A. in the event of a vacancy by the withdrawal of the (then) present Incumbent. This petition was presented to H. C. Hall Esq. U. S. Consul at Matanzas, who stated that he had not been notified of the intention of Mr. Croft to retire.

The advanced age and great infirmity of Mr. Croft obliged him to go south to recruit his health and Mr. Hall (being notified of this) wrote to New York for a young man (a friend of his) to take charge of the Cardenas C. Agency when this young man arrived Mr. Croft left for the South with the evident intention of never returning, in an official capacity at least, for the young man whom Mr. Hall had made his successor remarked in private conversation that he would soon be permanently appointed, as Mr. Croft did not intend to return.

In the mean time Mr. Cahill's friends represented his claims at Washington and brought these facts to the notice of the Secy of State (Hon. W. H. Seward.) The immediate consequence of this representation was the return of Mr. Croft who continued on the office until last July. Shortly after the return of Mr. Croft

In November 1869 a fire took place which destroyed his office. The same morning Mr. Cahill offered a front room in his establishment which sit on the main St. of Cardenas and occupied a central and most convenient position for all whose business brings them in contact with our government's representatives.

Mr. Cress declined to accept this offer although the office was rented him free of rent, but preferred to occupy a back room given him by a Cuban Merchant and from which the flag of the U. S. has never been seen to fly. The few genuine Americans here felt and still feel provoked and mortified at the state of affairs.

Mr. Cress had his flag nailed in the rear part of the office over the door and when expostulated with for not displaying it on these occasions of national pride and international politeness demanded his excuse was that he had No pole.

During all the stormy period which has elapsed since the breaking out of the Cuban war when the flags of all other nations floated fearlessly over the offices of their representatives! When the lives and property of Americans were in constant danger, when the Spanish people looked upon all Americans as enemies, we had not even the satisfaction of once seeing the symbol of our country's greatness and promise of her protection float to the breeze,

And during all that time we were represented
by a timid and eccentric old man of 74 years
whose great age and infirmity rendered him totally
unable to discharge the duties of the honorable
office he occupied. His shattered nervous
constitution may be inferred from the fact of
his being unable to sign his name without
aid of a string one end of which was fastened
to the desk and to the other was attached his
pen. The greatest indignation was manifested last
summer when Mr. Cross on a temporary leave
of absence granted him through Mr. Ball left
a Cuban here to act in his stead, this was
at a time when the greatest excitement prevailed
in consequence of the many arrests made, and
there is not the slightest doubt but that if
any American had gotten into trouble, it
could have been for void policy to have ^{had} recourse
to the clemency of the Spanish Gov. than to
call on a Cuban to intercede for him in the
name of the government of the United States,

In direct opposition to the feelings and desires
of the Americans residents here the same
person whom Mr. Cross left in charge last
summer was again reinstated during Mr. Cross
absence which dated from the 10th July last.
Mr. Cross' death took place on the 14th Sept.
last and Mr. Cahill's friends still deem
that the office should be filled by an American
reminded him of his claims to the office.
Hoping that the death of his intimate friend
would no longer prevent him from acceding to
their wishes,

Wrote Mr. Cahill to write Mr. Hall reminding him
of their wishes. Mr. Hall replied to Mr. Cahill's
letter which reply you will please find enclosed.

Mr. Baer - the present incumbent, now absent
in the U. S., being a Cuban himself has engaged
the services of ~~an~~ assistants and advisers who
are to discharge the duties of this office who during
all the troubles here have shown themselves
decidedly hostile to our Government and it is
on the hands and under the influence of such
persons as these that the U. S. Consulate Agency
at Cardenas now is persons who have been
heard to say that they would rather see the
Island of Cuba at the bottom of the sea
than under the U. S. flag!

It is hardly necessary to state that it is
very gratifying to all Americans, Masters
of vessels as well as residents here, acquainted
with these facts, to have recourse to the official
services of persons who have no national
sympathy in common with ~~them~~ and whose
services would be more likely made use of for
the benefit of themselves or friends, who are
all natives or adopted Spanish citizens, than
for the maintenance of the honor, dignity, and
welfare of the Native Americans resident here
If we cannot be gratified in having Mr. Cahill
appointed we at least hope to have an
American our representative here.

(Copy)

Honorable A. Hall, Consul of the United States
Managua.

We, the undersigned, Merchants residing and doing
business at Cardenas - and masters of merchant
vessels at anchor in port, would respectfully recom-
mend and solicit the appointment of Mr. John
S. Cabill, of this City, but formerly of Maryland,
to the position of Consular Agent of the United
States at this port, in the event of a vacancy by the
death or resignation of the present incumbent.

Mr. Cabill is a gentleman of strict integrity
and of superior abilities, thoroughly competent to
discharge the duties of the office - to which he
can give his undivided attention.

Having known him for several years we are convin-
ced that Mr. Cabill would give entire satisfaction
in all the relations of the honorable office of
United States Consular Agent.

Cardenas May 22 1867

Henry Frost	Ditig's Bond & Co.
Peruvian & Co.	Ditigues & Co.
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J. Casco	Chas. A. Basot

P. R. Fernandez y Ca.

Saml. Track

D. Ruiz Toledo

John A. Perkins

Wm. Pierce

Oscar L. Sacot y Ca.

Wm. J. Safford y Ca.

Medina Hermanos y Ca.

Wm. J. Bryant

Geo. Harris

St. Louis & Co.
St. Louis, Mo.
London, Eng., May 7, 1870

Supposing that you are desirous
of that place, but previously
of Maryland, by agreement
to transfer right of that land
in the event of a vacancy
by the withdrawal of the
present incumbent.

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Henry Trent & Co
Merchants, &c.

London, Eng. May 7. 1870

Requesting that Jas. T. Cahill,
of that Place, but formerly
of Maryland, be appointed
Consular Agent of that port
in the event of a vacancy
by the withdrawal of the
present incumbent.

End

New York. Mar. 29. 71.

Thos J. Mora.

Cuban Commission

Jan. 72.

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Havana - Y of Cuba - 29 March 1871 -

To the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the
United States of America
in Washington

Sir,

Elisa Comas, an American citizen,
and a woman shamefully deprived of her money,
begs leave to inform you that she applied to her
Consul genl. here for protection, as stated in the
hereto appended petition, and he declined saying
that my husband must go on with his lawsuit.
Now, Sir, you can see that by stretch of an
arbitrary judgment justice is denied by the inferior
Court to us, and there is good reason for applying
to the highest Authority to have us righted; other-
wise and using a vulgar expression, as we have no
money to make the mare go, our lawsuit will be as
never ending affair.

Therefore I expect of your uprightness that you will
give orders for my protection.

I am, Sir,

Yours, *in earnest*

Elisa Comas - "Industria" Street N: 7 -

My husband has got his Naturalization papers also,
but the instinct of self preservation and the claim of his
money caused him to come here with a Spanish pass-
port, in times of danger for apostates, and no government
can protect the life of their subjects against the spirit
of spitefulness. He is not mixed up in political affairs,
has taken no oath, and holds no office -

Ex^{ma}. Sr. Capitan General de la Isla de Cuba

El Consul General de los Estados Unidos de America que suscribe, representando los intereses de Elisa Comas, ciudadana americana, en los autos del pleito que su marido Jaime Comas sigue contra D^{no} Juan V. Crawford, recurre a la superior autoridad de V.E. para que haga justicia, ya que por un lado parece que el tribunal inferior la niega por medio de una providencia injusta y entretienela por otros malos practicas de agencias subalternas. Me dice Comas que estos autos de iniciaron en la Alcaldia Mayor del Distrito de la Catedral hace como cinco meses y que por una ofusosidad que solo cohechada se concibe de la Escribania actuante, la parte contraria pudo tomarse tres meses para al fin eludir maliciosamente toda respuesta categorica al escrito de demanda que por termino legal hubo de ser contestado dentro de los nueve dias de notificados. Recientemente, por descuido fortuito o intencional de la misma Escribania, ha resultado algo defectuoso en forma, mas no en puebas, el informativo de insolvencia, incidental a estos autos, y el Sr. Alcalde, fundado en que se ha dejado transcurrir el termino probatorio, sin ratificarla, ha declarado absolutamente sin lugar la prueba de pobreza. Esto, Ex^{ma}. Señor, no tiene en mi humilde concepto trazas de ley, y es mas bien asir por los cabellos, como se dice, a los llamados recursos legales, con el visible y decidido proposito de entretener. Abordar de una vez el asunto principal aconsejan los verdaderos principios de justicia administrativa, pues los incidentes con sus accesorios des pro forma que en nada le afectan, pueden cursar aparte. A haberse hecho asi, tiempo de sobra ha transcurrido.

para que estuviera ya resuelta una cuestion que, siendo puramente mercantil, se reduce á que el Sr. Crawford de cuenta, con arreglo á sus mismas cartas y cuentas, de unos quince mil pesos que se le confiaron en Octubre de 1860 y segun parece se desentiende de cartas y cuentas para hacer cuantos — En cuya virtud

A V. E. Respetuosamente suplico y confiadamente de V. E. espero que, usando de sus facultades discrecionales, se servirá avocar de dichos autos para administrar una justicia que civilmente se niega á mi representada y á su marido, obligados como son á desistir de reclamar lo suyo por falta de recursos; por estar en ello interesadas, no tan solo la suerte de una pobre familia escandalosamente privada de toda su fortuna, sino tambien la vindicacion de los verdaderos principios de justicia que se pide — Habana 28 de Marzo de 1871

Exmo. Señor

C. C. WILLARD

ad'd 3 April 1871

EBBITT HOUSE,

WASHINGTON D. C.

March 30 1871

Wm Hamilton Esq
Secretary of State



Information has been requested of me concerning a "printed formula governing claims of American citizens, who have lost their property in the present civil war in Cuba, to be presented before a board of claims under a recent treaty made by our minister resident at Madrid Spain."

Have no knowledge whatever in the premises, I would ask for such information as ~~you~~ the Department of State may be able to give. Very respectfully,
Frank W. Jones

New York. Mar. 31. 71

H. E. Phillips

Cuba Libre

Jan. 72.

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OFFICE

Special Agent Treasury Department,

No. 88 Wall Street,

Frank E. Howe.



New York, March 31st 1871

Honorable

J. C. Pancroft Davis

Dear Sir:

Permit me to introduce
to your acquaintance Mr. Ramon Fernandez Criado Gomez.

I have known Mr. Gomez for about eight years, also
his family, and know them as being staunch and true
Republicans. At about that time Mr. Gomez filed Declaration
of his Intention to become an American Citizen. At the same
time I introduced him to the Union League Club, making him
a transient member by which he received all the facilities of the
Club.

Such friends as he deserve the respectful consideration of
our government and I trust it may be in your power to
extend to him such information as he may want.

Yours with high regard
Frank E. Howe.