

ENDORSEMENTS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS,
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASSOCIATIONS,
COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND CIVIC SOCIETIES
OF THE ISLAND
OF CUBA

IN SUPPORT OF

THE CUBAN PETITION FOR
TARIFF CONCESSIONS

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MUNICIPALITY OF COLON.

COLON, September 30th, 1901.

SEÑOR DON FRANCISCO GAMBA, HAVANA.

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor transmitting to me a copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, so that they may be submitted to the consideration of this Council. Your wishes shall be complied with at the session on next Thursday, and I beg to state in anticipation, that without any doubt the Council will take favorable and enthusiastic action on the suggestion you make and add to it an expressive vote of thanks for the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, who with a most exemplary constancy apply their unbounded energies to the fight for the prosperity of this country.

I beg to remain with expressions of the highest consideration,

Yours respectfully,

RAFAEL ARMAS.

MUNICIPALITY OF ALACRANES.

September 30th, 1901.

No. 3470.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: The Council, under my temporary Chairmanship, held a meeting on this day, with the concurrence of a considerable number of the people of this neighborhood, representing Agriculture and Industry. The meeting took under consideration the communication of your Society and the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of our soil, for the purpose of securing for them easy entry into the markets of that country. The Council decided to join you in every way in these petitions, the opinions being that

the abnormal state through which we are passing is altogether unbearable, and that its continuance would bear results which no one can properly appreciate in a country so essentially agricultural like ours. It is believed that the task of solving these questions and avoiding their consequences pertains to the Government which manages our destinies, and which, in view of the pleasant ties uniting us to it, must needs heed petitions so just and meritorious. I have been requested to voice the opinion of the meeting, and take pleasure in so doing, besides giving you at the same time its representation, so that in its name you may undertake whatever may be indispensable to reach the end desired.

I beg to close by congratulating you and the other gentlemen composing the Society which has taken the initiative in making this just memorial, and which should be joined by every one of any position and worth in this Pearl of the Antillas.

I beg to remain with expressions of the highest consideration,
Yours respectfully,

THE ALCALDE.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: With the greatest pleasure I beg to communicate to you the following resolution of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors of this Association, duly elected by its members, being persuaded of the worthy objects pursued by the Economic Associations for the benefit of the country, has passed the following resolution: "That on Thursday, the third of this month, a day of great importance to all of us residing here, the ordinary work be suspended in Bahia, in order to contribute in this manner to the good results of the memorial containing such sound reasoning which the Economic Associations are presenting to the Government of Intervention for the purpose of safeguarding the resources of this Island."

Please accept kindly this proof of solidarity of the working men of Bahia, whose interests are so closely identified with the general ones.

Please acknowledge receipt.

For the Association of Stevedores,

The Secretary,

V. PLANELLA.

Countersigned by the President,

BENIGNO AMARO.

October 1st, 1901.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE U. S. OF AMERICA.

MATANZAS, September 30th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA.

At this time, 10 o'clock P. M., a most important and large meeting ends, composed of merchants, business men, colonists and farmers and of the press, the unanimous decision being to support the resolution of your committee in matter of petition to American Government. A demonstration will take place with the support of all the elements of the city on Thursday, four o'clock P. M. On that day all stores and offices will close, and all mercantile operations will be suspended.

LOMBARDO.
10 P. M.

SANTO DOMINGO, October 1st, 1901

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: At a meeting of the local Society last night it was decided with absolute unanimity to energetically support the petitions and arguments presented by your Society to the President of the United States, and to invite a popular demonstration for Thursday next; there is unusual enthusiasm of all classes in all localities.

La Rosa.

The President,
JOSÉ GARCIA.

PINAR DEL RIO, October 1st, 1901.

GAMBA, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

In furtherance of the movement inaugurated by your Society, I got committee together; there was unanimous decision to join enthusiastically in the economic propaganda, and secure the cooperation of the press and of the associations of the people. I have communicated with the remaining villages of the Province to secure demonstration.

ALVAREZ.

SAGUA LA GRANDE, October 1st, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

The committee at meeting last night decided unanimously to support the views of your Society and to hold a great demonstration meeting on Thursday at four o'clock in the afternoon. We shall telegraph result.

VALDES.

CAIBARIEN, October 1st, 1901.

GAMBA, SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

A general meeting of the members has noticed with commendation the attitude of your Society and supports it heartily and co-operates with you in the memorial addressed to President of the United States. The people are awaiting anxiously the day of the presentation of the memorial in order to second it with an enthusiastic demonstration.

DOMINGO GARCIA,
President.

CUBA SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

CIENFUEGOS, October 1st, 1901.

GAMBA, PRESIDENT COMMITTEE OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

Meeting of full committee with attendance of delegation of the Association of Agriculturists approved unanimously the memorial of your committee to the President of the United States and resolved to hold next Thursday, with the co-operation of the municipal authority and all the progressive elements of the city, a solemn public demonstration in support of the memorial of your Society.

CARDONA,
President.

GENERAL UNION OF CUBAN WORKING MEN.

HAVANA, October 1st, 1901.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE
ECONOMIC DEMONSTRATION.

Sir: The General Union of the Cuban Workingmen, which assumes the representation of the majority of the workingmen of

Cuba, as an institution of worth and importance interested to the highest degree in the economic development of the country, cannot and must not remain indifferent to the noble attitude taken by the Associations of Producers in their effort to secure from the Government of the United States important tariff concessions in favor of Cuban products.

The excessive duties which are imposed in the ports of the American Union—our sole market—on Cuban products, especially on sugar and tobacco, decrease the demand for them; they prevent competition on our part and give the death blow to agriculture, industry and commerce in Cuba; and the working classes suffer most directly the consequences of the ruin caused by this condition of affairs.

These and other even greater reasons, awaking the instinct of self-preservation, force us to add our humble voice, in the name of the Cuban workingmen, to the already powerful clamor of the organizers of this economic movement to which we lend our co-operation.

The Central Board of the Union, at a session held in the night of Monday, the 30th ultimo, passed the following resolutions:

First. That we declare our adhesion to the Economic Demonstration which is to take place on Thursday, the 3d instant, at the initiative of the Association of Producers; and notify them that we consider ourselves fully identified with the presentation of the memorial addressed by them to the President of the United States in which they request the abolishment of the tariff duties upon tobacco and other products.

Second. That the Central Board of the Union shall attend in a body the demonstration meeting mentioned, and sends invitations to attend to the representatives of districts, committees or sections forming part of it, as well as to all members of the General Union of the Cuban Workingmen, and

Third. That we designate as a point of meeting of the committee and of the members of the Union, the corner of Neptune and Prado at 2 P. M.

JOSE RIVAS,
GUILLERMO REYES,
FLORENTINO SOTO,
JULIAN CAPOTE,
FERNANDO GUERRA,
SPURRIANO J. SILVA.

MANUEL ALFONSO,
APOLINAR GARCIA,
SANTIAGO BOLIO,
RAMON MEILAN,
RAMON RIVERA.

MUNICIPALITY OF GUARA.

GUARA, October 1st, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: This corporation, at its regular meeting held yesterday, resolved unanimously to concur in all its parts in the memorial which your Society is addressing to the President of the United States in favor of various Cuban products, because it believes that whatever is asked for in the memorial is urgently needed for the prosperity of the country. The corporation also resolved to advise the Governor-General of the Island that the people would be pleased to see a reform of the tariff of the United States in relation to sugar and tobacco, because in that case the country would be saved from ruin, and many evils would be avoided, like poverty in the lower classes and the ruin of the producers of those important articles.

I must also advise you that the residents of this section, being desirous of seeing the reforms indicated carried out, have held a meeting for a popular demonstration and petition to the General Government of the Island requesting the Governor-General to use his great influence to have the Government of the United States accede to the solicitations of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, because they believe the reforms asked for indispensable for the salvation of the country.

I take pleasure in communicating this for your consideration and for your timely action thereon.

Your obedient servant,

FRANCISCO VALDES MARTINEZ,
Municipal Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF MATANZAS.

October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Sir: The Municipal Council of Matanzas desires to be identified with the economic movement which is taking place throughout the Island for the purpose of soliciting reforms designed to immediately contribute to our salvation from ruin, and it has

resolved to address to the President of the Government of Intervention the memorial of which I enclose a copy, and which contains the same petitions formulated by the Society whose worthy President you are.

The Council also resolved at that session to request the commission which is going to Washington in the name of the economic corporations, to accept its representation, which it hereby confers upon it, so that it may act in its name in whatever it may do in the way of discussion of economic matters, if it should deem it wise so to do; because the adhesion of the Council to the cause is complete, as must needs be that of the whole Cuban people.

I beg you will accept these declarations in so far as they may be of use to you in the pursuance of your high aims.

I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. LECUONA,
Alcalde.

MATANZAS, October 1st, 1901.

TO THE HONORABLE THEODORE ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Sir: The economic crisis through which the Island of Cuba is passing, and the fact that for the present it lacks the individual existence which would enable it to act in defense of its own interests in the concert of free nations, make it necessary for the Municipal Council of Matanzas, in representation of its people, to have recourse to you with a petition for such measures as may most promptly contribute to the relief of its resources, feeling certain that its request will be favorably received by your Government, were it but for the fact that such measures would be the crowning glory of the humanitarian intervention of the United States.

The efforts made by the people of Cuba to reorganize and to find relief from the great losses they suffered in the war, which was so happily terminated thanks to the American intervention, are rendered completely sterile if the principal products of the Island of Cuba, increased by said efforts, should fail to find a market. To-day, about the only market open to them is that of the United States, known for that reason as the Mercantile Metropolis of Cuba; and the importation of those products into it is rendered almost impossible owing to the high tariff duties which are imposed upon them and which prove almost prohibitive.

Cuba cannot try to secure other markets for its products on account of the legal situation in which it finds itself, viz.: the intervention to which it is subjected deprives it of any individual entity to carry on negotiations and arrangements for that purpose, even if she could hope for a market in other countries besides the United States, her natural market; and this places a moral obligation on your Government to take measures tending to avoid the ruin which is menacing us; otherwise the glorious and humanitarian intervention which you have exercised in Cuba would be defeated by its own effects.

To aid Cuba until it may live the life of a free people, to stimulate its inhabitants to the development of all its resources and to dedicate their energies to the reorganization of the country, so as to have it respond to the benefit received; and to find at last that all efforts have been useless, to feel condemned to inaction and poverty, does not seem to be the result which should logically follow the intervention exercised by your Government. A nation as great as the Republic of the United States cannot consent that a philanthropic act of its own, born of its own power, should be converted into the material ruin of a people.

A modification of the tariff duties to which our products are subjected upon their importation into the United States would be sufficient probably to save us and to avoid our ruin; and this resolution would be so much more possible, on account of the fact that it would not be of a permanent character, nor would be in the nature of a contract for commercial relations between the United States and Cuba; it would be only a concession made by the American Government for the purpose of saving a people which it created, whose national identity it has assumed by reason of its intervention.

For all the reasons above stated, the Municipal Council of Matanzas hopes to obtain from the Government of the United States the following concessions:

First. That all molasses and crude sugar produced in Cuba, up to No. 16 Dutch standard, be admitted into the United States absolutely free from any tariff duties.

Second. That of the tobacco produced in Cuba, classified in paragraph No. 213 of the United States tariff, wrappers shall, upon their importation into that Republic, pay one dollar per pound, and unspecified and unstripped fillers shall pay twenty cents per pound.

Third. That cigars, cigarettes and cheroots of all kinds, manufactured in Cuba and specified in paragraph No. 217 shall pay

\$2.50 per pound, and that the ad valorem duty of twenty-five per cent. which they pay at present shall be abolished.

Fourth. That alcohols, spirits and rums, direct products of the sugar cane, and sweets manufactured with fruits of Cuba and the product of industries of this Island, shall be granted a reduction of forty per centum in the respective paragraphs of the tariff of the United States.

Fifth. That no internal tax shall be levied in the United States on tobacco of all classes produced in Cuba, which would nullify the reductions asked for above.

With these concessions made at the proper time, so that they might have their beneficent effect on the coming crop, the Municipal Council of Matanzas, and with it the people of Cuba, believe, that the prosperity which should be the reward of the efforts of the Island would return, and that the act would close in a fitting manner the epoch-making period of the American Intervention.

In the name of the Council of Matanzas, the Alcalde respectfully requests you to give a favorable reception to this memorial, to endorse it, and to use your well-known influence for the purpose of having our just and natural aspirations fulfilled.

This is an exact copy of the memorial which has been sent by the Municipal Council of Matanzas to the President of the United States.

The Secretary,
MANUEL DEL PORTILLO.

Countersigned:

The Alcalde, D. LECUONA.
MATANZAS, October 3d, 1901.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SANTA CRUZ DEL SUR, October 1st, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

Under this date I advise Colonel Scott, Adjutant-General to the Military Governor, as follows: "Municipal Council having met last night at an extraordinary session, your telegram of September 28th, referring to the amendments to the tariff of the United States relative to the products of this Island, tobacco and sugar, was read; and it was resolved, that this Council concurs in

every way in the well-known views' of the Association of Merchants and Business Men and of the Association of Agriculturists of the Island residing at the capital, in regard to the matter under consideration. The Council would be under obligations if the statements of the representatives of said Economic Associations were taken into consideration." And this I communicate to you in accordance with the resolution mentioned.

Respectfully,

J. ANTONIO DE MIRANDA,
Vice-Prest. and Act. Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF GUANAJAY.

GUANAJAY, October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: The Municipal Council of which I am President has taken into consideration the memorials which the Society whose worthy president you are has addressed to the President of the United States, in order that various Cuban products might secure easy entry into the American Union, and at the session held on the 30th of last month, it was resolved to advise you that the Council fully concurs in the said petitions and in the reasons upon which they are based, and that heretofore it adopted other resolutions similar in sense, which have been communicated to the chief authorities of the Island.

I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

JOSÉ R. HUITI,
Alcalde.

JUAN ANTONIO ALVAREZ, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of Carlos Rojas, Certifies:*

That at the session held on September 30th last by this Municipal corporation, the following resolution was passed among others: "The Secretary read a communication dated the 25th of the current month, signed by the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, in which a request was made for the consideration of a document

enclosed in said communication and containing the petitions which said association has decided to address to the President of the United States in favor of the easy entry of various products of Cuba into the American market. It is urged in said document that after consideration of the petition aforesaid this corporation give its views on the subject, because it would be of great advantage to have the support of the corporations of the people, thus giving the memorial greater force in the opinion of the Chief of the American nation. After taking into consideration the communication which has been read, as well as the petitions addressed in said document by the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island to the President of the United States, which petitions, if granted, would undoubtedly give new strength to our principal industries of sugar and tobacco, the essential factors of our economic, and by reflection of our political life, the members of the Council resolved unanimously to support in the most decided manner the memorial for the tariff concessions addressed by the said General Society of Merchants to the President of the United States. It was also resolved that a certified copy of these resolutions be sent to the aforesaid Society, with the expressions of the thanks of this Council for the efficient attention which it has been giving to the defense of the economic interests of the Island.

In accordance with said resolution the present document is transcribed at Carlos Rojas, on October 2d, 1901.

JUAN A. ALVAREZ.

Countersigned,
The Alcalde SANCHEZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF CARLOS ROJAS.

PROVINCE OF MATANZAS, PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,

October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the pleasure of sending you herewith a certified copy of the resolution of the Municipal Corporation which I have the honor to preside, in which resolution they express the most

decided support of the petitions addressed by your Society to the President of the United States for the purpose of securing tariff reductions.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ A. SANCHEZ,
Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA ISABEL DE LAS LAJAS.

October 2d, 1901.

SR. DON FRANCISCO GAMBA, HAVANA:

I duly laid before the Municipal Council your favor of September last and the petition addressed to the President of the United States by the Society of which you are the worthy president, and it was unanimously resolved to energetically support the petition referred to, which, if favorably acted upon, would save from ruin the economic interests of this country; also to congratulate your Society for the timely initiative it has taken.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

EDUARDO GUZMAN,
Alcalde.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE OF MADRUGA.

OFFICIAL.

MADRUGA, October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Sir: The corporation of which I have the honor to be president, has taken note of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States by the Society so worthily presided over by yourself, in favor of various products of this Island, and has decided to support them in their entirety, and to have me express their concurrence with the memorial and with the reasons upon which it is based.

And thus complying with the above resolution, I hereby subscribe myself with the greatest consideration,

Your obedient servant,

JOSE VALERA,
Presiding Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF EL CANO.

OFFICIAL.

October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA:

At the regular session held by this Council on this date, the memorial addressed by your Society to the President of the United States for the purpose of obtaining tariff reductions was considered and received the unanimous approval of the Council. It was resolved that the members concur in it fully and lend it their unconditional support; further to communicate this to your Society and to the Military Governor, and to designate a commission which might represent this corporation at the public demonstration which is to take place on the third instant.

I take pleasure in advising you of this and in congratulating you upon having taken the initiative in directing the country in the right road to its salvation and prosperity.

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ RAMOS OLMEYDA.

THE ALCALDE OF SAGUA LA GRANDE, IN THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF WHICH HE IS THE PRESIDENT, TO THE HONORABLE THEODORE ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sir: Like the civilized or savage man who feels impelled by the powerful stimulus of the instinct of self-preservation to defend his life and deliver it from the perils threatening to destroy it, so the peoples—who are after all but an aggregation of human beings—become restless when they are menaced by some evil, and defend themselves with such means as nature and the ties between all classes, from the intimate, familiar ones, to the public, international ones, place within their reach. Cuba, for whom we its sons have made such sacrifices to render her independent and happy, feels the economic asphixia produced by the atmosphere surrounding her; in presence of such a danger she turns with undisputable right to you, the representative of the people who held out its hand to us in the days of sorrow for the purpose of aiding us in reaching the ideal we pursued, and who constituted itself since that time into something more than an ally, into the champion of our liberties and prosperity.

Hardly had the roar of cannon died out, when our people, who

during three years had seen the population of the country considerably diminished, and its resources destroyed, gave once more proof of the energies it possesses by undertaking the great work of reorganization and reconstruction, without other elements than its own. And like unto the phenix arising from its own ashes, it presents to the world the surprising result of having, in three years of peace, reached an amount of production of its principal staples, sugar cane and tobacco, almost equal to that of which it had prided itself before the war.

But here our own efforts halt; here stops what we have been able to achieve alone, solely with our own energies and the resources of this soil. And while forming the principal capital in the creation of riches, this is not all that is required for the evolution of the commonwealth; for the latter exists only when it may be said that the normal life of a country is assured; a state of contentment of which we do not speak very clearly owing to the abnormal and odd political situation created by the intervention which absorbs our identity as a nation and incapacitates us from making the treaties usual between nations for the establishment of reciprocal advantages for their respective products. Hence the terrible economic crisis with which we are menaced, because we have no place whither to take our products; we meet low prices, the competition of the bounties on sugar, and the high tariff duties of your Republic which almost close its markets against us, while for many reasons they are almost the only markets to which we can take the fruit of our soil.

The American nation, which in all conscience and honor and before the eyes of the world, took upon itself the responsibility of seeing us established as an independent and prosperous nation, not as a Republic in name only and poor, exposed to being wiped off the face of the earth by the smallest accident (as the martyr of Buffalo stated in his last words) cannot consent, for many and very great moral and political reasons, that Cuba be prostrated in ruin owing to a condition which you can remedy without detriment to the interests of the great nation governed by you, as will easily be seen from the able memorial presented to you by the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba.

Yes, the American people cannot close their ears to the clamor arising from Cape San Antonio to the Point of Maisi. The liberty and prosperity of Cuba are in your hands. We are nothing to-day; we can do nothing to remedy the evil which is threatening us; nothing beyond calling your attention to it. You are the entity which we might be to-day, and the power we might have

been to-morrow has been limited by you within the bounds which you thought were required by the political interests of the American people. To remain passive in the presence of such an evil, would be to condemn us to a cruel death, to the death which might befall those who are deprived of all aid. You would have to accept the full responsibility before your contemporaries and in history if disaster should actually overcome us, just as you would share with us the glory of the moral, political and economic regeneration of this country, if, after leaving us organized into a Republic, you were to give it the elements of life necessary to enable it to fulfill its natural destiny and the political status created by the Platt amendment.

It is not sufficient for a people to produce, it is necessary they should find markets for their products, and if heretofore, by the law of gravitation, our principal market was found in the country which you govern, it is to-day, for very well-known reasons, almost our sole market; and yet your duties are prohibitive for us.

Such a state of things cannot exist for trifling reasons. That Cuba needs the United States as much as they need Cuba is shown by the interest which it awakens, well demonstrated in the aforementioned amendment. But of what use would Cuba, poor and ruined, be to your great nation?

Fully imbued with the great danger which threatens us, and joining in the clamor of the whole country, I beg to place this petition in your hands, with a request that you apply the remedy in time: that, making use of the powers vested in you, and using in our behalf your great influence with the legislative power, you achieve the desired end, which is to grant us the concessions solicited by the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, thanks to which step the economic life of this country will be saved; and in case said powers should not be sufficient that you ask for the ones necessary to accomplish this result.

Yours respectfully,

MANUEL ALVERDI,
Presiding Alcalde.

SAGUA LA GRANDE, October 2d, 1901.

ANGEL RUIZ DE QUEVEDO, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of San Diego de los Baños, Certifies:*

That in the minutes of the extraordinary session held by the Municipal Council on the 2d instant, at which were present the

Alcalde Araujo and the members of the Council José Delgado, Ricardo Araujo, José Calvo, Paulino Rodriguez and Gabriel Lazo de la Vega, the following entry appears:

Second. The president advised the members that in accordance with the calls issued for the meeting, the object of the session was to lay before the Council a letter received from the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of this Island, accompanied by the Bulletin No. 11 of the said Society, of September 20th, last, containing the petitions which are being addressed by those important bodies to the President of the United States in favor of the products of this Island, so as to secure for them easy entry into the North American market. That he had called a meeting of the Council at the suggestion of the said Society for the purpose of having it consider the said memorial and express its views thereon; that in view of the importance of the matter, on which depend the life and salvation of the country, he had not hesitated a moment in calling them together for the purpose of deliberating on the subject and of taking a resolution thereon. The said letter and the memorial addressed to the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, by the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island, Sr. Francisco Gamba were read. Said memorial which rests upon very eloquent and indisputable arguments, has for its object to secure tariff advantages for Cuban products, especially for leaf and manufactured tobacco and for sugar produced here, the main sources of the riches of this country. The Corporation having taken note of the petitions and of the reasons given for them, all the members applauded them as of one accord and spoke very highly of them. They discussed in extenso the favorable results which would be obtained by the granting of the request, for the people of Cuba are to-day unjustly ruined by the paralyzation of commercial operations in said products, due to the very high tariff duties upon their entry into the United States of America, their only natural market. This circumstance has brought about the unfortunate condition that to-day all hope is being abandoned by those hard toilers who having to fight with the inclemencies of nature, and who, though true to their work, receive as a result of their virtue, their energy and their constancy, the visit of poverty at the doors of their homes. Mention was made of the hopelessness ensuing, which has been mitigated somewhat by the animation observed in all classes of society, without distinction, in their unanimous response to the initiative of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of this Island; the echo of sympathy

and support is being heard from the house of the well-to-do agriculturist as well as from the modest hut of the most humble laborer, all repeating the requests of the Society. The Council resolved therefore by a unanimous vote, that the Alcalde should address a telegram of congratulation to the President of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island, in which he should pledge the support of this Council to the petition mentioned in this resolution; in which he should give a vote of confidence to Sr. Gamba, so that in his character of president, and interpreting the legitimate aspirations of this corporation, he should represent it in whatever pertained to this subject. It was also resolved that the secretary should make a certified copy of this resolution and should forward it to Sr. Gamba.

And in compliance with the resolution, I make this certified copy for the purpose of transmitting it to Sr. Francisco Gamba, President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, duly countersigned by the Presiding Alcalde, and sealed with the seal of this corporation at San Diego de los Baños, on this 2d day of October, 1901.

RUIZ DE QUEVEDO.

The Presiding Alcalde, L. ARAUJO.

MUNICIPALITY OF BEJUCAL.

OFFICIAL.

BEJUCAL, October 2d, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Sir: I have the honor of transmitting to you a certified copy of a resolution relating to our support of the memorial which your Society is addressing to the Government at Washington, for the purpose of securing a reduction in the custom duties.

Yours respectfully,

FRANCISCO CAMPOS,
Alcalde.

IGNACIO LARA Y TORRIO, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of Bejucal, Certifies:*

That in the minutes of the regular session of the Council held on the 30th of last September, there is, among others, the follow-

ing entry: "A letter was read from Señor Francisco Gamba, President of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, accompanied by a copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, in order to give them easy entry into that market, and asking this Municipal Council to advise him in an appropriate manner in case it should concur with the views expressed. The Secretary pro tem read the petition addressed to the Honorable President of the American Union requesting him that in his next message to Congress he ask that body for authority to immediately establish a system of ample commercial privileges for the products of this Island named in detail in the said petition, which would tend to save Cuba from an imminent ruin. The corporation having considered the matter, and concurring fully in the petition formulated by the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island, and in the argument accompanying it, resolved unanimously to give it its full support and to concur in its arguments. It was also resolved to communicate this to the Society.

And for the purpose of transmitting it to the President of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of this Island, I make the present copy at the Bejucal, on October 2d, 1901.

IGNACIO LARA.

Countersigned:

The Alcalde, FRANCISCO CAMPO.

MUNICIPALITY OF GUIA DE MELENA.

October 2d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN
OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA:

In view of your esteemed communication of September last, I have the honor to advise you that at an extraordinary meeting of the Municipal Council, of which I have the honor to be President, and which had been called for the purpose, it was resolved unanimously, to first congratulate the Military Governor for his work and efforts with the Government of the United States to secure a reduction of the duty on sugar, tobacco and other Cuban products; to urge him at the same time not to falter in his efforts

until he shall secure the reduction sought, this being the sole means of saving the difficult economic situation of the country, and suggesting to him also, in view of your esteemed communication, that the most acceptable measure, in the opinion of this corporation, which the Government of the United States could adopt to protect those products is that proposed by the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island. It also resolved to advise you, that as it fully concurs with the memorial which is being addressed to the President of the United States by the Society whose worthy president you are, and in the reasons which you adduce in support of your petition, it is pleased to notify you in the most expressive manner, that this Council joins you in the petition.

I take pleasure in communicating this to you and in advising you at the same time that the merchants, business men, and the people in general, who met in large numbers in the Council room, resolved to take part in the demonstration of your Society in honor of General Wood, and to appoint a commission composed of Messrs. Enrique Odriozola, Antonio Rodriguez, José Sanchez and Joaquin Hedesa, presided by the undersigned, to represent them at the said demonstration.

Yours respectfully,

ERADIO BACALLAO.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF QUIVICAN.

QUIVICAN, October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAYANA.

Sir: Replying to your kind invitation, I take pleasure in transmitting to you enclosed a certified copy of the resolution of this Municipal Council, giving its adhesion to the work of the Society of which you are the worthy president, the object of which is to secure easier entry of the products of this country into the United States.

Yours respectfully,

FCO. LUIS JORGE,
Municipal Alcalde.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF JAGUEY GRANDE.

October 2d, 1901.

SEÑOR DON FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL
SOCIETY OF THE MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE
ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: Enclosed I beg to hand you a certified copy of the resolution passed by this Municipal Council at the request of the Society of which you are the worthy president, because we consider it a much needed measure for the prosperity of the country.

Yours respectfully,

J. A. RODRIGUEZ.

TOMAS TIO CARDENAS, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of this place, Certifies:*

That in the book of minutes for the session held on the 30th day of September last, among other matters, there is the following resolution: "*Fourth.* The President laid before the Council a communication of the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, enclosing a copy of the Bulletin of the Society containing the petitions which said Society addresses to the President of the United States of America, in favor of various products of this Island, with a request that, if the Council should concur in the memorial and in its reasons, it take action thereon and express its approval of them in due form, for the purpose of adding its support in favor of the result. After the reading of it and of the arguments upon which it is based, the Council resolved unanimously to adopt the five requests which I copy and which state:

"*First.* That all molasses and crude sugar produced in Cuba, up to No. 16 Dutch standard, be admitted into the United States absolutely free from any tariff duties.

"*Second.* That of the tobacco produced in Cuba, classified in paragraph No. 213 of the United States tariff, wrappers shall, upon their importation into that Republic, pay one dollar per pound, and unspecified and unstripped fillers shall pay twenty cents per pound.

"*Third.* That cigars, cigarettes and cheroots of all kinds, manufactured in Cuba, and specified in paragraph 217, shall pay \$2.50 per pound, and that the ad valorem duty of twenty-five per cent. which they pay at present shall be abolished.

"*Fourth.* That alcohols, spirits and rums, direct products of the sugar cane, and sweets manufactured with fruits of Cuba and the products of industries of this Island, shall be granted a reduction of forty per centum in the respective paragraphs of the tariff of the United States.

"*Fifth.* That no internal tax shall be levied in the United States on tobacco of any class produced in Cuba, which would nullify the reductions asked for above.

"It was also resolved that this approval be duly communicated in writing to the President of the said Society of Merchants and Business Men for their action." And in compliance with this and by orders of the Alcalde and with his countersign, I sign the present certified copy at Jaguey Grande, on October 2d, 1901.

TOMAS TIO.

Countersigned:

The Municipal Alcalde, J. A. RODRIGUEZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF JARUCO.

October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I have received your communication transmitting the memorial addressed to the President of the United States, in which you ask for a reduction of the tariff duties on molasses, sugar, tobacco, cigars, alcohol, spirits and rum.

I have placed this communication before the Municipal Council at an extraordinary session on this date; and the latter resolved unanimously to declare its approval of it and its concurrence in each one and all the petitions, as well as in the arguments in support of them; and it begs to congratulate you upon having accomplished a work of such importance and transcendancy for the welfare of the country.

I have the honor to transmit this resolution to you, and thus comply with the request contained in your aforesaid communication.

With expressions of the highest consideration, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

FRANCISCO CALDERON,
Municipal Alcalde.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE OF HAVANA.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Sir: In compliance with your request, the Board of Directors of this Exchange has taken into consideration the memorial addressed by the Society whose worthy president you are, to the President of the United States, asking for a reduction, in the American tariff, of the duties on the principal products of this Island; and I take pleasure in advising you that the memorial has been unanimously approved, and that the Board has authorized its President to support it in the name of the Exchange, and to advise you that it shall be pleased to see the name of this Exchange added to the signers of the petition and authorizes you to make this endorsement whenever you may deem it timely and convenient to do so.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

ENR. ROMAYE,
President.

HAVANA, October 2d, 1901.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL FIREMEN OF HAVANA.

HAVANA, October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: In reply to your invitation I beg to advise you that this Corps will attend in full force the economic demonstration meeting, although it shall do so in civil clothes, to avoid giving this action the official character which might otherwise be attributed to it. It shall thus become the spontaneous demonstration of the interest it takes in the noble aims which guide you.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

FELIPE DE PASOS,
Chief.

UNITED RAILROADS AND WAREHOUSES OF REGLA,
LIMITED.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY.

HAVANA, October 2d, 1901.

SRES. FRANCISCO GAMBA, RAMON PRIETO AND EUDALDO ROMAGOSA, PT.

Dear Sirs: I have the honor to advise you that this Company concurs in the noble aims pursued by the producing classes in defense of the Cuban industry and commerce at the demonstration to which you have kindly invited it. I take pleasure at the same time in advising you that on account of the said demonstration meeting, the work of this Company shall be suspended at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday the 3d instant.

Yours respectfully,

The General Manager,
J. E. WOLFE.

MUNICIPALITY OF CALABAZAR.

CALABAZAR, October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: The Municipal Council, of which I am president, has taken into consideration the petitions which your Society is addressing to the President of the United States, in favor of various products of the Island, and at the regular session, adjourned from the 28th of last month, it resolved to concur fully in said petitions because it considers them founded on the strictest justice, and very timely on account of the imperious needs of the Cuban people to secure such concessions for the development of their resources and as an immediate remedy for the crisis through which they are passing.

With expressions of the highest consideration I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

LEOPOLDO RAMOS,
Presiding Alcalde.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CARDENAS, October 2d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The Mercantile Union gives its most enthusiastic applause to the memorial addressed to the President of the United States and approves the petitions it contains. You may count on the moral and material aid of this corporation for whatever may be needed. The movement just begun will be the last hope of the producing elements of the country to secure the means of recuperating from the losses sustained during the war.

8:50 P. M.

ALBERTO FONTE,
President

CARDENAS, October 2d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

At two o'clock this afternoon a large meeting took place of the commercial, industrial and agricultural elements, of land owners, professional people and working men; all resolved to take enthusiastic part in the economic movement begun by your Society for the salvation of the material interests of the country. To-morrow afternoon we shall hold a public demonstration meeting and the Alcalde shall lay before it your extraordinary Bulletin. The railroad will suspend its work and the commerce will close its stores and offices at twelve o'clock noon. The Press is lending its unconditional aid, and is publishing several articles calling attention to the importance of general action. An Organizing Committee has been named composed of Joaquin Rojas, Alberto Fonte, Francisco Parandela, Agapito Pedemonte and Carlos Valle. The Municipal Council in full force will receive the demonstration and will hold an extraordinary meeting for the purpose of passing a resolution to support the work begun by your Society.

ALBERTO FONTE.

9.05 P. M.

RANCHO VELOZ, October 2d, 1901.

GAMBA, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council, the Association of Agriculturists and the commerce take part in the economic demonstration.

LEISECA,
Alcalde.

COLON, October 2d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

To-morrow we hold a demonstration to solicit the reduction of the tariff duties and to support the petition of your Society; the agriculturists of the whole district and the people in mass are taking part.

MONTERO ARECES LINARES.

VINALES, October 2d, 1901.

GAMBA, PRESIDENT GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND
BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA:

We have received the extraordinary Bulletin. The Council which I preside resolves by a unanimous vote to concur in the petition which it approves in its entirety. It also supports the arguments adduced in its favor.

COLLADO,
Alcalde.

UNION DE REYES, October 2d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The Society of Retail Merchants resolved unanimously to support resolution of your Society in relation to the memorial to the American Government.

FERNANDEZ,
President.

SANTA CLARA, October 2d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

A meeting of the Board of Directors of this Society resolved to approve the work to be done by your Society for the purpose of securing tariff reductions from the United States, and to take part in it.

RAMON GONZALEZ,
President of the Society of Merchants of Santa Clara.

CONSOLACIÓN DEL SUR, CUBA, October 2d, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRADO 52, HAVANA:

At the meeting of yesterday the Council resolved to ask you to assume the representation of this Municipal Council in the demon-

stration to be made to-morrow to the Military Governor for the purpose of requesting the adoption of urgency measures to save the great interests of the country which are menaced with ruin. I shall remit by mail expressions of adhesion of the Council to the movement of the Society of Merchants.

DIAZ ARRASTIA,
Alcalde.

BATABANO, October 2d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN
OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA:

The district of Batabano, represented by this Council, concurs in the petition addressed by your Society to President Roosevelt, and begs you will consider it present at the demonstration to-morrow.

FRANCISCO PERAZA,
Municipal Alcalde.

BAINOA, October 2d, 1901.

THE MUNICIPAL ALCALDE OF BAINOA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF
THE ISLAND OF CUBA:

The Council over which I preside thoroughly concurs in the objects of the demonstration to be held to-morrow, which will unquestionably redound to the material welfare of this Island.

F. PEODOMO.

CUBA SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

CIENFUEGOS, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The preparations for the demonstration meeting of to-day are continuing with great enthusiasm. The Municipal authorities, the delegations of the Associations of Agriculturists and of the Retail Merchants, and the Presidents of the Associations of working men, the Press and all important elements are co-operating towards the good result. At the beginning of the meeting and at its close we shall cable you accounts of it.

CARDONA.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT, CITY.

Sir: The Chamber of Commerce of Santiago de Cuba, associated for the purpose with the Municipal Council of this city, true representatives of the people, and with the best elements of the commerce, industry and agriculture of the place, the political parties, the press, the arts, the professions, the land owners, the labor associations, and in fact with all the classes forming the stamen and backbone of the country, all imbued with one thought and animated by one and the same wish, appear before you, making a solemn and respectful demonstration for the following purpose. We want to call the attention of the American Government which you so worthily represent, to the very unfortunate conditions in which we are placed on account of the difficulties encountered for the sale of our principal products in the ports of the United States, as well as to the necessity for putting an end to a condition so sad and ruinous for our interests.

For some time past, public opinion and its properly inspired organs have been proclaiming the seriousness of the problem raised in this Island owing to the disadvantages under which we produce, and which render impossible the employment of its energies in the various forms of work; and as the seriousness of these conditions cannot remain hidden from those who, living in their midst, suffer very acutely its painful consequences, the efforts of the working classes have been doubled in the aim to better the conditions of existence as far as possible.

But vain is the purpose and sterile the effort put forth with a view of averting the danger and the imminent ruin threatening us, by those who attend closely and carefully to the pursuits of commerce and industry in the country. The economic life, or rather the material life, of this country, depends, as is well-known upon its two principal, and almost sole, industries, the production of sugar and that of tobacco. And while the precarious condition of both dates back a good many years, it is certain that the seriousness of the said condition has accentuated itself lately and has brought about a conflict which deeply affects the general interests of the country.

This chamber shall not even attempt to give here a description or an analysis of the causes in which this unfortunate state of things found its origin. It shall simply make a faithful recital of the unanimous, immense clamor raised by a people who are spen by continuous troubles and by a prolonged crisis which is culminating by bringing them to the edge of abject poverty. A

people on the verge of despair turns its eyes with anxiety towards those who have voluntarily and spontaneously taken upon themselves the care and safeguard of their vast interests.

We do not exaggerate the situation. The decadence of this country, which erstwhile became the marvel of the world by its crops of millions of tons of sugar, and its hundreds of thousands of hogsheads of tobacco, is very well-known; and it must be patent even to those, who closing their eyes not to see it, have to feel perforce its disastrous effects: poverty and hunger.

Nor can it be otherwise.

Cuba depends exclusively upon the American market for everything in its economic affairs. Her sugar, which for long years back has been in competition with the sugar of home production, favored by a tariff which protected it enormously, is now at the mercy of the latter: first, owing to a home production which is on the increase, thanks to this same protection; second, owing to the fact that the product of the Islands of Puerto Rico and of the Philippines, which formerly paid duties (in the United States) does not pay any now; third, owing to the disadvantage that Cuban sugar is to-day one of the few which do not enjoy privileges of any kind, while a large number of countries producing sugar have succeeded by means of treaties of reciprocity in securing reductions of greater or less importance. All these reasons increase the unfavorable conditions of competition for the sugar of Cuba; and the latter meets moreover, in the ports of the Union, the rival sugars of other countries who favor its production by bounties, who count upon abundant labor, agricultural banks, goods means of communication and other advantages which the Cuban production lacks; and the sugar from Cuba encounters, as we have already said, the exorbitant tariff duties which makes its sale impossible.

In equally critical circumstances do we find also the production of tobacco of the Island, this very important branch of Cuban industry, subjected to-day to an unequal fight against its competitors, because all the conditions are conspiring against it. It has come to this extreme, that, notwithstanding its incontrovertible superiority and universal fame, it finds but few markets; and in that of the United States, owing to the expenses of production, to the high internal taxes and to the monstrous tariff duties to which it is subjected in the ports of that country, it cannot be sold except at prices entirely beyond the reach of consumers.

Thus, the main sources of our riches have been closed, the sources which are the origin and the feeders of the energies of the

country. Necessarily the consequences must be felt in all the pulsations of its activity; commerce languishes and becomes extinct; industry declines more and more every day, and the people feel every moment the results of such great evils.

The country has omitted nothing, as far as it depended upon its efforts and its work, to come out victorious in the hard fight in which it was, and is now, engaged to defend its riches; but defeat has already prostrated it; fatality has conquered it, and the sad reality forces it to ask from the American Government, its friend and protector, for the saving measures which it alone can take in behalf of Cuba.

So that, impelled by the irresistible force of necessity, acting as the true interpreters of the unanimous wishes and aspirations of the people assembled at this meeting, and complying with the mission imposed upon the Chambers of Commerce of this Island, the Chamber of Santiago de Cuba has the honor to ask the Government of Intervention the following privileges, as a concession due to our great misfortune.

First. The total suppression of the duties fixed by the American Customs Tariff on the molasses and raw sugar of Cuba, up to No. 16 Dutch standard.

Second. A reduction of forty per centum of the respective duties in said tariff on spirits, alcohol and rum and other products of the sugar cane, and upon the sweets manufactured with Cuban fruits, products of the industry of this Island.

Third. The substitution of the following duties for those at present paid by tobacco and its manufactures, abolishing the consumer's tax and any other internal tax which might render the concession an illusory one, viz.:

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| Tobacco in the manufactured state, per pound | \$2.50 |
| Wrappers, per pound | 1.00 |
| Fillers, per pound | .20 |

We beg you will transmit this memorial to the Honorable Governor-General of this Island, so that he may in turn present it to the Government of his nation and give it all the support of his prestige and the influence of his high position, as justice demands.

Very respectfully,
THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF SANTIAGO.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

REMEDIOS, October 3d, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS,
HAVANA:

The merchants, business men, landowners and people of Remedios, at an enthusiastic demonstration just being held, ask the Alcalde and the members of the Council to express to the Military Governor their unanimous support of the aims of the Society of which you are president in relation to the reduction of the duties on sugar, tobacco and other products depending therefrom, as well as to congratulate you upon your noble stand in favor of the interests of this Island.

MANUEL FUENTES.

CABEZAS, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND
BUSINESS MEN OF THIS ISLAND, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA.

Sir: I called the attention of the Municipal Council over which I preside, at the adjourned regular session held on the 1st of this month, to your communication of the 27th of last month, in which, in compliance with a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Society whose worthy president you are, you enclose a copy of the extraordinary Bulletin containing the petitions to be presented to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, and request that we give them our support. As we all deem the modifications and privileges asked for advisable and advantageous to the people of Cuba, it was resolved by unanimous vote that we concur in every way in the views expressed in the petition, and that this be communicated to you. I have the pleasure of doing this now, and beg to advise you at the same time that this corporation on this same date is communicating this resolution to the Adjutant-General of the Military Governor in order to give you another small aid in securing what you solicit. In compliance with the resolution I have the honor to communicate this to you and remain,

Yours respectfully,

The Presiding Alcalde,
PEDRO GARCIA.

RICARDO MIYARES VALDES, *Secretary pro tem of the Municipal Council of Santo Domingo, Certifies:*

That at a regular session of this Council held on second call on the 30th of last month, the following resolution was passed: "The Chair laid before the meeting the pamphlet and memorial which the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba is addressing to the Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, requesting the admittance, free from tariff duties, of sugar and molasses from Cuba into the North American market; asking also that the tobacco classified in paragraph 213 of the tariff, pay upon its entry into the United States one dollar per pound, and the unstripped and unclassified fillers twenty cents per pound, and that cigars, cigarettes and cheroots, manufactured in Cuba and specified in paragraph 217 pay \$2.50 per pound, abolishing the twenty-five per cent. ad valorem duty which they pay to-day; that on the alcohols and the products derived from, or allied to, sugar cane, as well as on the sweets manufactured with Cuban fruits and products of the industry of Cuba, a reduction be made of forty per centum on the duty established by the tariff of the United States, and finally that no internal revenue tax be levied in the American Union on manufactured tobacco produced in Cuba. The Council having taken the matter into consideration resolved to give its approval and support to the petition and its arguments, and to have a certified copy of this resolution sent to the President of the Society, Don Francisco Gamba."

And in compliance with the resolution I make this copy which has been duly countersigned by the Presiding Alcalde, at Santo Domingo, October 3d, 1901.

RICARDO MIYARES.

Countersigned:

The Presiding Alcalde, GUSTAVO CASANOVA.

MUNICIPALITY OF VUELTAS.

October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: To-day I sent you the following telegram: "At this hour an important demonstration is being held at which all classes of

society are represented in support of the memorial for the reduction of duties on the products of the country."

I hereby confirm the above.

Yours respectfully,

C. NODAL.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: At the regular session held by the Municipal Council of this place on the night of the 2d instant, the memorial addressed by your Association to the President of the United States was read, and I take great pleasure in advising you that the Municipality, deeming it to be a measure which would save the production of this Island, and with it its economic life, resolved by a unanimous vote to support, as if they were their own, the petitions mentioned in your extraordinary Bulletin; it was also resolved that the Military Governor be notified of this, and that a copy of the memorial which this Council is addressing to the President of the United States, be sent to the president of your Society.

Yours respectfully,

MANUEL ALVERDI.

SAGUA, October 3d, 1901.

MUNICIPALITY OF RODAS.

RODAS, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA:

I have the honor to advise you that the Council over which I preside, at its session of to-day, resolved to send a telegram to the Governor-General of the Island in support of the petitions which your Society recommends in favor of our principal products.

Yours respectfully,

The Municipal Alcalde,

A. CEPHANY.

MUNICIPALITY OF CAIBARIEN.

CAIBARIEN, October 3d, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: I comply with the request of the Municipal Council, and take pleasure in transmitting to you a certified copy of the resolution passed by them, in which they concur in the work of your Society in favor of the commercial privileges referred to in your communication of September 2d.

At the time of the session a great demonstration took place on the part of the people represented by all classes of society, all concurring in the memorial of your Society and supporting the Municipality, and a request was made that this be communicated to the Government of Intervention so that it may intercede with the Government of the United States, to have the commercial privileges asked for granted as soon as possible for the welfare of the country which demands them.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

The Alcalde,
PROSPERO PEREZ.

ANTONIO L. GAVILAN, *Secretary of the Municipality of Caibarien,*
Certifies:

That at an extraordinary session held by the Council on October 3d, 1901, the following was considered, and the resolution given below was adopted:

"The President called attention to the fact that the difficult economic condition in which the country finds itself owing to the paralization to which its two principal sources of riches, tobacco and sugar, are subjected, had aroused public opinion into requesting from the Government of the United States the means of salvation from the misfortunes threatening us, and that every one who knows of the efforts which are being made by various commercial and agricultural bodies of the Island to achieve that end.

"That the Honorable Military Governor has taken the initiative in this important matter, with the greatest zeal, energy and efficiency by working for it, not only in Cuba, but also with the Government of the United States.

"That the demonstration held at this hour by the people in great numbers for the purpose of supporting the work of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba and the Associations of Agriculturists is the most palpable proof that this work is a necessity felt and proclaimed by all.

"That it is public and notorious that the economic crisis is increasing, to such a point that operations have been stopped on the sugar estates of this section, and only the absolutely necessary work is being done; that no sales are being made of tobacco, and that the difficulty of the situation is becoming general, and, in the minds of all, is but the precursor of further evils.

"That, in this condition of things, the Municipal Council, as the genuine representation of the people, must associate itself to the general sentiments of the country and must add its efforts in favor of the measures for economic improvement which have been suggested.

"The members of the Council, after consideration of the above, resolved unanimously, in the presence of the concourse attending the session, to support in every way the work being done by the societies of Havana, and consequently to ask from the United States Government, through the intermediary of the Military Government, the following concessions:

"*First.* That all molasses and crude sugar produced in Cuba, up to No. 16 Dutch standard, be admitted into the United States absolutely free from any tariff duties.

"*Second.* That of the tobacco produced in Cuba, classified in paragraph No. 213 of the United States tariff, wrappers shall, upon their importation into the Republic, pay one dollar per pound, and unspecified and unstripped fillers shall pay twenty cents per pound.

"*Third.* That cigars, cigarettes and cheroots of all kinds, manufactured in Cuba, and specified in paragraph 217 shall pay \$2.50 per pound, and that the ad valorem duty of twenty-five per cent. which they pay at present shall be abolished.

"*Fourth.* That alcohols, spirits and rums, direct products of the sugar cane, and sweets manufactured with fruits of Cuba, and the product of industries of this Island, shall be granted a reduction of forty per centum in the respective paragraphs of the tariff of the United States.

"*Fifth.* That no internal tax shall be levied in the United States on tobacco of all classes produced in Cuba, which would nullify the reductions asked for above.

It was also resolved to notify the United States Government,

the Civil Government and the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of this resolution, besides giving them telegraphic advice of it."

And I make this copy for the purpose of transmitting it to the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, at Caibarien, on October 3d, 1901.

ANTONIO L. GAVILAN.

The Alcalde, PROSPERO PEREZ.

NOVELTY STORE "LA SIN RIVAL."

SAN DIEGO DE LOS BAÑOS, October 3d, 1901.

SEÑOR FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MAN, HAVANA.

Dear Sir: At the invitation of the principal citizens of this place and my own, the people of this town held a large demonstration meeting, at which all classes of society were represented; all concurred fully in the wishes of the Society of which you have the honor to be president, because they deem them of the greatest advantage to the country.

The demonstration, which was held with the most perfect order, was just ending when your telegram was received.

I beg to remain, very respectfully yours,

JOSÉ DELGADO.

MUNICIPALITY OF CAIMITO DE GUAYABAL.

CAIMITO DE GUAYABAL, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND UNITED CORPORATIONS, HAVANA.

Sir: As the interpreter of the wishes of the Council and of the residents of this place, I beg to address you this communication to advise you of our full approval of the beneficent economic campaign so nobly begun by you for the purpose of saving the country from the terrible misfortunes which have befallen it.

I beg to remain. Yours respectfully,

The Alcalde,
FELICIANO ALVAREZ.

CIDRA, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

At the session of this Council held yesterday I laid before the members your communication and the pamphlet sent us by your Society. The Council resolved unanimously to notify you, as I take pleasure in doing, that this Corporation concurs fully in the memorial and in the reasons given by your Board of Directors in support of it, relating to the modification of some parts of the present tariff of the United States; it is unquestionably the sole means of saving the country from immediate ruin.

Yours respectfully,

The Presiding Alcalde,

FERNANDO CALVO.

*Association of Agriculture, Commerce and Industry of the Province
of Matanzas, Secretary's Office.*

MATANZAS, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THIS ISLAND, HAVANA.

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of September 30th accompanying the copy of the extraordinary Bulletin of your Society containing the memorial addressed to the President of the United States, in which you request a reduction in the American tariff of the duties upon the principal products of this Island; and I take great pleasure in advising you, in the name of this body, of which I have the honor to be president, that our Association lends its unconditional support to the aims of your Society, because we believe them to be entirely reasonable and just, and consider them at the same time the sole means of solving the serious economic problem which is confronting us.

A great demonstration of all the classes of society is being prepared in this city for the purpose of making the same petition which has been formulated by your Society.

You are therefore authorized to make use, wherever you deem it advisable, of the views of this Association, our greatest wish being that your Society secure the best results for the general welfare.

I beg to remain Yours respectfully,

The Civil Governor Presiding,

P. BETANCOURT.

The Secretary,

J. RIERA, *Surveying Engineer.*

MUNICIPALITY OF TAPASTE.

TAPASTE, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF HAVANA.

Sir: I laid before the Council at its extraordinary session of to-day the petitions which your Society is addressing to the President of the United States, and the Council received them with enthusiasm and resolved to concur fully in them. At this hour, the people, at a mass meeting at which all the elements of the commerce, industry, professions and agriculture are represented by special delegations, asked me to associate them in your petitions. I beg to communicate this to you, and authorize you to make it public, and if you deem it wise, to give it to the press. Please accept the expressions of my consideration and esteem.

RICARDO PRESAS.

MUNICIPALITY OF UNION DE REYES.

UNION DE REYES, CUBA, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of the petition which the farmers, merchants, landowners and business men of this place address to the Military Governor of this Island concurring unconditionally in the memorial of your Society.

Yours respectfully,

The Alcalde,
ENRIQUE G. QUEVEDO.

UNION DE REYES, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: At the session held to-day by the Municipal Council the memorial which I have the honor to enclose, signed by the farmers landowners, merchants and business men of this place was read, requesting that this Corporation support unconditionally the laudable work of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, and the said memorial be favorably endorsed and sent to

the General Government of which you are the worthy representative.

This Council has carefully considered the matter, and declares that owing to the situation brought about by the payment of high duties, upon their entry into the United States, by sugar and tobacco, the two principal, if not the sole, products of Cuba, it is absolutely necessary that the relations between the United States and Cuba become closer, beginning with the method proposed by the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island, if we want to recover our riches lost by the last war.

In consequence, the Council, by a unanimous vote, resolved to give its support to the memorial for the reduction of the tariff presented by the economic bodies of Cuba, as the sole means of avoiding the most abject misery into which this country will unquestionably fall unless such reforms are adopted at once.

This corporation hopes that the decided and efficient action of the Military Governor of the Island will contribute powerfully to the granting of these reforms, and for this purpose I respectfully beg for your co-operation in the efforts to normalize the conditions of the country and to assure the economic life of Cuba, to the glory of the Great Republic of North America.

Yours respectfully,

The Alcalde.

It is a true copy.

The Alcalde, ENRIQUE G. QUEVEDO.

TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

The undersigned residents of this place, farmers, landowners and business men, address the following memorial to your corporation.

We have heard with genuine satisfaction that the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island is addressing to the Honorable President of the United States a memorial containing the following requests:

First. That all molasses and crude sugar produced in Cuba, up to No. 16 Dutch standard, be admitted into the United States absolutely free from any tariff duties.

Second. That of the tobacco produced in Cuba, classified in paragraph No. 213 of the United States tariff, wrappers shall, upon their importation into that Republic, pay \$1.00 per pound, and unspecified and unstripped fillers shall pay twenty cents per pound.

Third. That cigars, cigarettes and cheroots of all kinds manufactured in Cuba and specified in paragraph 217, shall pay \$2.50 per pound, and that the ad valorem duty which they pay at present shall be abolished.

Fourth. That alcohols, spirits and rums, direct products of the sugar cane, and sweets manufactured with fruits of Cuba, and the product of industries of this Island, shall be granted a reduction of forty per centum in the respective paragraphs of the tariff of the United States.

Fifth. That no internal duty shall be levied in the United States on tobacco of all classes produced in Cuba, which would nullify the reductions asked for above.

Your petitioners are entirely in accord with these petitions, and request the Municipal Council of this place which has been one of those who reconstructed the fastest their destroyed riches, to support unconditionally the laudable work of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, and transmit this memorial to the Governor-General of the Island.

UNION DE REYES, October 2d, 1901.

ANTONIO DOCAL, farmer and land owner,
 FRANCISCO GARCIA, merchant,
 FRANCISCO TRELLES, merchant,
 LICDO. MANUEL G. QUEVEDO, notary and attorney at-law,
 AGUSTIN ALONSO, land owner,
 ALBERTO RUIZ, farmer,
 JUAN DEL RIESGO, business man,
 SERAFIN HERNANDEZ, merchant,
 VICENTE DIDE, land owner,
 MODESTO CAMPO, merchant,
 JOAQUIN VIÑA, land owner,
 FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ, merchant,
 ANGEL LOPEZ CHAVEZ, business man,
 LEOVIGILDO LOZANO, M.D.,
 JERONIMO PRATS, business man,
 ANTONIO FERNANDEZ, merchant,
 ANTONIO S. MUÑIZ, land owner,
 ALVARO GUTIERREZ, merchant,
 JOAQUIN BORRAS, merchant,
 JUAN W. ESPINOSA, merchant,
 MATILDE PEREZ, merchant,
 JUSTO SUAREZ, mechanic,
 JOSÉ F. LEON, merchant,
 ISIDRO HERNANDEZ, merchant,

RAFAEL VALDEZ, merchant,
 NICOLAS BETANCOURT, merchant,
 LUIS PEREZ FERNANDEZ, merchant,
 ANICETO SUAREZ, business man,
 JOSÉ M. FERNANDEZ, merchant.
 EULOGIO RODRIGUEZ, land owner,
 RAMON MERLAN, merchant,
 FRANCISCO MERLAN, land owner,
 TOMAS SOTES, land owner,
 LEON RUIZ, land owner,
 FRANCISCO GONZALES, merchant,
 CARLOS F. AVAÑOS, land owner,
 MANUEL BEJAR, merchant,
 MANUEL PIÑAR, land owner,
 LICDO. JOSÉ F. ESTEVA, land owner,
 ELISEO DELGADO, merchant,
 FACUNDO ECHENIQUE, land owner,
 TOMAS DIAZ, land owner,
 FERMIN HOYOS, farmer and land owner,
 DAMASO FERNANDEZ, business man,
 V. CASTAÑEDA, merchant,
 ELEUTERIO MININO, merchant,
 FRANCISCO SEOANE, merchant,
 JOSÉ GUTIERREZ, merchant,
 F. JIMÉNEZ, business man
 CECILIO FERNANDEZ, merchant,
 VALLADARES Y CANDALES, merchants,
 ALVARO RODRIGUEZ, merchant,
 JOSÉ G. CANDALES, merchant,
 DIEGO CASTRO, merchant,
 CEFERINO ESTRADA, merchant,
 C. M. ACOSTA, merchant,
 FERMIN DIAZ, merchant,
 FRANCISCO VERGARA, manager,
 LICDO. JORGE A. TELOT,
 PADRON Y HERMANO, merchants,
 M. ALVAREZ, merchant,
 JOSÉ LIMES, land owner,
 ANDRES SANCIÑENA, merchant,
 LUCIANO LOPEZ, merchant,
 ANTONIO PEÑA, merchant,
 FELIX R. GARAYTA, land owner,
 JUAN J. TABOAS, merchant,
 MANUEL ROMAY, merchant,

DR. J. SIGARROA,
DR. PEDKO PERDIGON,
OTILIO ARROYO,
JUAN BTA. QUEVEDO, land owner.
FRANCISCO SANCHEZ, merchant,
ENRIQUE L. CARUS, merchant,
F. MADERNE, Secretary of the Court,
ARTURO CARUS,
MANACIO RODRIGUEZ, land owner,
JOSÉ M. EGUZQUIZA,
LAZARO ERREGUERENA, land owner,
JOSÉ ORTEGA, farmer,
JUAN BALAGUER, business man,
GONZALO MOREJON, farmer,
MANUEL MERLAN, merchant,
JUAN PADRON, merchant,
FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, merchant,
JOSÉ G. VEGA, farmer, land owner,
MARCOS ARES,
JOAQUIN FRAXEDA,
JULIO HERNANDEZ,
ANTONIO VILLAYERDE,
ELEUTERIO CORDOVEZ,
ANTONIO ASEN, merchant,
S. AFOC, merchant,
JUAN P. NEGRIN, merchant,
AGAPITO LAVIN, merchant,
ANTONIO MARQUEZ, land owner,
JAVIER GOMEZ,
P. O. A. DOCAL, merchant,
PLACIDO AVALOS,
FEDERICO VALDES,
RICARDO VALDES,
FERNANDO PEREZ, merchant,
JOSÉ N. CASTRO, farmer and land owner,
EUSEBIO MILIAN, business man,
EUGENIO CICERO, land owner,
JOSÉ MENDEZ, merchant,
JOSÉ ALDEMIRA,
JUAN B. SOTO, merchant,
JOSÉ PICART, land owner,
AGUSTIN CANDAS, business man,
ANTONIO G. QUEVEDO, farmer,
ANDRES ALDAMA, land owner,

CAYETANO QUINTERO,
 CIRIACO VALLADARES,
 FELIPE QUINTERO,
 DR. LEOPOLDO DULZAIDES,
 MANUEL M. RIERA,
 GERARDO GUTIERREZ,
 SALVADOR GUEDES, land owner.

It is a true copy.

The Alcalde, ENRIQUE G. QUEVEDO.

MUNICIPALITY OF LOS PALACIOS.

LOS PALACIOS, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: In addition to my telegram of to-day, in which I advise you of the great and spontaneous demonstration of the residents of this place who gave their support to the economic movement started by your Society, I have the honor to transmit enclosed the memorial handed me by a committee of the people who took part in the demonstration, as well as the document signed by the residents of the adjoining place of Paso Real.

I take pleasure in being the true interpreter of the aspirations of the people of this neighborhood, and avail myself of this opportunity to offer you the expressions of my highest personal considerations.

Yours respectfully,

LUIS A. FERNANDEZ,
Alcalde.

Association of the Real Estate Men of Havana, Office of the President.

October 2d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Dear Sir: This Association received your favor of September 30th last, and the Board of Directors, before whom I have laid it,

has resolved at its meeting of to-day, to support with enthusiasm the projected demonstration, to which it shall invite its members.

Thanking you very much for having designated the President of this Association as one of the members of the commission which is to deliver to the Military Governor the memorial to the President of the United States, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

ANTONIO S. DE BUSTAMANTE.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: The undersigned merchants, business and professional men, landowners, farmers and members of other classes of society, residents of the Municipality of Palacios, Province of Pinar del Rio, spontaneously make the following statement to you as the representative of your Association: "They have followed with interest every step taken by your Society, and at this hour, 4 P. M., at a large gathering, they proclaim that they support in every way the aims of your Society, because the fact of securing a reduction of the import duties which sugar, tobacco and other products of the Island pay upon their entry into the American market would save us from the exasperating economic situation brought on the people of Cuba by the tariffs of the United States. Therefore, the undersigned persons who make this demonstration and who are interested as much as any one else that Cuba be prosperous and happy, beg to appeal to the authorities of the American Government so that without any loss of time and without awaiting the organization of the Cuban nation, the just wishes of your Society and of the country in general be granted, because otherwise the ruin of Cuba would be inevitable."

We beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

LUIS A. SERNE,
JULIAN SAN MARTIN,
JUAN PEREZ,
JOSÉ CUENCA,
MARIANO ESTRADA,
JUAN PAMO,
EUSEBIO NIÑA,
EUSEBIO FIALLO,

ARTURO FRANCHIZ,
EMILIO CRUZ,
HIGINIO ALVAREZ,
JUAN FRANCISCO IBARRA Y
RODRIGUEZ,
PETRONILO LLUNERA,
VENANCIO FUENTES,
EULOGIO VINE,

CASINIRO ORDONEZ,
 JUAN ORBEGOZA,
 PASTOR PEDROSO,
 FELIX FERNANDEZ,
 JOSÉ LANDAZURI,
 LORENZO GUYALES,
 TEOFILO DE PAZ,
 DOMINGO VALDEZ,
 LICDO. TOMAS MARTINEZ,
 BERNARDO MADINA,
 AMPARO DIAZ,
 JUAN HILARIO CORVO,
 ANTONIO CRIZ,
 JOSÉ A. CAPOTE,
 PASTOR ALVARES,
 RAMON VERDE,
 RAMON PARDO,
 PEDRO COSTA,
 MANUEL VERDE,
 ANTONIO GONZALEZ
 RICARDO DIAZ,
 FERNANDO LAVOI,
 JOSÉ FAPIAS,
 JUAN GUTIERREZ,
 LEON LOSAN,
 FAUSTINO LABLACHE,
 JOSÉ LLANO,
 LUIS RAMON,
 ARTURO GARCIA,
 EULOGIO CASTRO,
 JOSÉ MARIA ERRAZTI,
 HILARIO PEREZ,
 MANUEL POLO,
 JOSÉ VARGUEZ,
 JESUS FERNANDEZ,
 ALFONSO OLIVA CAMPOS,
 JUAN GONZALEZ,
 MANUEL FERNANDEZ,
 REMIGIO MARTINEZ,
 O. BLANCO,

JESUS GONZALES,
 SANTIAGO CRUZ,
 CANDELARIO DOMINGUEZ,
 RAFAEL PEREZ,
 JOSÉ CORVO,
 JOSÉ G. CABRERA,
 BENJAMIN VINA,
 DEMETRIO CHACON,
 JOSÉ LORENZO,
 MANUEL ORBEGOZA,
 JUAN FERNANDEZ,
 DR. MARINO P. ROJAS,
 ALFREDO RODRIGUEZ,
 RAFAEL BANGOF,
 ANDRES LAVIN,
 CRISPULO FOSTER,
 RAMON FIALLA,
 PEDRO CAPOTE,
 RICARDO BARALT,
 JOSÉ PRESTILLO,
 JOSÉ TAPIAS IGLESIAS,
 LEONARDO VINA,
 ANICETO SANCHEZ,
 FRAN. DIAZ,
 RAFAEL PAZ,
 ENRIQUE VALEZ,
 GUILLERMO SUAREZ,
 SERAPIO GONZALEZ,
 RUFINO RODRIGUEZ,
 FLORENTINO FUENTES,
 HORACIO DE PAZ,
 MARIANO TORON,
 GABRIEL PEREZ,
 FELIPE ALVAREZ,
 HILARIO CORVO,
 SEBASTIAN SERJIDO,
 BENIGNO PEREZ,
 ARMANDO MACHO,
 FACUNDO GONZALEZ,
 JOSÉ C. MARTINEZ.

PALACIOS, October 3d, 1901.

At Paso Real de San Diego, on the third day of October, 1901, at four o'clock P. M., at a meeting of the business men, merchants and other residents of this place, and after consideration of the memorial which the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island is addressing to the President of the United States with a request for tariff privileges for the principal products of Cuba, the persons taking part in this demonstration stated that they unanimously support the aforesaid petitions.

And in testimony thereof, the present document is signed by the various merchants and business men and landowners, in representation of the remaining persons present, and it was resolved to deliver the original of this document to the Vice-President of the Council of this district so that he may transmit it to the Alcalde of this place and through him to the President of your Society in this Province.

VICENTE SUAREZ.

SUAREZ Y HERMANOS,
JOSÉ ALVAREZ GARCIA,
S. RUIZ,
FELIPE MARTINEZ,
RAMON LORENZO,
FRANCO. MENDY,
C. GOMEZ,

CESAR A. DE SANTA CRUZ,
PEDRO LIR,
DAMASCO VALDEZ,
MANUEL PACHECO,
ESTANISLAO DIAZ,
ANTONIO CONTRO,
SALOMÉ PEREZ.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CAIBARIEN, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, HAVANA:

I cannot describe the hardly hoped-for enthusiasm which at this time is arousing our people into making a demonstration in support of the one taking place at present in the capital. The meeting turns out to be large and imposing, and I have never seen any of this size held by the spontaneous will of the people. All work has stopped and all the stores and offices are closed.

DOMINGO GARCIA,
President.

*General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of
Cuba—Local Committee.*

CAIBARIEN, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, WASHINGTON:

In the name of all the people of Caibarien and District, I have the honor to send greeting, expressing best wishes, and also to endorse the petition of Committee of Commerce, Havana, expressed by a great public demonstration just closed, to be an absolute necessity for the salvation of Cuba.

DOMINGO GARCIA,
President Local Committee.

The above is an official copy sent to the President of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, Havana.

FRANCISCO DE A. JOLIS,
Secretary.

*General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of
Cuba—Local Committee.*

CAIBARIEN, October 3d, 1901.

SECRETARY OF WAR, WASHINGTON, D. C.:

I have the honor to send greeting in the name of all elements of the people of Caibarien District, expressing their co-operation with the movement of the Committee of Commerce of Havana, voiced by great demonstration just closing.

DOMINGO GARCIA,
President Local Committee.

Official copy of which is transmitted to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, Havana,

FRANCISCO DE A. JOLIS,
Secretary.

MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA CLARA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: The Municipal Council of this place, at its meeting of yesterday, adopted, among others, the following resolution, viz.: The Presiding Officer laid before the meeting a communication of the President of the Board of Directors of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba at Havana, accompanying a copy of the petitions which they are addressing to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island asking for their free entry, and also asking for the co-operation of this Council in order to give the greatest force possible to the petitions of said Society and to obtain good results therefrom.

The Corporation resolved to advise the President that the Council concurs fully in the petitions referred to, and that it gives them its full support and hopes that they will meet immediately with good results.

I have the honor to communicate the above to you in reply to your communication and beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

GERARDO MACHADO,
Alcalde.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

CAMAJUANI, October 3d, 1901.

FCO. GAMBA, HAVANA:

We have just held a great demonstration meeting of all the elements of society before the Municipal Alcalde, in support of the petition of the United Economic Bodies, for the reduction of the tariff duties upon Cuban products in the United States.

QUEMADOS GUINES, CUBA, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The merchants, farmers, business men and people of this place, all assembled at a solemn demonstration meeting, give their support to the memorial which you are addressing to President Roosevelt.

ROSENDO MENDEZ.

SAGUA LA GRANDE, CUBA, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN,
HAVANA:

At four o'clock P. M. to-day, a large and imposing demonstration meeting was held at this place before the Municipal Alcalde, accompanied by his entire Council. The immense concourse consisted of all the elements of any standing and all the people in mass. The Alcalde said that he would at once telegraph to the Military Governor advising him of the petition of the people here and of the representatives from the district, for the prompt adoption of ample commercial privileges which would save this Island from imminent ruin. The commerce closed its doors and an admirable state of order was maintained throughout this solemn act.

ISIDORO VALDEZ.

VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, October 3d, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, HAVANA:

The merchants, business men and farmers of this place have resolved to appoint you their official representative in Havana and advise you of their support of the petitions for the reduction of the duties on Cuban products.

PUERTO PADRE, October 3d, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

In compliance with your telegram, a large demonstration took place; the merchants, business men and farmers assembled at the office of the Municipality and tendered their support to the requests of your Society for a reduction of the duties on Cuban products, as the sole means of salvation for the country. The Alcalde advises the Military Governor of this by wire.

QUERAL.

ALQUIZAR, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The Local Committee, joined by the farmers, business men, firemen, workingmen and the people at a demonstration meeting

held to-day, asked the Alcalde to request the Governor-General to support the petition of your Society for the reduction of the tariff duties on Cuban products.

GARCIA JAUMA,
President of the Committee of Merchants.

ALQUIZAR, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

At this hour, the Alcalde addresses the following telegram to the Governor-General: The farmers, merchants, business men, workingmen, firemen and the people in general, assembled at a large demonstration meeting, request the undersigned Alcalde to appeal to you for your aid and support for the petitions formulated by the Society of Merchants and Business Men of Havana for the reduction of import duties on Cuban products, owing to the serious condition of the country.

GARCIA JAUMA,
President of the Committee of the Society of Merchants.

PINAR DEL RIO, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

A large demonstration meeting has been held for the purpose of securing from the American Government a reduction of the tariff duties. The concourse of people and their enthusiasm were very great and have never been equalled at this place. Representatives of all the producing classes of this city and all the rural populations were present; the people unanimously addressed the Civil Governor and delivered to him the petitions prepared by your Society and a memorial of this Municipal Council in support of them. The Governor and the remaining authorities joined in the demonstration, parading through the principal streets and separating at the public square.

GIL ALVAREZ.

MATANZAS, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MERCHANTS, AGUIAR 81,
HAVANA:

At four o'clock P. M., a large, imposing and solemn demonstration meeting took place; all the producing classes, the com-

merce, industry, the professions and the people in general were represented. The Military Governor was handed the petition of your Society supported unanimously by the opinion of the people of Matanzas. The Governor was requested to transmit a telegram advising General Wood of the event. The Committee transmits an important petition signed by a large number of persons of the elements represented. The state of order was admirable, and the general aspect of the demonstration was very fine. The meeting awaits the transmission of this telegram before dissolving. Your Society should feel proud of the results obtained in their purpose of having the petition supported. The people of Matanzas are worthy of congratulations for their public spirit, their order and their united opinion.

JOSÉ LOMBARDO.

VIÑALES, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN,
HAVANA:

The popular demonstration organized by the delegation of your Society has had an excellent result; a well-founded memorial was presented in support of the work of your Society in favor of our products. The Municipal Council, of which I am president, resolved at an extraordinary session to co-operate by giving all possible aid for the purpose mentioned.

COLLADO,
Alcalde.

VIÑALES, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

The demonstration organized by this delegation, composed of more than 4,000 persons from all elements of society, gave its support to the work of your Society in favor of the products of Cuba and delivered a well-founded memorial to the President of the Municipal Council at an extraordinary meeting.

RAMON SUAREZ,
President pro tem.

CORRAL FALSO, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA.

To the Alcalde Pedro Betancourt: This Municipal Council, at an extraordinary session held to-day, resolved unanimously to

co-operate with your Society in the memorial requesting an immediate reduction of the tariff duties on sugar and tobacco. Before the end of the meeting an imposing demonstration took place, composed of merchants, business men and workingmen of this place, who presented a memorial to the Military Governor advising him of their support of the petition of your Society for the reduction of the tariff.

ALFARAZ.

VUELTAS, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

At this hour a demonstration is taking place at which all the elements of society are represented, requesting a reduction of the duties on products of the country.

NODAL,
Alcalde.

BATABANO, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN,
AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

A large demonstration meeting of the landowners and working elements is assembled before the local authorities and concurs in the petition of your Society.

THE COMMITTEE.

SAN JUAN Y MARTINEZ, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

A large committee, representing the merchants, farmers and residents of this place, beg me to advise you of their full support of the demonstration which is being held at the initiative of your Society in support of the memorial to the Military Governor requesting a reduction of the tariff on Cuban sugars and tobacco as the sole means of improving the economic situation.

BASTER,
Alcalde.

SAN JUAN Y MARTINEZ, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council, whose president I am, at a public meeting held yesterday, resolved unanimously to support the memorial of your Society to the American Government requesting

reforms in the tariff in favor of Cuban tobacco and sugar, and to co-operate with you in the demonstration which is being held in Havana to-day for that purpose, at the initiative of your Society.

BASTER,
Alcalde.

REMEDIOS, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, FRANCISCO GAMBA, HAVANA:

In the name of the people of Remedios I beg to congratulate you for your noble work for the benefit of the interests of the country.

ALEJO BONACHEA,
Alcalde.

REMEDIOS, October 3d, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, HAVANA:

All is arranged; to-day, Thursday, at three o'clock P. M., there will be a very large demonstration.

MANUEL FUENTES.

PLACETAS, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The merchants of this place organized a demonstration composed of all the elements of society. This took place with the greatest order to support unconditionally the memorial addressed by your Society to the President of the United States.

CORTES.

QUEMADOS DE GUINES, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council, the producing classes and the people in general support unconditionally the economic demonstration.

MEOQUI,
Alcalde.

CARDENAS, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The merchants and land owners of San José Ramos and Banaguises met at the Spanish Club last night, and resolved to hold a demonstration to-day to co-operate in the work of your Society.

MODESTO FLORES.

CARDENAS, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

Demonstration composed of whole population of Cardenas, without any distinction nor exception of the elements constituting it, has just delivered to the Alcalde a memorial addressed to the President of the United States co-operating in every way with your Society in the request for a reform of the tariff. All work was suspended; all stores and offices were closed, all joining in the one thought, that of the welfare and the progress of Cuba. We greet you in the name of the people who took part in the demonstration.

JOAQUIN ROJAS,
ALBERTO FONTE,
CARLOS VILLA,

FRANCISCO PARADELA,
AGAPITO PEDEMONTE.

SANTA CLARA, October 3d, 1901.

SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

A popular demonstration organized by this Association has just been held and concurs in your petitions for the object of securing tariff reductions. All the elements of society of this place took part in this demonstration; all the corporations were present with their standards, the corps of firemen of the commerce with all its members, the local authorities, the Municipal Council and the people in mass. The commerce in general had closed its stores and offices before the beginning of the demonstration. Dr. Martinez Ortiz, as the interpreter of the popular sentiment, expressed the purpose of the demonstration in a most eloquent and well-applauded speech. At the time of beginning the march of the parade, the committee on organization went to the residence of the American chief authority, Mr. Baker, who promised to advise General Wood of the purpose of the demonstration; thence the parade went through the principal streets of the place, passing the residence of the Civil Governor and delivering to Dr.

Alverdi a petition in which support is pledged to the memorial of your Society. The Governor offered to telegraph at once to the Military Governor as to the purpose of the demonstration which was expressed in a few eloquent words by the president pro tem of the Ramon Gonzalez Association. The event was closed by an expressive speech of Lic. Berenguer and an imposing demonstration, one of the few in Santa Clara as unanimous as it was grand.

RAMON GONZALEZ,

President pro tem of the Association of Merchants, Business Men and Land Owners of Santa Clara.

YAGUAJAY, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, HAVANA:

A demonstration is taking place at 2 P. M. The merchants have closed their stores. All elements of society are represented.

MARTINEZ.

SAN CRISTOBAL, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA:

The residents of this place, comprising all the elements of society unite in the great demonstration, the like of which was never seen; they ask me to offer in their name their co-operation in the demonstration which will take place to-day before the Military Governor in request of reforms to the tariff duties of the United States favoring our products.

FELIX RAMIREZ,
Alcalde.

BEJUCAL, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, HAVANA.

The Municipal Council, land owners, business men, merchants and farmers co-operate with you in the great demonstration which is being held in Havana in favor of a reduction of the tariff duties. The stores are closed in proof of support.

CAMPOS,
Alcalde.

JARUCO, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

Merchants, business men, farmers and entire people have assembled in my presence, making a great demonstration to express their co-operation with your Society in your memorial asking for a reform of the tariff.

FRANCISCO CALDERON,
Municipal Alcalde.

COLON, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

A great demonstration is taking place in co-operation with you in your memorial. The Alcalde received the petition of co-operation and telegraphed to the Military Governor.

LINARES ARECES Y MONTERO.

BOLONDRÓN, VIA UNION, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The farmers, merchants and business men and all the elements of working people of this place held a great demonstration before me as their authority and co-operate with your Society in the memorial which you are addressing to the President of the United States.

PEREZ DIAZ,
Alcalde.

UNION, October 3d, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

At this hour a demonstration is being held by the farmers, land owners, merchants, business men and other residents in co-operation with you in the memorial of the economic corporations of Cuba asking for a reduction of the tariff as the sole means of avoiding the dreadful poverty which would befall the country unless such reforms are granted. They ask for the efficient co-operation of the Government.

ENRIQUE G. QUEVEDO,
Alcalde.

ARTEMISA, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN,
HAVANA:

The Municipal Council and the residents of this place identify themselves with the demonstration held to-day to memorialize for tariff reforms in the United States in favor of our products. The Municipal Council has appointed Pedro Diaz and Fermin A. Goicochea to represent it in said demonstration.

JOSÉ CLARO DIAZ,
Alcalde.

GUANABACOA, October 2d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN,
HAVANA:

The Municipal Council of Guanabacoa, at an extraordinary meeting to-night, with myself in the chair, has unanimously resolved to telegraph to the Military Governor the following resolutions: *First.* The Municipal Council identifies itself with the purpose of the Society of Merchants and Business Men, the Society of Agriculturists, the cigar manufacturers in trying to bring about a reduction in the United States tariff on sugars and tobacco. *Second.* It invites the merchants and business men of this place to close their stores and places of business at twelve o'clock noon to-morrow in aid of the demonstration at Havana. *Third.* The full Municipal Council, presided by the Alcalde shall attend the said demonstration. *Fourth.* All work in the municipal offices shall stop to-morrow at eleven A. M. to enable the employes to attend the demonstration. *Fifth.* A committee of the Council shall be appointed to address an invitation to the people to attend the demonstration. *Sixth.* The Committees of Education of this place shall be requested to suspend the classes to-morrow and to have the children accompany the Municipal Council to the railroad station.

DIEGO FRANCO,
Alcalde.

GUINES, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The entire population is holding a demonstration similar to the one in Havana.

SERGIO.

AGUACATE, Octubre 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The assembled Municipal Council, farmers, merchants, business men and land owners of this place have resolved unanimously to support the memorial of the General Society of Merchants, and identify themselves with the demonstration.

ACOSTA.

SAN LUIS (RIO) October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council over which I preside resolved to co-operate with you in the memorial to the President of the United States requesting a reduction of the American tariff on Cuban products, which is of vital interest for the salvation of the country. The Council, the merchants and the people in general unite in the demonstration which will be held in Havana for the purpose mentioned.

JUSTO PADRON,
Alcalde.

CABAÑAS, October 3d, 1901.

THE ALCALDE OF CABAÑAS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council over which I preside supports energetically the patriotic work of your Society and identifies itself with the demonstration to-day to secure reductions in the tariff, because it believes that it is the sole means of salvation from the present situation of the country.

GUTIERREZ.

GUANAJAY, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

Interpreting the sentiments of the Municipal Council and the people of Guanajay I support with the greatest enthusiasm the demonstration which is to take place in Havana to-day for the purpose of requesting reforms to the tariff duties in the United States in favor of Cuban products. This afternoon a similar demonstration will take place here.

RODRIGUEZ ARISTI,
Alcalde.

CAMAJUANI, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, HAVANA:

To-day at the great demonstration meeting we shall signify our co-operation.

FRUCTUOSO.

MARIEL, October 3d, 1901.

SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

The National Committee of this place co-operates with the demonstration of to-day in favor of the products of the country.

FELIX QUINTANAL,
President.

MARIEL, October 3d, 1901.

THE ALCALDE PRESIDING THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MARIEL
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND
BUSINESS MEN AND UNITED CORPORATIONS, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council and the people advise you through me of their co-operation with the demonstration before the Military Governor for the purpose of soliciting reforms in our favor in the tariff duties, believing this to be the salvation of the country.

FAUSTINO MARANTE.

CORRAL FALSO, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

At a meeting of the commerce, industry and of the laboring classes of this place, it was resolved to co-operate in the great demonstration to-morrow on the question of tariff privileges for Cuban products. You have been named our representative.

PUERTAS,
President.

COLON, October 3d, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council at its meeting to-day resolved to co-operate with you in the petition addressed by the Society of Merchants and Business Men to the American Government. We have sent a communication by mail.

ALEJO SOTOLONGA,
Alcalde.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA.

We have just concluded a demonstration organized by this Chamber, which has proved of the most imposing kind. It comprised the Municipal Council in full state, the press, the Boards of Directors of the political parties, the boards of the various associations of land owners, professional men, working men's unions, the commerce in all its branches, wholesale and retail, the corps of firemen with their band. All the stores were closed; more than 14,000 people in an orderly and compact mass paraded through various streets to the residence of the Military Governor, where they handed in the memorial of the Chamber. The Military Delegate received the document and gave assurances that the Government viewed with sympathy the admirable solidarity with which the combined people made this petition for economic measures and that he would send it with his support. Don Fernandez Marcane returned thanks for the people taking part in the demonstration and made an inspiring speech on the economic questions in the name of the Chamber. The result was a great success without precedent. The whole of Santiago, one in thought and as of one will took part in the meeting to plead for remedies to the dreadful state of misery which will befall us if the American Government does not concede the privileges asked for our products. At the conclusion of the demonstration the Municipal Council held a solemn session in support of the petition.

CASAS,

President, pro tem.

CIENFUEGOS, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The great demonstration has taken place. The memorial of your Society was handed to Captain Barker and Captain Baylies, representatives of the American Government. All the elements assembled at the meeting requested the granting of the privileges. An immense public forming an imposing assemblage took part in the demonstration.

CARDONA.

CIENFUEGOS, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

At this hour an imposing demonstration is taking place, of the merchants, business men, farmers, colonists, workingmen, cattle

men and the whole people of Cienfuegos, in support of the just petitions of your Society. Advise General Wood.

ESQUERRA,

Alcalde.

CARDONA,

President of the Chamber of Commerce.

ACEA,

President of the Association of Agriculturists.

SAN NICOLAS, October 3d, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

At this hour of the evening a public demonstration is taking place, all the elements of society being assembled. They are parading through the place, calling on the Alcalde and asking him to notify the Military Governor that the people are co-operating in the demonstration of the Association of Agriculturists which is taking place in Havana to-day. The stores and business houses will remain closed during the demonstration.

For the people,

PRENDES.

SARDINAS, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF HAVANA:

The merchants and business men, the farmers and the people assembled at a demonstration meeting ask you to count them in in the economic movement started for the purpose of obtaining tariff concessions which would permit the development of our resources.

The Alcalde,

MANGUITO MIGUEL CARRILLO.

PALOS, October 3d, 1901.

GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA:

The entire population, at a great demonstration meeting, asked me to advise your Society that it joins you in your memorial in favor of the salvation of the country. I transmit a copy by mail.

CAMAYO,

Alcalde.

THE ALCALDE OF SAN DIEGO BAÑOS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF
THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA:

The Municipality, at an extraordinary session held yesterday, resolved to join without reservation in all the petitions of your Society to the President of the United States for tariff privileges on Cuban products. The people, who organized to-day a brilliant demonstration of adhesion, congratulate you.

LEOPOLDO ARAUJO.

October 3d, 1901.

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THE ALCALDE OF PALACIOS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY
OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

At this time, four o'clock P. M., an imposing demonstration is taking place. The farmers, merchants, land owners and professional men, business men and all the classes of society of this place called on the Municipal Council and asked it, as the representative of the people, to request the support of the authorities of the Island to reduce by at least fifty per centum the duties paid by Cuban tobacco on its entry into the American market. The people taking part in the demonstration co-operate with your Society. The Municipal Council resolves to support the petition which will be transmitted to the Military Governor, informing him of the object of the demonstration and requesting a prompt reduction of the tariff duties, for otherwise the ruin of this section of the country is inevitable. By mail to-morrow I shall send you the petition of the people taking part in the demonstration.

LUIS A. FERNANDEZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF LOS PALACIOS.

LOS PALACIOS, October 3d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: On this date I have laid before the Municipal Council over which I preside your communication of the 30th ultimo and the memorial which your Society is addressing to the President of the United States requesting tariff changes for Cuban

products, and I have the honor to transmit to you a certified copy of the resolutions of the Municipal Council.

Yours respectfully,

LUIS A. FERNANDEZ,
Alcalde.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

VUELTAS, October 3d, 1901.

GAMBA, HAVANA:

All the classes of society of this place, assembled at an important demonstration meeting held at this hour, join in the economic movement started by your Society.

THE COMMISSION.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO DE LOS LAGOS.

October 4th, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY
OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to address you for the purpose of enclosing to you a certified copy of the resolution passed by the Municipal Council over which I preside, at an extraordinary session on the 2d instant, in which they concur in the economic movement started by the Society of which you are president, for the purpose of soliciting tariff advantages for Cuban products in the ports of America, and request you to do whatever you might deem necessary for that purpose. Please accept the best regards and the expressions of consideration of this Council.

LEOPOLDO ARAUJO,
Alcalde.

ABREUS, October 4th, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY
OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA,
HAVANA.

Sir: I beg to reply to your communication of last month in which you enclose a copy of the extraordinary Bulletin of the Society whose worthy president you are, and to advise you that I have laid it before the Council at a meeting last night. The latter approves the views expressed therein and resolved to address you this communication, assuring you of their support of

whatever your Society might undertake in furtherance of your exalted purposes to secure the amendment of the tariff laws in favor of our products.

At the same time, and in reply to a communication of the 27th of last month from the Military Governor, in which the latter requests a true and direct expression of the wishes of the people of this Island as to the amendment of the tariff laws in the United States in relation to our products, sugar and tobacco, this Municipal Council resolved at the same meeting and in presence of a large number of residents of this place who took the matter under consideration, to make the following reply:

"The Municipal Council of which I have the honor to be president, giving true interpretation to the wishes of the people of this Municipality, has resolved to call the attention of your Government to the precarious condition in which they find themselves owing to the low prices obtained by their principal products, sugar and tobacco. This country, which is essentially an agricultural country, and which has been almost entirely destroyed by the wars of independence, would already have been reconstructed by the work of its sons if sugar and tobacco had obtained prices which had at least compensated them somewhat for their labor; but unfortunately this is not the case, because the crops bring almost ruinous returns, to the extreme that the people have not been able to finish the harvests, and sugar does not pay three-fourths of its cost. It is therefore of the greatest interest that your Government give some attention to a matter of such importance and use your valuable influence for the purpose of securing from the Government of the United States the abolishment of the duties which sugar and tobacco from this country pay upon their entry into your great Republic, and if this were not possible, that at least fifty per cent. of said duties be taken off. Our people rely upon your honorability for this concession."

I thus beg to reply to your esteemed communication and remain,

Yours respectfully,

FRANCISCO COLLADO.

SAVANILLA, October 4th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose to you a certified copy of the memorial which the Municipal Council of which I have the honor to be president, is addressing under this date to the Hon-

orable President of the United States through the conduct of the Military Governor of this Island, so that your Society may make use of it in any way it may deem wise for the general interests of this Island.

Yours respectfully,

GREGORIO GONZALEZ,

Alcalde.

SAVANILLA, October 4th, 1901.

HONORABLE THEODORE ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Sir: The economic crisis through which the Island of Cuba is passing, and the fact that for the present it is lacking the national identity which would permit its negotiating for the defense of its interests in the concert of free peoples, force the Municipal Council of Savanilla, Cuba, Province of Matanzas, in representation of the people of their section, to have recourse to you with the request for such measures as would give most immediate relief for the salvation of their resources; and they feel certain that their petition will find a favorable reception from your Government, were it but for the fact that such measures would be the crowning glory of the humanitarian intervention of the United States.

The efforts made by the people of Cuba to reorganize and to find relief from the great losses they suffered in the war which was so happily terminated, thanks to the American intervention, are rendered completely sterile if the principal products of the Island of Cuba, increased by said efforts, should fail to find a market. To-day, about the only market open to them, is that of the United States, known for that reason as the Mercantile Metropolis of Cuba; and the importation of those products into it is rendered almost impossible owing to the high tariff duties which are imposed upon them and which are almost prohibitive.

Cuba cannot try to secure other markets for its products on account of the legal situation in which it finds itself, viz.: the intervention to which it is subjected deprives it of any individual entity to carry on negotiations and arrangements for that purpose, even if she could hope for a market in other countries besides the United States, her natural market; and this places a moral obligation on your Government to take measures tending to avoid the ruin which is menacing us; otherwise the glorious and humanitarian intervention which you have exercised in Cuba would be defeated by its own effects.

To aid Cuba until it may live the life of a free people, to stimulate its inhabitants to the development of all its resources and to dedicate their energies to the reorganization of the country, so as to have it respond to the benefit received; and to find at last that all efforts have been useless, to feel condemned to inaction and poverty, does not seem to be the result which should logically follow the intervention exercised by your Government. A nation as great as the Republic of the United States cannot consent that a philanthropic act of its own, born of its own power, should be converted into the material ruin of a people.

A modification of the tariff duties to which our products are subjected in their importation into the United States would be sufficient probably to save us and to avoid our ruin; and this resolution would be so much more possible on account of the fact that it would not be of a permanent character, nor would it be in the nature of a contract for commercial relations between the United States and Cuba; it would be only a concession made by the American Government for the purpose of saving a people which it created, whose national identity it has assumed by reason of its intervention.

For all the reasons above stated, the Municipal Council of Savanilla, Cuba, hopes to obtain from the Government of the United States the following concessions:

First. That all molasses and crude sugar produced in Cuba, up to No. 16 Dutch standard, be admitted into the United States absolutely free from any tariff duties.

Second. That of the tobacco produced in Cuba, classified in paragraph No. 213 of the United States tariff, wrappers shall, upon their importation into that Republic, pay one dollar per pound, and unspecified and unstripped fillers shall pay twenty cents per pound.

Third. That cigars, cigarettes and cheroots of all kinds, manufactured in Cuba and specified in paragraph 217 shall pay \$2.50 per pound, and that the ad valorem duty which they pay at present shall be abolished.

Fourth. That alcohols, spirits and rums, direct products of the sugar cane, and sweets manufactured with fruits of Cuba and the product of industries of this Island, shall be granted a reduction of forty per centum in the respective paragraphs of the tariff of the United States.

Fifth. That no internal duty shall be levied in the United States on tobacco of all classes produced in Cuba, which would nullify the reductions asked for above.

With these concessions made at the proper time, so that they

might have their beneficent effect on the coming crop, the Municipal Council of Savanilla, and with it the people of Cuba, believe that the prosperity which should be the reward of the efforts of the Island would return, and that the act would close in a fitting manner the epoch-making period of the American intervention.

Therefore, in the name of the Municipal Council of Savanilla, and of the residents of this Municipality, I respectfully request you to give favorable consideration to this petition, to become its sponsor, and to use your unquestionable influence to secure the realization of its just and natural objects.

Respectfully,

GREGORIO GONZALEZ,
Alcalde.

ESPERANZA, October 4th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN
OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I take pleasure in advising you that the solemn demonstration which was suspended yesterday owing to the bad weather, was held to-day with the concurrence of the Municipal Council, the commerce, industry, land owners, farmers and the people in general, who all join you in the petition which your Society is addressing to the Government of the United States in favor of some of our products.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

GREGORIO RAMIREZ,
Alcalde.

ESPERANZA, October 4th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: The Corporation of which I have the honor to be president, and before whom I laid your communication and the copy of the petition which is being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island to secure for them easy entry into those markets, resolved unanimously at this meeting of September last, to join you in said petition, with the views of which it concurs. It also resolved to congratulate the

Society whose worthy president you are for their position on this important subject, the sole means to save this country from the great economic crisis through which it is passing.

I beg to remain with expressions of the highest consideration,

Yours respectfully,

GREGORIO RAMIREZ,
Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO DOMINGO.

OFFICIAL.

October 4th, 1901.

SEÑOR DON FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF
MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA,
HAVANA.

Sir: I take pleasure in sending you a certified copy of the resolution adopted by this corporation at its meeting of the 30th of last September, in which it gives its support to the memorial which the Society whose worthy president you are is addressing to the President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt.

Yours respectfully,

GUSTAVO CORONORA.

BOLONDRÓN, October 4th, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THIS ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: Yesterday I had the honor to address you a telegram advising you that the farmers, merchants and business men and all the working elements of this Municipality, at a solemn demonstration made before me, expressed their adhesion to the memorial which the Society, whose worthy president you are is addressing to the President of the United States, for the purpose of soliciting the abolishment of the tariff duties.

I take great pleasure in confirming this and beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

The Municipal Alcalde,
C. PEREZ DIAZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF ALQUIZAR.

October 4th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE
ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: I take pleasure in advising you that this Municipality at a session held on the second of this month resolved to give its full support to the petition which your Society is addressing to the Government of the United States in favor of various products of Cuba.

I beg to add to this a certified copy of the resolution referred to so that you may make such use of it as you may deem best for the general interests of the country.

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ L. GARRIDO,
Alcalde.

MIGUEL A. GARCIA Y DEL CASTILLO, *Secretary of the Municipality of Alquizar, Certifies:*

That in the book of minutes of this municipality, in the part corresponding to the meeting which was held yesterday, there is among others the following entry: "The President stated that the principal object of this session is to call attention to the invitations which it has received from the Governor-General and from the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba for the consideration and support of the municipality of the economic movement started at the capital, the object being to secure from the Government of the United States the immediate reduction of the tariff duties paid in that country by sugar, tobacco and other products of Cuba. The said communication having been read, the matter was discussed at length, and all persons present being convinced of the advantages which would accrue to the country and especially to this locality so largely a tobacco growing one, if the objects of the petition were secured, it was unanimously resolved: *First.* To give the fullest support to the petition which is being addressed to the President of the United States by the present Society of Merchants and Industrials of the Island of Cuba in favor of various products of this Island, to secure easy entry for them into American ports. *Second.* To transmit this resolution to the Military Governor of the Island, to the Civil Governor of the Province and to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men

of the Island of Cuba. *Third.* That the Presiding Alcalde invite all producing classes of this place to co-operate within their means with the economic movement mentioned above.

And I make this copy for transmission to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of this Island, at Alquizar, on the 3d of October, 1901.

MIGUEL A. GARCIA.

The Alcalde, GARRADO.

MUNICIPALITY OF NUEVA PAZ.

OFFICIAL.

October 4th, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to refer to the communication enclosing copy of the memorial which is being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of our principal products to obtain tariff advantages which would save them from the depression which they suffer at present. This Municipal Council has followed with interest and commendation the beneficent initiative taken by the Society whose worthy president you are. At a meeting held to-day it adopted a resolution to support unanimously the petitions addressed with their argument to the Honorable President of the United States, and it joins you fully in all of them.

This resolution has been communicated under this date to the Military Governor of Cuba for his consideration, and at the same time three memorials have been sent to him signed by more than two hundred prominent residents of this place.

If the justice of the cause which we defend is to be a promise of a favorable result the crowning of your efforts with success will be the beginning of a new era of prosperity and welfare for the people of Cuba.

Yours very respectfully,

J. CAMEJO P.,
Alcalde.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

CAIBARIEN, October 4th, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, HAVANA:

Yesterday at three o'clock P. M. the demonstration took place with the greatest enthusiasm. More than four hundred people took part in support of the economic movement. Details by mail.

RAMÓN ALVAREZ,
Buena Vista.

CARDENAS, October 4th, 1901.

GAMBA, PRESIDENT MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The authorities, commerce, agriculturists and land owners resolved unanimously to join you in the memorial for tariff reductions formulated by the Society of which you are president.

VENTAYOLS.

BARACOA, October 4th, 1901.

SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

Yesterday a great demonstration took place in adhesion to the economic campaign. All the stores and offices were closed and owing to the importance of the occasion a feast day was made of it. The civil authorities, the representatives of the Associations and the whole people took part in it. The military authorities promised to transmit the petitions with favorable endorsements.

ARGUELLES,
President of the Committee.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND UNITED
CORPORATIONS, HAVANA:

The Municipality of this place and the people join in the demonstration to-morrow before the Military Governor for the purpose of soliciting the reforms to the tariff duties in the United States in favor of our products.

CLAUDIO FUENTES,
Alcalde.

CONSOLACION DEL NORTE, October 2d.

BAHÍA HONDA, October 4th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The people of Bahía Honda in a popular demonstration, join you in the memorial to the Military Governor in relation to tariff duties in favor of our product. The Alcalde addresses a telegram in reference thereto to the Civil Governor.

MILLÁN,
Alcalde.

SANTO DOMINGO, October 4th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN
OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA:

A demonstration took place surpassing all expectation. Our whole people of all classes were represented. The Municipal Alcalde received the demonstration in the Court House and offered to telegraph the representatives of the Government of Intervention to communicate the wishes of the residents of this place, to join in the petition and request them to use their influence towards the good results of the memorial addressed by the Society of which you are president.

JOSÉ GARCIA DE LA ROSA,
President.

CUMANAYAGUA, October 4th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The farmers, business men, and the people en masse join in the petition of your Society.

For the Merchants,
GONZALES MEJORAS.
For the Farmers,
PEDRO GONZALES.
For the Business Men,
ANTONIO TORRES.

MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSÉ DE LAS LAJAS.

LAJAS, October 4th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THIS ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: In compliance with your esteemed communication of this month, the Municipal Council of this place held last night a

public meeting with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the members of the Council, a numerous public being present at the same time. Your communication above mentioned was read as well as the Bulletin which you enclosed in it and it was unanimously resolved with the spontaneous approval of the residents who took part, to join you and to support in every way the work which is being done by your Society to obtain from the Government of the United States a reduction of the import duties in that country on sugar, tobacco and other Cuban products.

I take pleasure in advising you of this as the result of your said communication, for your consideration and other purposes.

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ DOMINGUEZ,
Alcalde.

FAUSTINO ZAVALA, *Secretary of the Municipality of Palacio,*
Certifies:

That at the meeting held by the Municipality of this place day before yesterday it was resolved among other things as follows:

A communication was read from the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, in which he advised that he is sending a copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, so that they may find easy entry into the United States, and requests to have the views of the Corporation, if it should agree with the petitions and with the reasons given for them. The memorial referred to was also read, and the Municipal Council resolved to adopt the petition and to co-operate with the objects of the Society of Merchants and other corporations who have started the economic movement. It was also resolved to send a certified copy of this resolution to the president of the said Society.

And in compliance with the said resolution and under instructions of the Alcalde I make this copy at the office of the Municipality on October 4th, 1901.

FAUSTINO ZAVALA.

Countersigned:

The Alcalde, LUIS A. FERNG.

PERICE, October 4th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: At an extraordinary session of the Municipality held yesterday, it was resolved to join in every way in the memorial of your Society. The Municipality telegraphed the Governor to that effect and transmitted to him the memorial presented by a number of residents in which they support the petitions addressed to the Government at Washington by your Society.

In compliance with these resolutions I have the honor to advise you of this for your consideration.

Yours respectfully,

P. ARRIES,
Presiding Alcalde.

PUNTA BRAVA, October 4th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND
BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: This Municipal Council, acting as true interpreters of the public sentiment of this place, resolved unanimously at a meeting held yesterday, to join the memorial of your Society requesting the President of the United States to grant tariff concessions in favor of the products of this Island, as a measure to save the general interests of the country.

Yours respectfully,

Y. MORALES,
Alcalde of Banta.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN
OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: The campaign which the Society, whose worthy president you are, has begun with such enthusiasm for the improvement of our disastrous economic condition cannot fail to interest very much all of us who understand the exceptional importance to all the producing elements of securing all that your Society asks for in the very able memorial addressed by it to the President of the United States.

It is not possible that the nation which has done so much in

favor of the prosperity of Cuba, in pursuance of feelings of humanity, should remain deaf in these moments when the Cuban people with extraordinary unanimity, and the most important elements of the resources of the Cuban people, demand from it with the greatest justice an heroic remedy for its economic condition.

As the Mercantile Union shares these views fully, it is useless to say to you with what enthusiasm it received the suggestions which you made to have this important commercial and industrial centre assemble in a public demonstration in presence of the local authorities for the purpose of co-operating in the great work of economic regeneration which your Society has undertaken, and which, no matter what its final result may be, shall always deserve the deepest gratitude on the part of the residents of this unfortunate Island.

My various telegrams must have kept you advised as to the work done, in which, as you will see, the Mercantile Union has taken the principal part in arousing public opinion through the press, and defraying the expenses connected with the demonstration which took place in the afternoon of the day before yesterday.

I must also advise you, in conclusion, that as president of the aforesaid Mercantile Union, I sent the following telegram:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, WASHINGTON:

The economic depression in Cuba demands urgently the immediate granting of the tariff concessions asked for by the commercial bodies of Havana. The Mercantile Union, whose president I am, joins in these petitions and expects this new aid from the American people for the salvation of the fundamental interests of this country.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL, HAVANA:

The Mercantile Union of Cardenas joins enthusiastically in the petitions formulated by the Society of Merchants of the capital. The salvation of the economic interests of this country demands their compliance most urgently. Cuba will be most grateful to you if favorable results should crown your efforts.

Yours respectfully,

ALBERTO FONTE.

CARDENAS, October 5th, 1901.

SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, BUSINESS MEN AND LAND
OWNERS OF SANTA CLARA.

PRESIDENT GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS
MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA:

I take great pleasure in acknowledging receipt of your favor of the 1st inst., as well as of the Bulletins which you sent me by mail. Upon receipt of them I called the Board together as soon as it was possible, and it was unanimously resolved to join in the work done by your Society in favor of the tariff reductions, and to contribute with all our energies to the best results by securing the just object of the petitions for the good of the country.

As I had the honor to advise you before, in a telegram dated the 3d, the demonstration held at the initiative of this Society turned out to be a very imposing one; all the elements of society took part in it, thus clearly demonstrating the satisfaction with which the country looks upon the campaign undertaken by your Society and by the remaining economic bodies.

Yours respectfully,

RAMÓN GONZALES,
President.

SANTA CLARA, October 6th, 1901.

MUNICIPALITY OF COLON.

COLON, October 4th, 1901.

SEÑOR FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY
OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: The Municipality over which I have the honor to preside considered with attention at its meeting of yesterday the petitions formulated by your Society and addressed to the President of the United States in favor of tariff reforms for our principal products. It was unanimously resolved to address a communication to the Honorable Military Governor advising him of the enthusiastic support of the Council to the five petitions of the Society, and to notify you of this while giving you at the same time, as president of the Society, our most expressive thanks for your offers to work in favor of the general interests of the country.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

RAFAEL ARMAS,
Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF GUINES.

OFFICIAL.

October 7th, 1901.

SEÑOR FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA,
HAVANA.

Sir: In compliance with a resolution passed by the Municipal Council of this place at the regular session held on the 2d inst., I take pleasure in transmitting to you a certified copy of the resolution passed upon the motion of the undersigned, requesting that among the tariff reforms asked for by your Society there be included the importation into the United States free from duties of the small fruits produced here, in case the Society whose worthy president you are should give this its valuable support.

Yours respectfully,

LEANDRO RODRIGUEZ.

MANUEL GUNDIAN Y ESPRIU, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of this place, Certifies:*

That in the minutes of the regular session held by this Municipal Council on the 2d day of this month, at which there were present the members of the Council: Lic. Manuel A. de Villiers, Vicente Angulo, Manuel Montes, Valentin Cuesta, Santiago A. Medina, Octavio Saavedra, Lic. Manuel Fraga, and Cristobal V. Leon, the Alcalde Leandro Rodriguez Colina in the chair, and the undersigned secretary, there appears among others the following entry. "A motion signed by the Alcalde was read, which is as follows: The undersigned being advised that it is proposed by Señor Francisco Gamba, President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, to address a memorial to the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, requesting that the customs tariff of said States be modified in relation to the import duties on products from Cuba. It is resolved to request Señor Gamba to include in said changes a petition for the free importation into the United States of the minor products of the Island of Cuba, and principally of those from this place, as the latter has the advantage of irrigation and produces salads, radishes, celery, tomatoes, onions, egg plants, okra, kales, butter beans and potatoes. As these vegetables are produced in winter and are exported during the winter season, we believe that they will in no wise enter into

competition with the products of the American farmers, because the latter cannot produce them at that time. It might be feared that the potato produced in Cuba could hurt the home grown product by entering free into the United States; but we believe that this will not be the case if it is taken into consideration that Cuba is not a potato producing region and its cost of production is greater because it does not bear large crops and the seedlings have to be imported. It is evident that the cultivation of the potato in Cuba, far from doing any harm to the American product, would be beneficial to it because our farmers use only the American product for seedlings, especially that from Long Island; it is to be noted that in former years this place has used thirty thousand barrels of American seedling potatoes for one crop."

The Municipal Council took the matter into consideration and adopted the motion of the presiding Alcalde and resolved to send a certified copy of this resolution to the president of the General Society of Merchants and another to Colonel H. L. Scott to advise them of the requests made.

And I make the present copy, countersigned by the Alcalde, to be transmitted to the president of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, in Guines, on the 4th day of October, 1901.

Countersigned:

The Alcalde, LEANDRO RODRIGUEZ.

CORALILLO, October 5th, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council under my presidency endorses at its session of to-day, the petitions in regard to the amendments to the customs tariff.

The Alcalde,

 RAFAEL MOLINA.

SANTA CRUZ DEL SUR, October 5th, 1901.

FRCO. GAMBA, HAVANA:

The merchants, farmers and Association of Workingmen endorse the petition of your Society of Merchants to the American Governor. Yesterday a demonstration took place before the Municipal Council.

VEGA.

GIBARA, October 5th, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, HAVANA:

The Alcalde has to-day sent the following telegram to the Military Governor: "Farmers, merchants and business men and people of Gibara assembled at an orderly and numerous demonstration meeting, have requested me to communicate to your Government their endorsement of the petitions of the Chamber of Commerce of the capital in reference to the reduction asked in the tariff of the United States on sugar, molasses and unstripped tobacco of this country, the ruin of which is imminent unless our respectful petitions are granted."

CARLOS GOMEZ.

SANTA CLARA, October 5th, 1901.

SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF HAVANA, AGUIAR
81, HAVANA:

The Municipal Council, the merchants, business men, farmers, workmen and the people assembled to-day at a solemn demonstration meeting endorse the petition of the Society for a reduction of the tariff duties on Cuban products as the salvation of the crisis of the country.

GREGORIO RAMIREZ,
Alcalde of Esperanza.

MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN Y MARTINEZ.

October 5th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND:

As the result of your esteemed communication enclosing to us a copy of the petition which your Society is addressing to the President of the United States in favor of various products of the Island, I take pleasure in transmitting to you a certified copy of the resolution passed by this Council at its session of the 3d inst.

Yours respectfully,

RAFAEL BASTER,
Alcalde.

GERMAN CASTRO FERNANDEZ, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of San Juan y Martinez, Certifies:*

That at the adjourned public session held by this Municipal Council on October 3d, of the present year under the presidency of the Alcalde, Rafael Baster, there being present the undersigned secretary and the members of the Council, Pedro Rodriguez, Francisco Martinez Sanchez, Manuel Bustamente, Julian Chala, Antonio Alvarez, Antonio Guerra, Antonio Tabares and Andres Carballo, the following resolution was passed among others:

Third. Attention was called to a communication sent by the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, enclosing a copy of the petition which is being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island to secure for them easy entry into the United States, and requesting that if this corporation endorses the views expressed in it, it signify said endorsement in an appropriate manner. In compliance with the orders of the president the secretary thereupon read in full the memorial addressed by the Society of Merchants and Business Men to the Honorable President of the United States requesting tariff reforms in favor of various products of the Island. Thereupon all the members of the Council spoke in turn and as all believed that the tariff reforms proposed would secure the salvation of the economic conditions of the Island, they resolved unanimously to advise the Society of Merchants and Business Men that the Municipal Council of this place endorses fully the said petitions addressed to the President of the United States in favor of our products. It was likewise resolved unanimously that this resolution be communicated by wire to the president of the said Society, advising him at the same time of the full support of this Council for the demonstration to be held to-day at the initiative of the Society in the capital of the Island, for the purpose of delivering the petitions to the American Government.

And I make the present copy countersigned by the presiding Alcalde, at San Juan Martinez on the 5th day of October, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to the president of the Society of Merchants and Business Men.

GERMAN CASTRO.

Countersigned:

The Presiding Alcalde, RAFAEL BASTER.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF PALMIRA.

October 5th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: In reply to the request expressed in your esteemed communication of last month, I advised the Council whose president I am, of its contents, at the session held on the 3d inst., and said Council having taken it into consideration resolved unanimously to give its support to the work of your Society, the object of which is to obtain from the Government of the United States reforms to the tariff duties, with privileges for the importation into American ports of our principal products, sugar and tobacco; it was resolved in consequence to address a communication to the Military Governor urging upon him to advise the Government of the United States of the great advantages which would accrue to the country with the granting of these modifications so anxiously awaited by the people of Cuba.

I have the honor to communicate this to you for your consideration in reply to your interesting communication.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

JACINTO PORTALA,
Alcalde.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

CRUCES, October 7th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN,
AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

An important demonstration meeting requests that the petitions of your Society for the salvation of Cuban products be urgently attended to. The Council adopted a similar resolution.

SUAREZ,
Alcalde.

MARTI, October 7th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HAVANA.

Sir: The committee of the Municipal Convention of the Republican party of this place, of which I have the honor to be

president, as well as all its members, supports in every way the demonstration which took place in Havana on Thursday the 4th inst. for the purpose of securing from the Government of the United States the tariff reduction on our products.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

AVELINO HERNANDEZ,
President.

MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN DE LAS YERAS.

SAN JUAN DE LAS YERAS, October 7th, 1901.

SEÑOR FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THIS ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to enclose to you the certified copy of the resolution adopted by this Council in reply to your esteemed communication of last September advising us of the memorial adopted by your Society.

Yours respectfully,

JOAQUIN RODRIGUEZ,
Municipal Alcalde.

RAMIREZ PEREZ GUTIERREZ, *Secretary of this Council, Certifies:*

That at the meeting held by this Council on the 5th day of this month, the following resolution was adopted among others:

"Thereupon a communication was read from the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island, dated at Havana in September last, as well as a copy of the Bulletin enclosed, which requests the support of all the corporations to the objects of the Society, to wit, to secure from the President of the United States the reduction of the customs duties on various products of this Island, so as to give them easier entry. After a lengthy consideration of the request, the corporation, voicing the aims of all the working and producing elements, declared its full concurrence in the petition formulated. It resolved unanimously to endorse the memorial in view of the arguments made in its favor because it believes that it is the sole means of saving this country from the ruin which menaces it; and it also resolved to make copies of this resolution for such purposes as they may serve."

And in compliance with the resolution I make this copy duly countersigned by the Presiding Alcalde at San Juan de las Yeras, on October 7th, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island.

RAMIRO PEREZ.

Countersigned:

The Presiding Alcalde, JOAQUIN RODRIGUEZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF PALMILLAS.

MANGUITO, October 7th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN
OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I beg to enclose to you certified copy of the resolution adopted by this Council at its session of the 4th inst. in relation to the petitions addressed to the President of the United States.

Yours respectfully,

MIGUEL CARRILLO,
Municipal Alcalde.

LEONCIO GARCIA MEDEROS, *Secretary of the Municipality of Palmillas, Certifies:*

That at the meeting held by the Council on the 4th day of this month, the following resolution was adopted among others: A communication was read from the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, enclosing copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, so that they may have easy entry into the United States. The corporation having taken it into consideration and concurring in the memorial and in the reasons given for it resolved unanimously to advise the Society accordingly and to confirm also the contents of a telegram sent by the presiding Alcalde and couched in the following terms:

"The merchants, business men, farmers and the people, at a demonstration meeting asked to be allowed to take part in the economic movement started for the purpose of securing tariff concessions which would permit the development of our resources."

And I make this copy countersigned by the Presiding Alcalde, for the purpose of sending it to the President of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, at Manguito, on October 7th, 1901.

LEONCIO GARCIA.

Presiding Alcalde, MIGUEL CARRILLO.

MUNICIPALITY OF MANAGUA.

OFFICIAL.

October 8th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: At a meeting held by the Municipal Council of which I am president on yesterday the following resolutions were adopted, among others: A communication of the President of the General Society of the Merchants and Business Men of the Island was read, in which support was asked for the memorial and its arguments addressed to the Honorable President of the United States of America in request of protection for our principal products, sugar and tobacco, and its manufactures. The corporation listened very attentively to the reading of the well written memorial and to the incontestable reasons upon which it is based; and it resolved unanimously and with great satisfaction and pride to lend it its sincere, enthusiastic and energetic aid, and to join in each and all the wishes expressed in one of the best documents which has been written in these times, and lastly to send expressions of the warmest congratulations to the Society of Merchants and Business Men which interprets so well the wishes and aims of all the inhabitants of this unfortunate Island, to-day in the throes of the most terrible and disastrous economic crisis.

The corporation took under consideration also a communication from the general headquarters of the division of Cuba. In it it is stated that the Government of the United States is ready to do something in favor of our principal products, tobacco and sugar, and the writer asks for an opinion of this Municipality on such an important matter. It was resolved to reply to the authorities that the Municipality of Managua supports energetically and enthusiastically every step which would tend to relieve us from the terrible economic crisis through which we are passing.

That the people of Managua hope that the Administration of the United States will not allow them to die of hunger since the country is under its temporary protection and that this Municipality notes with great pleasure that the representative of the Government in this Island, Major-General Wood, is taking such an interest in the Cubans as a loyal friend. It was also decided to advise said General Wood of the passage of the above resolutions.

The corporation having also taken note of a communication from the Civil Governor of the Province addressed to the Presiding Alcalde on the same subject, it was resolved to reply to it by sending copies of the above resolutions and thanking the said Cuban authorities for the interest shown in a matter of such vital importance for our people as the reduction of the American tariff duties on the importations at present levied on our sugar and our tobacco.

And in compliance with the resolution I have the honor to send you copies of the same.

Respectfully yours,

GONZALO DEL CRISTO,
Alcalde.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: The undersigned farmers, merchants, business men and working men of this place assembled at a demonstration meeting in presence of the Alcalde of this place for the purpose of showing him our support of the petitions of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of Havana addressed to the Government of the United States in regard to the reduction of the duties on Cuban products, in which they are joined by the people of the whole Island, present themselves before you with the same requests so that as the representative of said nation in this Island and as our Governor-General you give us your support for the general welfare of all the inhabitants of Cuba who will be plunged in the greatest misery unless steps are taken at once to relieve them from the present privations.

And from our knowledge of the great qualities which you possess as Governor and of the energetic efforts which you have always displayed for the benefit of the Island, we do not doubt that you will advise the Executive Power at Washington of the urgent necessity to normalize the economic life of Cuba and that you will secure the reduction of the tariff duties on Cuban products as the sole means of saving the Island from ruin, and the

workingman from the terrible condition of having no bread to give his family.

We plead for this respectfully in favor of the prosperity of this Island and because after all no one is to gain greater advantages from it than the Great Republic of North America.

AMARILLAS, October 3d, 1901.

Respectfully yours,

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| EVARITO PRENSAS, | PEDRO PEREZ, |
| CLARO NUÑEZ, | R. YRIGOEYEN, |
| ANTONIO GONZALEZ, | GONZALEZ FERNANDEZ, |
| NARCISO CASTRO, | DONIGO AJION, |
| CARLOS PADRON, | ALFREDO AGUIAR, |
| JOSÉ MARIA MARTIN, | RAFAEL DIAZ, |
| BENJAMIN MENENDEZ, | PABLO ORDOÑEZ, |
| FERNANDO TINTORER, | PABLO PRIETO, |
| AGUSTIN NADA, | JESUS RODRIGUEZ, |
| RAIMUNDO LLORENTE, | L. L. DE ZAYAS, |
| RICARDO PRIETO, | FEDERICO CARRERAS, |
| EUSTAQUIO CABRERA, | ANTONIO DIAZ, |
| MIGUEL VENTAGA, | HORCADIO DE ARMAS, |
| FRANCO. LOPEZ, | SATURNINO SANCHEZ, |
| MANUEL FERNANDEZ, | PEDRO SELISTON, |
| LUIS ALVAREZ, | JOAQUIN GARCIA, |
| JESUS MARTINEZ, | PIO VALLE, |
| ELEUTERIO YBARRERTE, | JOSÉ GARCIA, |
| BERNIGIO SOTOLONGA, | JOSÉ SILVESTRE, |
| SIXTO SANCHEZ, | RAFAEL DE LA PAZ, |
| MANUEL LLORENTE, | VICTORIANO LLORENTE, |
| PEDRO PIEDRA, | ANTONIO LARRARTI, |
| XAVIER BENITEZ, | L. FELIPE NUÑEZ, |
| JUAN SANCHEZ, | ANTONIO F. AGUIAR, |
| RAMON ALVAREZ, | ALFREDO DUEÑAS, |
| JOSÉ CAMPILLO, | EDUARDO LOPEZ, |
| DANIEL SARDIÑA, | PRIMO SANCHEZ, |
| GUADALUPE GUTIERREZ, | ANGEL ASAN, |
| ANTONIO DIAZ, | JOSÉ GONZALEZ, |
| ANGEL GOMEZ, | MANUEL JAIME, |
| BERNABÉ SANCHEZ, | LUIS GOMEZ, |
| ALEJANDRO RAMOS, | JOSÉ GUTIERREZ, |
| FAUSTINO GARCIA, | PEDRO MESA, |
| RAMON GONZALEZ, | ZAYAS Z. GONZALEZ, |
| RAFAEL P. DELGADO, | LUCIO PEREZ, |
| JULIO DIAZ, | ANTONIO CEPENO, |
| JUAN CALVET, | RAMON MENENDEZ. |
| FRUCTUOSO LEON, | |

MUNICIPALITY OF MARIEL.

October 4th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: I take pleasure in enclosing to you a copy of the resolution adopted by this corporation after the reading of your communication in regard to the reduction of the tariff duties in favor of our products.

Yours respectfully,

J. CARLOS SOTO.

DANIEL COMPTE MOLINA, *Secretary of the Municipality of Mariel,*
Certifies:

That in the minutes of the regular session of the Council held on the 4th day of October, 1901, there is, among others, a resolution which reads textually as follows:

Sixth. A communication was considered from the President of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island enclosing copy of the petitions addressed by them to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island for the laudable purpose of giving them easier entry into the United States. After the reading of the communication and of the accompanying pamphlet the corporation having taken note of all its details resolved unanimously to advise Señor Francisco Gamba that the Municipal Council of Mariel has noted with true satisfaction the noble initiative of the Society whose worthy president he is, in making itself the echo of the true needs of the country, and that this Council joins him in the demonstration, and thanks him at the same time for his attention in asking the said Council's opinion in a matter of such great importance as the one under discussion.

And I have made this copy at Mariel on the 4th day of October, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to said Señor Gamba, President of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of this Island.

DANIEL COMPTE.

*Countersigned:**The Presiding Alcalde, R. PEDRO.*

MUNICIPALITY OF BAHÍA HONDA.

OFFICIAL.

October 5th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: At a meeting held yesterday I called the attention of the corporation of which I have the honor to be president, to your circular in which you enclose a copy of the petitions addressed by the Society whose worthy president you are to the Honorable President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island for the purpose of securing for them easy entry there. The Council resolved to advise you, and this I have the honor to do at present, that it notes with the greatest pleasure the petitions to which it gives its full support because this is the will of the people of this place as expressed at a public demonstration held on the 3d inst. in conjunction with that which was held by your Society on the same day (an event of which I gave you telegraphic advice). The people look upon your action as the means of salvation of the interests of the country and the most advantageous one for its inhabitants.

In giving you this notice I have the pleasure of voicing the unanimous wishes of the people of this place.

Yours respectfully,

B. MILLAN,
Alcalde.

MIGUEL URRUTIA Y GONZALEZ, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of Yaguajay, Certifies:*

That at an extraordinary meeting called for the purpose on the fifth day of this month, in presence of the members of the Council whose name is given below the following resolution was adopted: The Alcalde, Dr. Martin Marrero Rodriguez; Members: Marcelino Garcia, José de la Luz Martinez, José Joaquin Arteaga, Gaspar Antiga Sagas, Justo de Rojas, Gerardo Artiega, Julian Alfonso, José Barrios; secretary, Miguel Urrutia y Gonzalez.

The secretary read in full the arguments and data given in support of the petition and the memorial addressed to the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States. The president stated that on the third of this month he sent a telegram to General Wood advising him of the fact that all the classes of society of this place, assembled at a mass meeting in this Municipal office, gave their adhesion to the demonstration which was

taking place at the same time in Havana; that all the stores and offices were closed and that the critical condition of the country, due to the lack of protection to our products, was bewailed. In view of this and of the fact that the members of the Council present appreciate the reasons stated by the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, it was unanimously resolved that this Council gives its full support to the work done by your Society for the purpose of securing from the Government of the United States the granting of the five petitions mentioned in your said letter of September 20th last, because the Council believes that the economic salvation of our hard working people depends thereon. It was also resolved to send a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, and in compliance with said resolution I make this copy at Yaguajay, on October 7th, 1901.

MIGUEL URRUTIA.

Countersigned:

The Presiding Alcalde, MARRERO.

MUNICIPALITY OF YAGUAJAY.

YAGUAJAY, October 7th, 1901.

SEÑOR FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of September last, and to enclose to you a certified copy of the resolution adopted by this corporation at an extraordinary meeting held for the purpose on the fifth day of this month, by virtue of which this Council gives its full support to the work done by your Society and extends its best wishes for the most satisfactory results in your negotiations.

Yours respectfully,

MARTIN MARRERO.

CONSOLACION DEL NORTE, October 8th, 1901.

PRESIDENT SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: I take pleasure in enclosing to you a certified copy of the resolution adopted by this Municipal Council at a regular session held on the 5th inst. In it you will see that this Municipal

Council takes part in every way in the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States of America, and are contained in the Bulletin which accompanies your communication of September last. I beg to transmit this to you for your consideration.

Yours respectfully,

CLAUDIO FUENTES,
Alcalde.

GERARDO SANCHEZ MOGENE, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of Consolacion del Norte, Certifies:*

That in the minutes of the regular meeting held on Saturday, October 5th, 1901, there is the following resolution:

Attention was called to a communication and an extraordinary bulletin of the Society of Merchants of the Island of Cuba in relation to the petitions which are being addressed by said Society to the President of the United States of America in favor of various products of this Island for the purpose of securing for them easy entry into that market; and after taking due note of the matter and discussing it at length, the Council resolved unanimously to join the Society of Merchants in their memorial, because they consider it advantageous and of the greatest necessity for the relief and prosperity of this country; and it was also resolved to have a certified copy of this resolution sent to the president of the aforesaid Society.

GERARDO SANCHEZ.

Countersigned:

The President, FUENTES.

LA PALMA, October 8th, 1901.

MUNICIPALITY OF AGRAMONTE.

AGRAMONTE, October 8th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to reply to your favor of the present month and to enclose to you a certified copy of the resolution adopted by this Municipal Council at its meeting held yesterday in relation to its support of the memorial formulated by your

Society and addressed to the President of the United States, in which you ask for an amendment of the tariff laws of that nation in favor of various products of the Island.

Yours respectfully,

ADRIANO GARCÍA,
Presiding Alcalde.

RAFAEL TRAVIESO MONTESINO, *Secretary of the Municipality of Agramonte, Certifies:*

That, at a regular meeting held by this Council on the 7th inst. among other resolutions the following was adopted:

Attention was called to a communication of the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island, Señor Francisco Gamba, in which he transmits by instructions of the Board of Directors of said Society a copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, for the purpose of securing for them easy entry into that country, and requests the Council if it should concur with the views expressed in said petitions and with the reasons given for them to signify it and thus give to them the greatest strength possible and aid in securing good results. The Council took due note of this matter and after careful consideration of the memorial formulated by the General Society of Merchants as well as of its arguments, which show such perfect knowledge of the gravity of the economic situation of the country, they held as reasonable and just the petitions addressed to the Government of the United States for the purpose of saving the Island from the ruin and desolation with which it is daily threatened. The opinions of the farmers, merchants and business men who had been invited to take part in the meeting with a view of dealing in the most careful manner with such an important subject, were also asked; and it was unanimously resolved to join in the aforesaid memorial and to accept its views as the expression of those of the residents of this place, who, since the ending of the war, are making all kinds of efforts and sacrifices to secure the reconstruction of the country. It was ordered that a certified copy of this be made and transmitted to the General Society of Merchants and Business Men for such purpose as he may wish to use it for.

And in compliance with the resolution and by instructions of

the Alcalde I make this copy which the Alcalde countersigns and seals and which I sign at Agramonte on this 8th day of October, 1901.

RAFAEL TRAVIESO.

Countersigned:

The Alcalde, GARCÍA.

MUNICIPALITY OF SAN DIEGO DEL VALLE.

October 8th, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: Attention having been called at the meeting of yesterday to a copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island in order to secure for them easy entry into that country, the Municipal Council fully represented resolved to join in the aforesaid memorial and to state to your Society that it is fully disposed to support all of the petitions.

Yours respectfully,

The Alcalde,
JOSÉ SUAREZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF CRUCES.

October 8th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I take pleasure in sending you a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the corporation of which I am president, in view of the communication which you addressed to me in September last in regard to the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island.

This resolution has already been transmitted to the Military Governor with an earnest request for his efficient support. All of which I state to you in reply to your communication and in compliance with your wishes.

Yours respectfully,

CARLOS SUAREZ,
Alcalde.

ALFREDO D'ETCHAR MUSSET, *Secretary of the Municipality of Cruces, Province of Santa Clara, Cuba, Certifies:*

That in the minutes of the regular meeting held by this Municipality on the 30th day of September, 1901, in the presence of the members mentioned below, there is among others the following entry: "The corporation resolves unanimously to support energetically the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States by the Board of Directors of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba for the purpose of having them secure easy entry into that country.

"I respectfully notify the Military Governor that it is not possible to wait until Cuba shall have its own Government to obtain the relief asked for, because at Cruces all business is paralyzed, and if the producing classes should not find themselves in more favorable conditions before the time for the next crop, general ruin and disaster will befall all industries, for in this section the cultivation of sugar and tobacco predominates. It was also resolved to extend thanks to the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba for their generous and noble efforts in favor of the country and to state to them that the petitions referred to reflect fully the aims and wishes of all the people of this place."

And I make this copy, duly countersigned by the Alcalde at Cruces on this 8th day of October, 1901, for the purpose of sending it to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island.

R. D'ETCHAR.

Countersigned:

SUAREZ, *Alcalde.*

MUNICIPALITY OF CARDENAS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

October 7th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I beg to enclose to you a certified copy of the resolution adopted by this corporation at its meeting held on the 30th of

last September, after discussion of your communication accompanying the copy of the extraordinary bulletin published by your Society in relation to the economic movement of this Island.

Yours respectfully

A. NEYRA,
Presiding Alcalde.

EMILIO ESTEVAN Y ACEVEDO, *First Official of the Secretary's office of the Municipality of Cardenas, and Secretary pro tem, Certifies:*

That at a meeting held by this corporation on the 30th of September last, the members took under consideration a communication of the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba enclosing a copy of the extraordinary bulletin published by said Society and transmitting in it the petitions which are being addressed to the Honorable Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, in defense of the interests it represents. The memorial at the beginning of this bulletin was read in full as well as the parts relating to the reasons, arguments and data taken into consideration in support of said petition; and in view of the uncontrovertible arguments used by the Society in their request to the Honorable President to recommend to Congress in his next message, or to undertake himself in pursuance of his constitutional powers, the establishment of ample commercial concessions between the United States, the exclusive market for our products, and this Island, by abolishing and reducing the tariff duties paid by Cuban products at present, which step, as has well been said by the petitioners, is the sole means of salvation for the Cuban people in view of the present unfavorable economic conditions, the Municipal Council adopted the following resolutions: *First*, to unanimously join the Society in said memorial, on account of the potent reasons which it recites and because no doubt is felt that the Government of the Republic, after duly realizing the actual conditions, will grant with pleasure the objects of the petition. *Second*, that Don Francisco Gamba, President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, be furnished with a certified copy of this resolution for such purpose as he may wish to use it for; also to furnish a certified copy of it to General Leonard Wood as a true expression

of the sentiments entertained by this Council in a matter of the importance of that under consideration.

And I make this copy at Cardenas on October 7th, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to Señor Francisco Gamba, President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba.

EMILIO ESTEVAN.

Countersigned:

A. NEYRA, *Presiding Alcalde.*

MUNICIPALITY OF MAXIMO GOMEZ.

MAXIMO GOMEZ, October 7th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to advise you that at a meeting held by this Council on the 3d inst., it was resolved to join in the petition which the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba is addressing to the President of the United States in favor of various products of the Island.

This corporation has the honor to congratulate your Society for its initiative in a matter of such vital importance for this country.

Yours respectfully,

The Presiding Alcalde,
FRANCISCO D. ARGUELLO.

MUNICIPALITY OF REGLA.

OFFICIAL.

October 12th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: This Council at its meeting held on the night of the 9th inst., resolved unanimously to address you this communication to express to you its support of the memorial addressed to the President of the United States for the purpose of securing a re-

duction in the American tariff of the duties on the products of Cuba, as the sole means of saving the future of the country.

And in compliance with said resolution I have the honor and pleasure of advising you of it for your guidance and for such use as you may wish to make of it.

Yours respectfully,

The Municipal Alcalde,
H. PELAEZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF MARTI.

October 8th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: At a meeting held by this Council, of which I am president, on the 3d day of the present month, the members took under consideration the copy which you sent us of the memorial addressed to the President of the United States with regard to a reduction of the tariff duties on various products of this Island. It resolved unanimously to advise you that it is entirely in accord with the petitions which you make, as well as with all others which your Society may formulate in favor of the products of our country. All of which I have the honor to communicate to you in compliance with the resolution.

Yours respectfully,

AVELINO HERNANDEZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF CABAÑAS.

October 4th, 1901.

SR. FRCO. GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY.

Sir: As a result of your favor without date I have the honor to transmit to you a certified copy of the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of this Council held yesterday.

Yours respectfully,

R. GUTIERREZ.

JOSÉ G. LOMBANA MARQUEZ, *Secretary of the Municipality of Cabañas, Certifies:*

That in the book of minutes of the meeting held by the Council there appears the following entry which reads literally:

"At Cabañas, on the third day of the month of October, 1901, the Council having met at the office of the Municipality to hold an extraordinary session to which it had been duly called in the form and method prescribed by law, the Presiding Alcalde opened the meeting by having the Secretary read an official letter from the Adjutant-General, Mr. Scott, a translation of which reads as follows: 'For the purpose of securing a direct expression of the wishes of the people of this Island in regard to amendments to the United States laws or tariffs on our principal products, tobacco and sugar, the Military Governor earnestly requests that the matter be carefully considered at the next meeting of the Municipal Council, whose president you are, and that you give an expression of your views as to the decisions to be taken by the United States in favor of said products which would be acceptable and satisfactory to the people of Cuba.' The reading of this communication being finished, the President took the floor to give his opinion on the matter, and made extended remarks as to the precarious situation of the country, which will undoubtedly go on getting worse and will end in the complete paralyzation of all industries, ruining our agriculture and commerce, if we do not attempt by some legal means in our power to secure from the American Government tariff concessions on the products of our principal industries, especially, in view of the fact that, owing to the exceptional condition in which the country finds itself, it is unable to open new markets for itself and deprived of any political entity to make with the United States (its sole market to-day), a treaty of commercial reciprocity; and ended in stating that the sole practical solution which he sees of the matter is to ask the President of the great Republic for the modification mentioned in the tariff, a matter which he did not believe would be very hard to obtain, if the said Government is respectfully advised and convinced that this is the sole method of saving this rich Island, over whose prosperity the magnanimous people who saved it from the yoke of tyranny, have the sacred moral duty to watch. The discussion was taken up in turn by the members of the Council, Messrs. H. José Gervais Sarrate, Matias Rodriguez Figueros, Federico Rodriguez Hernandez, Quintin Moya, Juan Mieres and Francisco Zavala, all stating that they agree with the opinions expressed by the Alcalde, especially in view of the fact that they are the opinions of all the residents of this place, as has been shown by the enthusiastic and solemn demonstration which has just taken place. Thereafter a communication was read from the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, in which said body asks for an expression on

the part of this Council as to whether it is in accord with the petitions addressed by said Society to the President of the United States in favor of reforms to the customs tariff on various products of the Island. It was resolved unanimously that in view of the enthusiastic attitude of the people at the demonstration held to-day, in which all classes of society were represented, merchants, business men, colonists, farmers, workmen, all asking for tariff reduction for our products in the United States as the sole means of salvation for the Cuban people, a telegram be sent to the Military Adjutant-General, Mr. Scott, to the Civil Governor of the Province and to the president of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island as follows: 'The people assembled at an enthusiastic demonstration request the Council to intercede with the American Government to secure a reduction in the tariff duties of the United States on our products. All the prominent elements of this place were represented at the demonstration. The Council held an extraordinary meeting and resolved to support the petition of the people and joins the Society of Merchants and other corporations in their memorial as they believe this to be the only means of saving the terrible situation of the country. And this having been the only object of this extraordinary session, the President adjourned it, and the minutes were signed by all the members of the Council who attended, to all of which, I, the Secretary, attest. R. Gutierrez, José Gervais, Federico Rodriguez, Matias Rodriguez, Quintin Moya, Juan Mieres, Francisco Zavala, Primitivo Perez, J. G. Lombana, Secretary.' "

This is a correct copy which I have made under instructions of the Presiding Alcalde at Cabañas, October 4th, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island.

J. G. LOMBANA.

Countersigned:

R. GUTIERREZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF PLACETAS.

No. 2480.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: At a meeting held by this Council on the 7th instant,

your favor of September 26th was considered and the following resolution was adopted in regard thereto:

Thereupon a communication was read from the president of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, enclosing a copy of the petitions formulated by said Society and addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various Cuban products; and the corporation, after proper consideration of the matter, resolved to support in their entirety, the petitions formulated by said Society because the measures advocated would certainly save Cuba from the critical situation in which it finds itself at present, if such important aid were obtained.

And I have the honor to transmit this to you in reply to your esteemed letter which I have mentioned above.

Yours respectfully,

ALBERTO ROJAS,
Alcalde.

PLACETAS, October 11th, 1901.

MUNICIPALITY OF JOVELLANOS.

JOVELLANOS, October 9th, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA,
HAVANA.

Sir: I called the attention of the Municipal Council over which I preside to the circular and extraordinary Bulletin which you transmitted to me for the purpose of having the Council consider the petitions addressed by your esteemed Society to the President of the United States in favor of the easy entry into that market of various products of this Island, at the regular session of the Council at which more than two-thirds of the members were represented; and it was resolved that the Council agrees entirely with the views of the Society and that it will support its work.

All of which I take pleasure in communicating to you, advising you at the same time that I have notified the Military Governor and the Civil Governor of this Province of it.

Yours respectfully,

The Alcalde,
C. GOMEZ.

MUNICIPALITY OF RANCHO VELOZ.

RANCHO VELOZ, October 9th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to inform you that this Council, representing the farmers, merchants, business men and all other producing classes of this place, has presented a respectful memorial to the Military Governor of the Island taking part in the memorial addressed by your Society to the Government of the United States for the purpose of securing in that country tariff concessions for our principal products.

Yours respectfully,

ALFREDO LEISECT.

MUNICIPALITY OF MANZANILLO.

OFFICIAL.

MANZANILLO, October 8th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of the copy of the petitions addressed by you to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, in order to secure for them easy entry into that market, and beg to inform you that the Council over which I preside, at its meeting of the 2d inst. and in compliance with the suggestions asked by telegraph by the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago de Cuba, sent a long document to the Adjutant-General, Mr. Scott, who had asked this Council for an expression of views, advising that it take part in their entirety in the petitions for a reduction of the duties on manufactured tobacco to \$1.00 for wrappers and twenty cents for fillers, and the total abolishment of the duties on molasses, and on raw sugars up to No. 16 Dutch standard; a reduction of forty per centum on the present duties on spirits, alcohols, rum and sweets, products of the Cuban industry, and also on sawed fine woods.

Yours respectfully,

E. LEON,
Alcalde.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

CAMPECHUELA, October 9th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the resolution of this Council in reference to the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island.

This will be the reply to your favor of the 30th of September last.

I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ L. GARCIA.

GERMAN L. LENZANO GARRIGO, *Secretary of the Municipal Council of Campechuela, Certifies:*

That at the regular session of the Council held yesterday, the following resolution was adopted among others: The secretary read the report presented by the committee appointed to express its views upon the contents of the telegram of the Military Governor of the Island in regard to the import duties on some of the products of the country. Said report stated that after careful consideration of the Bulletin of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, and in the belief that the reasons upon which the memorial to the Honorable President of the United States is based are just, the committee advised the Council to join in said memorial. It was unanimously resolved to reply to the Governor-General of the Island that the Council unconditionally concurs in the petitions of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba.

And I make this copy at Campechuela, on the 8th of October, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba.

GERMAN L. LENZANO,
Secretary.

Countersigned:

JOSÉ L. GARCIA.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

HOLGUIN, October 9th, 1901.

GAMBA, HAVANA:

Demonstration was held in presence of the Council by merchants, business men, farmers, land owners and press, all uniting in the economic movement started by the Society of which you are the president.

The Alcalde pro tem,
JOSÉ R. TORRES.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

SAN JOSÉ DE LOS RAMOS, October 11th, 1901.

Sir: This Council whose president I have the honor to be, at a meeting held on the ninth of this month, resolved unanimously to join in the memorial addressed by your Society to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, for the purpose of securing easy entry for them into that market.

And I have the honor to advise you of this in reply to your favor enclosing a copy of the petitions formulated.

Yours respectfully,

MANUEL RAMOS,
Municipal Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF LAS VUELTAS.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.

October 11th, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: I take pleasure in sending you a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the corporation of which I have the honor to be president, at the session held yesterday, the 4th instant, joining your Society in the memorial addressed to the President of the United States in favor of Cuban products.

Yours respectfully,

C. NODAL.

BARTOLOMÉ FERRER VALDES, *Secretary of the Council of San Antonio de las Vueltas, Certifies:*

That on Folio 24 of the book of minutes of the sessions of this Council, there appear the following minutes of the meeting held on the 4th instant.

A circular was read of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, transmitting a copy of the extraordinary Bulletin of that Society containing a copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island for the purpose of securing their easy entrance into that market.

The corporation unanimously resolved: *First.* To congratulate the General Society of Merchants and Business Men for the work they are doing in favor of the interests of the country. *Second.* To join in their entirety in the petitions addressed to the President of the United States and authorize the said Society to make use of the name of this Council in all their work, but reserving the right to the Council to address itself through the regular channels to other bodies in support of the petitions mentioned above; and finally that the President send a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men.

And I make this copy, countersigned by the Alcalde at Las Vueltas, on the 9th of October, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men.

BARTOLOMÉ FERRER.

Countersigned:

The Alcalde, C. NODAL.

MUNICIPALITY OF VEREDA NUEVA.

VEREDA NUEVA, October 12th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, HAVANA.

Sir: I take great pleasure in being the truthful interpreter of the members of this Council, in stating to you that they as well as myself join you in support of the memorial to the President of the United States and hope that it may be successful.

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ VALDES,
Alcalde.

PEDRO GARCÍA FERNANDEZ, *Secretary of the Council of Vereda Nueva, Certifies:*

That at an extraordinary session held on the 12th inst. by the Council it was resolved to advise the President of the General Society of Merchants that the Council takes full part in the demonstration of the 3d inst. in appealing to the President of the United States to secure the laudable object of a reduction of the tariff duties imposed to-day on our sugar and tobacco industries, which reduction will without a doubt redound to the benefit of our country and become the fundamental stone of our prosperity and progress.

And in compliance with the resolution I make the present copy, duly countersigned by the Alcalde at Vereda Nueva, on the 12th day of October, 1901.

PEDRO GARCÍA.

Countersigned:

JOSÉ CALDES.

NUEVITAS, October 11th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: Under this date I advised the Military Governor as follows: "At the meeting held by the Council of which I am president, on the 9th inst. I called attention to your telegram of September 28th last, and it was unanimously resolved and without discussion to advise you, as I have the honor to do, that this corporation joins in the following petitions which have been formulated by the General Society of Merchants and Business Men:

First. That all molasses and crude sugar produced in Cuba up to No. 16 Dutch standard, be admitted into the United States absolutely free from any tariff duties.

Second. That of the tobacco produced in Cuba, classified in paragraph 213 of the United States tariff, wrappers shall, upon their importation into that Republic, pay \$1.00 per pound, and unspecified and unstripped fillers shall pay twenty cents per pound.

Third. That cigars, cigarettes and cheroots of all kinds manufactured in Cuba and specified in paragraph 217 shall pay \$2.50 per pound, and that the ad valorem duty of twenty-five per cent. which they pay at present shall be abolished.

Fourth. That alcohols, spirits and rums, direct products of the sugar cane, and sweets manufactured with fruits of Cuba and

the product of industries of this Island, shall be granted a reduction of forty per centum in the respective paragraphs of the tariff of the United States.

Fifth. That no internal tax shall be levied in the United States on tobacco of all classes produced in Cuba, which would nullify the reductions asked for above."

And I have the honor to communicate this to you in reply to your favor of September last, and in compliance with the resolution of the Council of the 9th inst.

Yours respectfully,

AURELIO BATISTA,
Municipal Alcalde.

QUEMADOS DE GUINES, October 12th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN
OF THIS ISLAND, HAVANA:

In compliance with the resolutions of this Municipal Council, adopted at its session of the 5th inst., I have the honor to transmit a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Council to the effect that it takes part in the memorial addressed by the Society whose worthy president you are to the President of the United States in favor of a reduction of the customs duties imposed in that country on sugar and tobacco from this Island.

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ MEOQUI.

JOSÉ ROMANACH Y OLIVA, *Secretary of the Council of Quemados de Guines, of which JOSÉ MEOQUI MENDEZ is President, Certifies:*

That in the minutes of the meeting held by this Council on the fifth of the present month, there appear the following resolutions: A communication was read from the Adjutant-General to the Military Governor, dated the twenty-seventh of last month and received on the 2d instant, in which he states that in view of the wishes of the people of Cuba in relation to the tariff laws of the United States upon the principal products of the Island, sugar and tobacco, he recommends that the matter be considered by the Council at a meeting presided by the Alcalde, and that a decision be taken and reported. And the corporation resolved unanimously to approve in full the telegrams which have been sent in regard to the public demonstrations held at this place in the afternoon of the 3d instant to the Military Governor and to the

General Society of Merchants and Business Men of Havana, and in which said Council joins in the memorial addressed by the said Society to the President of the United States and advises him at the same time that it considers the granting of the five petitions composing said memorial as the sole means of saving the country from the depressing economic situation in which it finds itself.

And I make this copy at Quemados de Guines, on October 12th, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to the Society of Merchants and Business Men of Havana.

JOSÉ ROMANACH.

Countersigned:

The Presiding Alcalde, J. MEOQUI.

MUNICIPALITY OF PUERTO PADRE.

SR. DON FRANCISCO GAMBA, HAVANA.

Sir: I beg to reply to your favor of last month, and take pleasure in sending you a certified copy of the resolution of this corporation in regard to the petitions which the Society whose president you are addressed to the President of the United States.

I feel proud of having been able to contribute somewhat to the work and beg to offer you the expressions of my high consideration.

ENRIQUE ROSENDE,
Alcalde.

October 14th, 1901.

FERNANDO GARCIA Y GRAVE DE PERALTA, *Secretary of the Council of Puerto Padre, of which ENRIQUE ROSENDE Y PARODI is President, Certifies:*

That in the book of minutes of this Council, on page 259 of Volume II, there is an entry under No. 10, of the meeting held on the 9th of October, of this year, reading as follows: "A communication was also read from the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, in which said Society solicits the concurrence of the Municipal Councils in support of the petition for the reduction of tariff duties in the United States on various Cuban products, addressed to the Government of that Republic. The President ordered the reading of the documents published by said Society in their Bulletin, which deal in extenso of the reasons for the memorial as well as of the effects on Cuba of the tariff duties imposed on Cuban products upon their introduction into the United States. In view of the benefits which

would accrue to Cuba from the modification of the tariff duties the corporation resolved unanimously to join the said Society in their petition to the Government of the United States because it believes that those, or other analogous means, are the only way of improving the condition of the Cuban farmers and producers, which to-day is a very precarious one.

And I make this copy, countersigned by the President of the Council, on the 14th day of October, 1901, for the purpose of transmitting it to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba.

FERNANDO G. Y G. DE PERALTA.

Countersigned:

ENRIQUE ROSENDE, *President*.

REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATION OF CARDENAS.

October 14th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN
OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: Under date of the 11th instant, the Association of which I am president, addressed a respectful memorial to the Military Governor of the Island, joining the Society whose worthy president you are in the memorial relating to the tariff concessions on her principal products, because we believe the petitions in said memorial to be just, opportune and advantageous to the general interests.

I beg to advise you of this and to offer at the same time the expressions of my highest consideration.

Yours respectfully,

ARTURO DE VARGAS.

MUNICIPALITY OF SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS.

October 14th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: In reply to your communication of the 28th of September, transmitting a copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products

of this Island, I take pleasure in enclosing to you a certified copy of the resolution adopted in regard to the matter by this Council at its regular session of the 30th of last month.

JOSÉ F. DE COSSIO.

JOSÉ PRESAS Y DE MORALES, *Secretary of the Council of this place,*
Certifies:

That in the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of this Council, held on the 30th of September last, there appears among others the following resolution reading textually: *Seventh.* Attention was called to a circular of the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, transmitting a copy of the extraordinary Bulletin of that Society, which contains the petitions addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, trying to secure their easy entry into that market and requesting the corporation that if it concurs in the petition and the reasons given therefor, it signify it in an appropriate manner, because the Society is desirous to have its petition supported by the corporations of the people so as to give them the greatest strength possible. After hearing the reading of the memorial to the President of the United States, and taking into account the reasons for the petition, as well as the arguments upon which they are founded, the Council resolved to support unconditionally the petition for the absolute abolishment of the tariff duties on molasses and crude sugar produced in Cuba, for a reduction of the duties in the form expressed in Article 2 and for all which is asked in petitions 3, 4 and 5, formulated by the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba, because the corporation believes that all these petitions are urgent and vital for the existence of this country. It was also resolved to have certified copies made of the above resolutions for the purpose of transmitting them to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island and to the Civil Governor of the Province for their transmission to the Military Governor of the Island.

And in compliance with the above resolutions I make this copy, countersigned by the Alcalde at Santiago de las Vegas, on October 8th, 1901, in order to transmit it to the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island of Cuba.

JOSÉ PRESAS.

Countersigned:

The Municipal Alcalde, COSSIO.

MUNICIPALITY OF CIENFUEGOS.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

CIENFUEGOS, October 15th, 1901.

FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA.

Sir: I have laid before the Council your communication transmitting a copy of the petition addressed by the Society of which you are the worthy president, to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island for the purpose of securing their easy entry there. At the meeting held on the 4th instant it was resolved, and ratified at the session of the 11th, to join in said petition and to advise the Military Governor that this Council supports it with the greatest interest and enthusiasm.

Yours respectfully,

F. G. VIETA.

SANTA CRUZ, October 15th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: This Council has received your circular of September last enclosing the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island, in order to secure their easy entry into that market. Said circular and the Bulletin annexed were read at the meeting held on the 5th; the corporation took note of it and resolved to acknowledge its receipt and to send you a copy, which I do, of the telegram which it addressed to the Military Governor in relation to the matter under consideration.

Yours respectfully,

ANTONIO AGUILAR,

Alcalde.

TELEGRAM.

SCOTT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL MILITARY GOVERNOR, HAVANA:

At an extraordinary meeting of the Council last night your telegram of September 28th was read in relation to amendments to United States tariff on products of this Island, tobacco and sugar, and it was resolved to advise you as follows: This Council is entirely in accord with the well-known views of the Society of Merchants and Business Men and of the Association of Farmers

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of the Island, of the capital, in regard to this matter. It is hoped that the views expressed by the representatives of the aforesaid economic associations will be taken into consideration. In compliance with the above resolutions I respectfully communicate this to you.

P. S. MIRANDA,
First Vice-President of the Council.

October 1st, 1901.

It is a true copy.

Under the same date the above telegram was sent to the societies above mentioned.

SPIRITU, October 16th, 1901.

GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, AGUIAR 81, HAVANA:

The Council, at an extraordinary session to-day, resolved to take part in the petitions addressed by your Society to the President of the United States because it deems them indispensable to relieve the depressed condition of the country.

INDALECIO SALAS,
Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF SAN CRISTOBAL.

October 16th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THIS ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to send you the enclosed certified copy of the resolutions of this Council in relation to the petitions addressed by your Society to the President of the United States, in which you request a reduction of the tariff duties on various products of this Island upon their entry into ports of the United States.

Yours respectfully,

F. FLEITES.

LUIS QUINTANA CORTINA, *Secretary of the Council of San Cristobal,*
Certifies:

That, as appears from the book of minutes, at the meeting held by said Council on the 4th day of this month, which was attended

by the members, Faustino Medal Dantin, Guillermo Allo Govin, Anadio Ortega Alvarez, José R. Costa, Andres Zubillaga, Manuel Darvas and Augustin Sanchez Amaro, the First Vice-President, Felix Ramirez Valles, acting for the Alcalde, and by myself as Secretary, among other resolutions the following was adopted: "A communication was read from the President of the General Society of Merchants and Business Men of this Island, transmitting a copy of the petitions which are being addressed to the President of the United States of America in favor of various products of this Island, in order to secure easy entry for them in that market. The Council also considered carefully the petition referred to, as well as the reasons, arguments and data adduced in support of the memorial addressed to the President of the United States by the General Society of Merchants and Business Men, and concurred fully in said petitions. It resolved unanimously to join the Society in the memorial and to have a certified copy of this resolution sent to the President of said General Society of Merchants and Business Men for such purposes as it may serve.

And I make this copy in compliance with the above resolution and by instructions of the Alcalde, who countersigns it, at San Cristobal, on the 15th of October, 1901, in order to transmit it to the President of the Society of Merchants and Business Men of the Island.

LUIS QUINTANA.

The Presiding Alcalde, F. FLEITES.

MUNICIPALITY OF MORON.

MORON, October 16th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of last month transmitting to me a copy of the petitions which are being addressed by your Society to the President of the United States in favor of various products of this Island.

I must also advise you that this Council, at its meeting of the 8th instant, resolved to send a telegram to the Military Governor advising him that it concurs in the memorial presented by your Society.

Yours respectfully,

LUIS MIGUEL PAU,
Alcalde.

FCO. GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: At the meeting held by this corporation on the 5th instant attention was called to the communication which you sent to the Presiding Alcalde, as well as to the petition which is being addressed by your Society to the President of the United States in order to secure easy entry into said market for various products of this Island. And it was unanimously resolved to join in the memorial addressed by your Society to the American Government in favor of sugar, tobacco and other products of Cuba.

And I advise you of this in compliance with the resolutions, and in reply to your communication referred to.

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ PAU.

SIGNAL CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

BAYAMO, October 19th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN, HAVANA:

This Council supports energetically the petitions of your Society in its negotiations with the Government for the reduction of duties on tobacco and sugar.

BONET,
Presiding Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA DEL ROSARIO.

OFFICIAL.

SANTA MARIA DEL ROSARIO, October 19th, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS, BUSINESS MEN AND CATTLE MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Dear Sir: At its session on the 2d instant this Council resolved unanimously to join in every way in the economic movement started in this capital, and the resolution was communicated in due time to the Civil Governor with a request that it be transmitted to the Military Governor.

I take pleasure in advising you of this to-day, so that your Society be notified of this resolution and act accordingly.

Yours respectfully,

JOSÉ PONS,
Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMO.

October 19th, 1901.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: This Council supports energetically the views of your Society in its negotiations with the Government relating to the reduction of duties on tobacco and sugar.

BONET,
Presiding Alcalde.

Official copy was sent by mail.

PORFIRIO A. BONET.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE ISLAND OF PINES.

NUEVA GERONA, October 22d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: The Municipality has taken note of your favor asking its support for the work of the Society whose worthy President you are in order to secure the reforms to the tariff duties, and at its session of the 17th instant, after a very careful consideration of the petitions, it resolved to give its most decided support to the work done by you for the benefit of the Cuban producers.

Yours respectfully,

JUAN MIGUEL SANCHEZ,
Alcalde.

SAGUA DE TÁNAMO, October 22d, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA, HAVANA.

Sir: This Council has received with some delay the extraordinary Bulletin No. 11, of the Society whose worthy president you are, and having duly considered it and appreciating the reasons upon which you base the memorial to the President of the American Union to secure some reduction of the very high tariff duties imposed on our products in those markets by the present tariff, the corporation of which I am president concurs in your noble views, and joins you in them and offers its unconditional support

to the Board of Directors of your Society. I advised the Governor-General of Cuba of this by transmitting to him a copy of the resolution to that effect adopted by the Council at an extraordinary meeting held for that purpose.

Yours respectfully,

RAMON HERRERA.

MUNICIPALITY OF GIBARA.

GIBARA, October 22d, 1901.

SR. FRANCISCO GAMBA, PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF
MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND OF CUBA,
HAVANA.

Sir: The Municipality of which I am president, took under consideration at a session held on the 17th instant, the memorial addressed by your Society to the President of the United States in favor of the products of this Island, and resolved to advise you that this corporation concurs fully in the petitions formulated and in the reasons for them as expressed by your Society. It also resolved to publish this resolution in the official paper so as to make the public acquainted with it.

And I have the honor of advising you of the resolution in compliance with its terms.

Yours respectfully,

R. SANTURIO,
Presiding Alcalde.

MUNICIPALITY OF MAYARI.

MAYARI, October 31st, 1901.

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF MERCHANTS
AND BUSINESS MEN OF THE ISLAND, HAVANA.

Sir: I called the attention of the Municipality whose president I have the honor to be, to your communication of last September and to the copy of the Bulletin of your Society which contains the petitions addressed to the President of the United States requesting a reduction of the tariff duties in favor of various products of this Island. Said corporation concurs fully in said petitions and in the arguments supporting them, and it resolved

unanimously to join you in them and to identify themselves with the aims of your Society.

I take pleasure in advising you of this with the notice that I have communicated with the Governor-General of this Island to the same effect.

Yours respectfully,

RUENDO URRUITO,
Presiding Alcalde.

LIC. FRANCISCO GARCIA GARROFALO Y MORALES, *Attorney and Notary Public of this City, Certifies:*

That the preceding copies are in conformity with their originals, which I have had before me, and that in my opinion the signatures affixed to them are authentic. I have returned the original documents to Don Laureano Rodriguez, Secretary of the Society of Merchants and Business Men, at whose request I add the present certification at Havana, on November 21st, 1901.

FRANCISCO G. GARROFALO Y MORALES.

Notary Seal.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY GOVERNOR, ISLAND OF CUBA:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is the official signature and seal of Francisco G. Garrofalo y Morales, a duly authorized Notary Public in and for the Municipality of Havana, Island of Cuba.

HAVANA, CUBA,
November 21st, 1901.

H. L. SCOTT,
Adjutant-General.