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Wm. Jones.

Central Commission

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U.S. Domestic  
OFFICE OFBritish Subjects  
agst U.S.

QUAYLE &amp; MARTIN

**Ship Builders and Contractors,**

No. 212 Central Bay,

Cleveland, O., Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1871

Having been informed that the State Department desires all persons or parties having claims against the Government to forward them at once, and not understanding whether claims against Great Britain are exclusively meant, we beg leave to state the facts upon which we base a claim against the U.S. Government)

The Barkentine L. C. Pierce of this port (Cleveland, O.) and owned by the parties undersigned sailed from "Cabanin" the port of San Juan de los Remedios in Cuba in the latter part of March 1861 with a cargo of Sugar and bound for England, the cargo being owned and consigned to parties in London.

The vessel encountered a severe gale of wind and heavy weather when to the Southward and eastward of Cape Hatteras the rudder becoming disabled and the vessel injured so much otherwise that it was deemed necessary to head for the nearest port for repairs.

She arrived at Norfolk Va. on or about the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1861 the cargo of Sugar was taken out and placed

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in a warehouse and the vessel hauled out on  
 the ~~main~~ Railway for repairs. While the  
 repairs were being effected, South Carolina passed the  
 ordinance of Secession. Fort Sumpter was attacked and  
 the Southern States went out of the Union one after the  
 other until Virginia finally seceded. The U.S.  
 Naval Authorities then destroyed the war vessels stores  
 buildings &c at the Gosport Navy Yard after which  
 they embarked on the Sloop of War "Cumberland" and  
 "St. Pauline" and evacuated the place leaving it  
 in the possession of the (so called) Confederate Troops.

The repairs on the vessel (St. Peter) having been delayed  
 through the connivance of Nash and other Rebel Sympathizers  
 she was now launched and taken possession of by the  
 Confederate Authorities who loaded her with stone and  
 sunk her in the main channel of Elizabeth river  
 west of Cramo Island. The Captain and Crew  
 were detained as prisoners for about two weeks when  
 they were permitted to proceed to "Fortress Monroe".  
 Important papers relating to the affair were left  
 in the Gun Vial during the war when he was Master

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commandant at Norfolk Va. The vessel with her  
entire outfit and apparel was a total loss to us as  
the Captain and Crew were permitted by the Rebel  
to take only their personal effects when they were driven  
from the vessel.

Please inform us whether  
claims of this class are to be settled by a Commission  
at Washington this fact, and if not whether the  
Government has taken any action on claims of this  
kind yet &c and oblige

Yours  
Very Respectfully  
Quayle & Martin  
per J. E. Quayle

Robert S. Hale Esq  
State Department  
Washington D. C.

no concern with the  
matter -

I am not aware that  
Congress which alone  
has the power has  
made any provision  
for the examination  
of claims founded  
upon injuries inflicted  
by Rebels -



The Dept. cannot recognize the sending, mentioned  
in this letter, ~~any~~ without further  
information. *H. J. G.*

*M. Wood*

Commissioner of the United  
States of America and of Spain.  
Washington, September 5<sup>th</sup> 1871.

How Hamilton Esq.  
Secretary of State.



Sir:

Your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant  
is received.

In reply I have to inform  
you that I engaged those rooms  
on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July last, but as Mr  
Metzerott, the owner, could not remove  
all his furniture until the fifteenth  
of that month the rent did not com-  
mence till that date. Mr. Otto,  
however, moved some of his fur-  
niture

into one of the rooms on the  
9th of July; so that you will observe  
that the house had been rented a  
ready some twenty five days before  
you wrote to me on the 2nd of  
August last, stating that the Depart-  
ment had not been consulted  
nor informed as to the suitability  
of any rooms for the business of the  
Commission, and that it requir-  
ed to be informed before any  
definite arrangements be made  
for such rooms. I state this in  
order that you may see that at the  
time of renting I did not know  
that the Department of State ex-  
pected or wished to be consulted  
at all in the matter, as Mr. Otto  
U. S. Arbitrator, represented to me



that he had authority to rent a house  
for the Commission and told me  
to take this without intimating  
that I should consult anyone  
at all about it.

As to the suitability of these  
rooms, as well as all others that  
I have examined on behalf of the  
Commission, I do not, and did  
not, constitute myself a judge,  
but have always referred that matter  
to Mr. Cushing and Mr. Cts.  
I sincerely hope that you will  
see fit to appoint some person or per-  
sons to make an examination of  
them and report to accordingly.

I am, Sir

very respectfully

Your obedient servant. George O. Moore  
Secretary to the Commission

New York. Sept. 9. 71.

Wm. Jones

Cuban Commission

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*Mr Jefferson*

ANDS.  
AS,  
SPANOLA,  
GARD,  
EL. CONTEITO,  
GOOD SEGAR.

A. W. FOOTE,  
Manufacturer of Fine Segars,  
No. 176 WATER STREET.

NEW YORK, *Sept 9<sup>th</sup>* 1871  
" " "

Mr Hamilton Fish -  
Secretary of State  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;

I show any Treaty  
between our Government, and  
Spain, relating to Copyright  
matters -

My object in writing, is  
to ascertain whether there is  
any law by which the Spanish  
Segar Manufacturers can prevent  
our American Manufacturers from  
imitating their Brands and  
Labels - most of which have  
been used as common property  
in this country for many  
years -

Respectfully Yours  
A. W. Foote

Act 13 Sept

Sept 2, 71

706 Walnut St



Philadelphia

J. G. Hunt

Hamilton Field

The Secy of State & Co

Pa:

Will you oblige  
me by directing some  
officer of your depart-  
-ment to advise me if  
the treaty with Spain

relating to extradition

includes Cuba or

any of its colonies?

I am in much

respect

Yr obed. Servt

Benjamin Harris Brewster

12 Sept 1871

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Commission of the United  
States of America and of Spain  
Washington. September 13<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Hon. W. Hunter.  
Acting Secretary of State.  
Sir:

On account of not having  
been well enough to come to  
the office for the past three days  
I have not been able to answer  
your two letters of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

All that I can say in reply  
to them is that of myself alone  
I can give nothing more in the  
way of information concerning  
the suitability of these rooms.

having already given my opinion in regard to them. Some of the members of the Commission are in the city except Mr. Cushing so that I cannot obtain any opinion from them in regard to the matter. Such being the case I see no other way for me to do except to await the return of some of them, when they can arrange matters with the Department of State as may be convenient to all concerned.

Meanwhile I will keep the furniture and other articles already bought for the Commission in the rooms where they now are.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

George W. Moore  
Sec'y.



Mr Cox

OFFICE OF THE

of Commissioners of Pilots,

No. 75 SOUTH STREET,

New York, Sep 20 1871

My Dear Mr Davis

Governor Fish some months since wrote to Cuba about some land at Yatera near St Lago de Cuba belonging to the estate of Mr Willock has there an answer been received?

Please let me know

Yours truly,

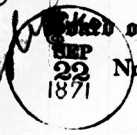
J Bancroft Davis

Geo W Pleant

Asst Secy of State

I wish you would bring up that Life Boat question with the British Minister

Answer  
Sept 22  
1871



v. 347-26

Wm. Poyson



Washington, D.C. Sept. 23. 1871

Gen. Hamilton Fish,  
Secy. of State, U. S.  
Hon. Sir,

On the 19th May last, we very respectfully called upon your attention to the case of Antonio Pettier, a naturalized citizen of the United States. In 1864, Capt. Pettier, filed a Memorial, accompanied with proofs, asking the aid and interposition of this Government, to enable him to recover indemnity from the Government of Hayti for various acts of spoliation and outrage, committed against his property and person.

This claim, he deemed it right he should not press while the War of the rebellion was in progress, nor immediately after its close, but for the last three years has been endeavoring to enlist the good offices and secure the interposition of the Government of the United

to enable him to secure some Compensation  
for the wrongs and outrages inflicted  
on him by the Haytian authorities. The  
statements and proofs in his case have  
for several years been on file in  
your Department; and were upon a  
Call of the House of Representa-  
tives, Communicated to Congress  
on March, 3. 1868.

May we not hope for an early  
and favorable to our Communica-  
tion of May last?

With great respect we are  
Very Respectfully,  
Your Obedt<sup>s</sup>

Barthley & Casey

Washington. Sept. 28. 71.

Ramon Fernandez Cordero y Gomez.

Cuba Libre

Jan. 72.

Mr Pratt

LAW OFFICES OF

WM. DUDLEY FOULKE,

Rooms 16 and 17,

No. 149 BROADWAY,

New York, Sept 26 1871



*Mr. Pratt cannot  
interfere in the  
the Dept of State  
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the Dept of State*

Wm Hamilton Fish

Dear Sir

Pursuant to an order of the Spanish Government, a translation of which I send herewith, and to a subsequent order comprehending him within it, the property of Eduardo Cisneros, a Cuban was temporarily attached. No judgment against his person was decreed either before this or subsequently. He came to New York about eighteen months ago, and died here last May leaving a widow & two children, one 3 years old

the other 1 year old, the latter  
a citizen of the United States  
being born in New York - I  
have been informed by Spanish  
council that this attachment  
did not divest Cisneros' title  
to his property, and that it  
passed to his representatives.  
I have been appointed Administrator  
of his Estate, & Guardian of his  
children. As his widow and  
minor children are all innocent  
of any political offence, I wish  
to recover the property for them  
but before this can be done  
the attachment must be  
removed - I write to ask  
if you will be kind enough  
to direct the United States  
consul at Havana to intercede  
in their behalf with the  
Captain General - The amount  
of the property is about  
\$20000 and it consists of a  
judgment against the Caste  
Railroad company

Translation of a circular of attachment  
affecting property of Eduardo Cisneros -

Circular. Under date of the 1st-  
instant, I said to the most-illustrious  
political governor of this capital the  
following

"Most-illustrious sir -

You will immediately and without delay proceed  
to attach all the goods & other  
property - which José Morales Lemus  
& de - - - possess or have  
possessed in this island until it  
is proved respecting them that all  
the requisites prescribed by law for  
the transfer of title have been  
rigorously complied with"

I transcribe this to you  
for your knowledge and that you  
may proceed to attach forthwith all  
the property - both real and personal  
possessed in your jurisdiction by the  
individuals named in the foregoing  
list -

God keep you many years  
Havana April 19th 1869

Domingo Dulce  
To the Lieutenant Governor of - - -  
By a subsequent circular Cisneros was comprehended in this

No 138-

Washington Sept. 26. 1841

Hon:

Geo. M. Robeson  
 Secretary of the Navy  
 Sir.

I have received your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., and herewith return the enclosure in it - despatch no. 84 of September 2. 1841 from Chas. Erasmus Perry, U.S. Consul at Peninsular, requesting that a man of war be stationed at ~~As-~~ Peninsular, and reporting that a Spanish man of war has arrived there to seize the *Virginias* of New York.

In my no 150 to the Navy Department of August 21. 1841, I enclosed a copy of my instructions of August 16, 1841, to the *Atipac* (then under repairs at Pensacola, to be finished probably



by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October next) from  
which I make the following  
extract:

"Aspinwall. Visit Aspinwall,  
communicate with the authorities,  
inquire into the state of affairs  
there, and do all that you properly  
may to promote American interests  
in that quarter."

The number of  
vessels at my disposition is  
too small to enable me to station  
one of them permanently at Aspin-  
wall -

Respectfully Yours  
S. P. Lee

Rear Adm Commanding  
North Atlantic Fleet

Answer Perry

Navy Department, *U.S. Navy*  
Washington 27 Sept 1871  
A. H. Clair



Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith despatch no. 84, from the U.S. Consul at Aspinwall, which accompanied your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, and to submit for your information copy of a despatch dated the 26<sup>th</sup> inst, from Rear Admiral Lee, to whom the Consul's communication was referred, in relation to stationing a vessel of war at Aspinwall.

Very respectfully

*Amos*  
Acty Secy of the Navy

Hon. J. C. Davis,  
Acty Secy of State.

New York. Sept. 27. 71.

Thos. K. Foster.

Central Commission

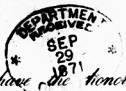
Jan. 4. 72.

Mr Pratt

Attended to  
29<sup>th</sup> Sept Treasury Department,

September 28, 1871

Sir:



I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> instant, to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of one case of Rouge Sine

imported for the use of the Spanish Minister in the 'Abyssinia' at the port of New York, from \_\_\_\_\_

The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed accordingly

I am, very respectfully,

*J. J. Amory*  
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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



Washington, D.C. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Hon. J. C. B. Davis  
Acting Secretary of State

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note of the 28<sup>th</sup> as also the sack of tobacco seed, received from the U.S. Vice Consul General at Havana, and to thank you for the courtesy.

I am, Sir,

Your obt. servant

Jesse M. Pitts  
Commissioner

EN  
over

Write Mr Hall what has been done  
as direct him to communicate it  
to the Capt General  
Department of Justice  
Washington Sept. 20. 1871.



Hon. J. C. Davis  
Acting Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> in-  
stant, enclosing a dispatch from the  
United States Vice Consul General at  
Havana, in which he states that an  
attack has been made upon the dwelling  
of the Spanish Consul at Key West  
by expatriated Cubans, now living there.

I have transmitted a copy of  
your dispatch to the District Attorney  
for the Southern District of Florida  
with instructions to make a thorough  
investigation of the matter and to

institute criminal Proceedings against  
the offending parties, if the facts in the  
case will warrant it.

The dispatch of the Vice Con-  
sul General is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servant,  
B. H. Bristol

Solicitor General, and  
Acting Attorney General.

mg Chew

Recd by  
Circular Oct. 3/71

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Chief Medical Officer,

Washington, September 30<sup>th</sup> 1871



Hon. Bancroft Davis,  
Assistant Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to state that I have been informed, that a supply of Cundurango has been received at the State Department -

If such is the fact I respectfully request that a supply of this remedy be furnished for the purpose of testing its virtues in cases of Cancer in the Freedmens Hospital of this City -

I am, Sir,

Very respectfully,

Thru:  
Surg. Genl. O. C. Howard,  
Commissioner  
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Genl. Adjt. Supt.,  
Robert K. Brown M.D.  
Chief Medical Officer,  
Bureau R. F. & A. L.



Seymour

So. dty  
4<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Key West Fla.

Sept. 30. 1874.

Hon. J. C. Davis.

Acting Secretary of State.

On the evening of September 11<sup>th</sup> five Cubans attacked the Spanish Consulate by throwing stones at it, two weighing two and three pounds were thrown through the windows nearly hitting the Consul. On another evening while walking through the streets was hit by a stone in the head by unknown parties.

He informs me he is

frequently insulted by  
the Cubans.

No arrests have  
been made, will give  
fuller particulars by mail.

W. G. Vance

Collector