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U.S. Consulate
Santiago de Cuba Nov. 29. 1873

Mr E.J. Schmitt to the Dept of State

Subject: Referring Accounts of the Steamer Virginius and Enclosures

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United States Consulate
Santiago de Cuba Nov 25th 93

To
Hon.ble Hamilton Fish
Secretary of States
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform Your honor that on the 21st Oct at 6 o'clock in the evening the Spanish Steamer of War "Fernando" with Two Companies eighty men "Fernan Virginius" left this Port for Jamaica, having on board Generals Salcedo, Brothers the Presidents Carlos Manuel Cespedes, Aranguren the Secretary

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Andalusia of Escuela.

On the 2d Lieut informed Gen Reed that
on the 31st Inst the Governor had received a
telegram from Gen Bragg stating the Virginia Con-
vention had passed an Ordinance Seceding
from the U.S. Gen Reed requested Gov Moore
to inform Gen Bragg that he would
receive no Virginia troops.

On the 3d Inst Virginia Seceded

Preparations were made to seize the
Arsenal at Mount Vernon but the
American flag was hoisted & the Arsenal
was Captured by a Standing Officer, the
last the American flag flew over Arsenal
but the Va flag, although Secession
did not hinder and dispatches from Va-
ginia all in the form of Ordinance.

Before Midnight all the operation of

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Paul Revere's Ride

Listen my children and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and year.

He said to his friend, "If the British march
By land or sea from the town to-night,
Hang a lantern aloft in the belfry arch
Of the North Church tower as a signal light,—
One if by land, and two if by sea;
And I on the opposite shore will be,
Ready to ride and spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and farm,
For the country folk to be up and to arm."

Then he said "Good night!" and with muffled oar
Silently rowed to the Charlestown shore,
Just as the moon rose over the bay,
Where swinging wide at her moorings lay
The Somerset, British man-of-war;
A phantom ship, with each mast and spar
Across the moon like a prison bar,
And a huge black hulk, that was magnified
By its own reflection in the tide.

Meanwhile, his friend, through alley and street
Wanders and watches with eager ears,
Till in the silence around him he hears
The muster of men at the barrack door,
The sound of arms, and the tramp of feet,
And the measured tread of the grenadiers,
Marching down to their boats on the shore.

Then he climbed the tower of the Old North Church,
By the wooden stairs, with stealthy tread,
To the belfry chamber overhead,
And startled the pigeons from their perch
On the sombre rafters, that round him made
Masses and moving shapes of shade,—
By the trembling ladder, steep and tall,
To the highest window in the wall,
Where he paused to listen and look down
A moment on the roofs of the town,
And the moonlight flowing over all.

Beneath, in the churchyard, lying low,
Adown the long, straight street,
Where the river runs, and the meadows flow
Like a flash of silver sheet,
Through the gloom and the light,
The shadowy waste, the wild uproar,
Lies the fate of the nation yet to be,
The fate of a continent to be.

And there was mounted in the belfry tower
A gigantic shape with claws of power,
Clothed in sable and silver and gold,
Too vast for mortal sight to behold;
And it whispered and said: "While you watch and wait
Doom is dogging the steps of Fate;
Impalpable shadows before you flit,
In the hours of darkness, and watch, and wit.
Strange sights will meet your eyes,
But heed them not as they rise.
Though the worker of wonders, Terror and Fright,
Disturb your heart, be calm and right.
Shun evil and follow good in your way,
And the night shall be filled with light.
And so shall your name pass down to the coming days;
And the people, listening to hear the bells
Ringing the joyful news, and the watchdogs
Barking at the hurrying feet of the bearer of news,
Shall say in their hearts with a deep thank-you,
"We owe it all to the man in the belfry tower."

I hastened descending the wearisome stair
That creaked beneath my tread,
Down the steps hewn in the wall,
Worn by the generations that came and went
Leaving behind them the memory
Of their pain and toil and despair.
From the sacristy window dropped
Like a rope of sand
The ladder by which I reached the ground,
And the brazen bell overhead
Shook the whole church with its sound.

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= Whereas the Standing Committee of
Philadelphia Annual Conference of
the Methodist Episcopal Church
in America at its session held
in the City of Philadelphia
in the month of March
1864 did prefer charges
against the Rev. Benjamin
F. Tefft, a member of
said Conference and
in the Regular
standing of the Church
in said Conference, and
in the Regular
standing of the Church
in said Conference, and
in the Regular
standing of the Church
in said Conference,

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Gen: Sherman "Virginia" Captain and
brought here, which is a National duty, if
deserved under Amer: flag &c. "Must
my self to know it shall maintained,
hence object and detainer of the Gen-
eral Burnside, Make Communication
to the Gov of the State by Telegraph
which he may transmit the message to
Washington to Gen Townsend & -
ther to this Govt by Consul General Ha -
vana, to whom I shall request this Govt
to the Department, as our Telegraphic
line is taken or interrupted. Mean month
and have [illegible] to transmit the message to
Washington, Referring Gen Hanr
Gen on 2nd Despatch to Madrid by Engin-
-ering & by my Telegram dated 16th.
Second to 2d Communication to 16th & Courte -
-sial and Attention of the Telegram

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Their Mo. Excellencies Dispatch No. 16 Enquiring as
to my Opinion and making
Application of Share to join Loan
Subscription Made for Guatemala
Government. I Beg Leave to Inform
Their Mo. Excellencies that I Have
Received Their Dispatch and Have
Communicated Its Contents to
the Government of Guatemala
And Secondly Their Excellencies
Informed me that Guatemala
Government Had Made Application
to Their Excellencies for Share in
Loan Subscription Made for
Guatemala Government and
Requesting My Opinion Thereon
And Their Excellencies Informed
me that Guatemala Government
Had Made Application to Their
Excellencies for Share in Loan
Subscription Made for Guatemala
Government and Requesting My
Opinion Thereon And Their
Excellencies Informed me that
Guatemala Government Had

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The Indulgence made to me accompanied
of the United States with Justice
on my application stating
that I was willing to
make this Visit.

I am Sir Your Excellency's Obedient
& Most Humble Servant
Signed J. C. Calhoun Secretary
of State Department of
Washington

His Excellency
Don Luis de Onis
Minister Plenipotentiary
of His Catholic Majesty
near the United States

Sir I have the honor to inform your
Excellency that I have received
from the Secretary of State and
Vexatious meaning and Wrong
Act Passed against the Government,
Where he expressed that England
Should have at all time entertained

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Verbally, officially and duly sworn by
Captain Michael Odell
Notary Public in and for Common-
wealth aforesaid, and by Commis-
sion, duly qualified and acting
Notary Public.

Quinary Oath.

In the name of God, I do solemnly swear
that the Testimony by me subscribed and
delivered by this Deponent is the Truth
the whole Truth and nothing but the
Truth, so help me God.

Subscribed, Sworn and Affirmed
before me this 6th day of March
A.D. 1861.

Michael Odell
Notary Public

Deponent states that he resides
at the U.S. Consulate.

Deponent further states that he
is a Citizen of the United States,
claiming my residence having
come to Vera Cruz

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a Couple of hours after the last above
mentioned of the "Virginius" had an
interview with my wife on board the steamer
"Dominica" in the Spanish waters
Immediately Opposite Gibraltar
Bay. Previously to my wife's departure
from the steamer she was informed
by the Captain of the "Virginius"
that he had received orders from
Commodore Hervey to proceed to
Cadiz, and was sorry to find the
Wyoming at Gibraltar, whereupon
this Portuguese Brig "Nile" was hastily
dispatched to Cadiz, since Commodore
de Horsey in his flag ship "Danae" came
to this Port and has sent several dispatches

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To Governor Burnet, under
the same Command Instructed
respecting the Prisoners delivery, a
Copy of both Commanders Com
munications to the Governor Burnet
are transmitted to His Excellency the Se
cretary of the Navy, by Captain
M. Shubrick of the U.S. Navy
ship Hornet, and Directed
respecting Orders from the Department.
In Obedience to the Instructions
Dirigated to me by the Secretary of the Navy
Respecting Indians and Colonization.
Instructs the Brit Commandant to
Dispatch the Prisoners made, but on
closed you Commissioners Letter
information in regard to the man
ner in which the Indians are under

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Whereupon he recalled unto the
Court, and the may they acted in this
Infernal Calamity of the Virginius.
The Same day the Comte
de Kerry arrived here from the
Ile of Bourbon, in the Brig
Daniel, Mr Swinton Master
to whom I refer, in order
to give a Narrative of the
Unfortunate Affair which took place
on board her sailing from, and
at that Moment His Excellency -

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Mrs Conroy very few of his
friends and only few Military
officers and the Municipality
Members, Have not been
served by the Captain General
We shall soon Renounce.

I have the honor
to be, Sir,
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
E. E. Schmidt
U. S. Vice Consul

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To the American Consul at Santiago de Cuba

Sir:

I have made several ineffectual efforts to communicate with you and am at a loss to understand why the Agent of a Government as powerful as the United States should not at once communicate with the Master of an American vessel captured on the high seas in time of profound peace by a spanish man of war. I desire that the papers of the Virginius should be examined by you and the facts and incidents of her attempted voyage noted and communicated at once by telegraph to the Govt as it may serve to save future complications between the Govts of Spain and the U. States

I am Sir
Your Obt Servant—
(Signed) Joseph Fry - Master of

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the S. Ship Virginius now a prisoner in
the Spanish Man of War Fernado &c.

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Declaration taken on this day Seventh
of November 1873 after having Sworn unto
the Bible that this is the true and real
words of the Captain Joseph Fry aged
47 years born in Florida in the
United States of America and being
condemned to death by the Marcial
Law in the Jail of the City of Santiago
de Cuba in the presence of the Ame-
rican Vicebonsul, E. G. Schmitt after
making oath to tell the truth, on the
Bible &c and having made decla-
ration and Protest as he do solem-
nly Protest before and in the pre-
sence of the said Vicebonsul declare
being master of the American Steamer
Virginius, with all his papers, specially
Register of the Steamer, Crew list,
Articles, Clearance from Kingston
Jamaica, as also despatch from
the Customs House & sailed on the
23rd day of October 1873 with all his
crew, and passengers to the number
of one hundred and eighty or there-
about, after a few hours at sea

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sprung a leak and put into the Haityen
Port for repair, sailed from the port of
Caimit of that Island of Haity on the
30th day of Oct 1873 and whilst between
the Island of Cuba and Jamaica —
about twenty odd miles from Cuba
were chast by a Steamer and captured
about 18 miles North of Morrant Point
East end of the Island of Jamaica,
about 10 oclock at night the ship
having fired several shots over the
Virginius and compelled them sur —
render, the Steamer was then taken —
charge of by a Boarding officer, who
stated that he did so on his own
responsability knowing her to be an
american vessel and under the pro —
tection of the American flag when
the master Joseph Fry with crew and
passengers were placed under —
guard and all brought into the Port
of Santiago de Cuba on the 1st day of
November in the evening, subsequently
after having delivered all the papers
of the aforesaid Steamer when she

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was captured, he as been refused official-
ly all chances of application or ap-
pliance to his Consul for Protection
until he was been condemned to death
with the greatest part of his crew un-
der no known public law or pretext
a local proclamation of which he or
they had never heard, and as he has
the only time to make his appeal
being hurried in his preparations
for death, and as he wish it should
be related being his true declaration
to serve his Guard. In Jail at 2
o'clock the 7th " November 1873

(Signed) " Joseph Fry
Master of the Virginius

Enterado del Contenido
El Comandante de la guardia encar-
gado de la custodia —
(Signed) E. Cabranes

United States Consulate
Santiago de Cuba Nov 9th 1873

Be it known that the day of this

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date in the Jail of this city A. E. C. Schmitt
Vice Consul having been called by Captain
Joseph Fry of the Am Str Virginius to take
his oath declaration and Protest extended
hereabove and verso, is his true authentical
declaration, testified by the Spanish
officer in charge of the custody of the pri-
soners, signed as witness in my presen-
ce which contents of this public instru-
ment recorded, in the books of this Con-
sulate to serve and avail to all and
whomsoever it shall or doth and
may concern and may be needed
as occasion may require

In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and af-
fixed the seal of the Consulate
at Santiago de Cuba the day and
year above written and of the
Independence of the United States
the Ninety eighth

A. E. C. Schmitt
U.S. Vice Consul

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Verbal Council of War (Court Martial)

The Tribunal is constituted in the following manner. A Fiscal, (Instructor Accuser) a Military Officer, of the grade of, or above, Major, appoints a Notary and an orderly, who may be a Corporal or a private. The Chief of the Tribunal is the Governor, who appoints six persons on the Court, ranking as Captains. The Constituted Council instantly summon two or three persons as accusers; to make declarations against the prisoners, and supported by their affirmations, they proceed to receive the declaration of the parties accused.

After this it is the rule that the prisoner may select an advocate or defender from a list of officers presented to them. The selection must be immediate, The Fiscal then accuses the prisoner before the Tribunal without caring for his presence or description, as it saves time. When once the accusation is complete they deliver the papers to the advocate of the defender, who is given from half an hour to a maximum of four hours to take evidence for the defense. The whole case must be reviewed and decided within

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twenty four hours - and no pretext is allowed to detain the case longer. The Fiscal then immediately informs the Military Governor of the Tribubal's decision - sending him the documents and evidence; and naming the time and place where the Council is to meet -

Before the Military Council the Fiscal reads the declaration that begins the process; after which the witnesses come forward to ratify all that they have declared in the presence of the accused. The Fiscal then reads the accusation, and the defence reads his evidence, and the sentence and finding of the Court-Martial is decided by a vote - the junior Officers voting first. The sentence being pronounced the papers are sent to the Governor for his approval; which is given after a consultation with his legal adviser - It is the custom of these tribunals to have the assistance of an advocate; but, in the case of the "Virginius" they avoided having one -

The declarations of the accused were translated by Mr. Insidoro Agostini, the sworn Interpreter, ad-interim, of the Spanish Government - And those of Captain Fry and his Crew by Mr

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Enrico Agostini, Interpreter of the Marine -

The younger Agostini is a Volunteer Officer of the Army and in a dependant position, so that his translation might be suspected, as he is entirely at the will of his superiors. As to the elder one, he is also in a position of absolute dependence, and must favor the prosecution rather than the defence - This is shown by the care that they took to prevent the U. S. and British Consuls from seeing the prisoners - or from witnessing their declara-
-tions. It is reported that Captain Fry, de-
-claiming to answer all the questions put to him, protested that by the laws of Nations he and his Crew had committed no offence that justi-
fied his or their imprisonment or trial as pirates Claiming to be commanding an American Merchant Vessel, furnished with all properly certified papers, which he had delivered to the boarding Officer of the Capturing Vessel - Nearly all of the Crew have declared that they were ignorant of what the Tribunal desired of them - and why they were tried - that they had been engaged in the customary way on the vessel without questioning the object or termination of the voyage - and that they were guilty of no no-
-tortunal crime Nov. 23/73

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Santiago de Cuba Nov 26 1893.

Wm. J. Schmitt to Department of State

Subject. Enclosure of Com'de
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United States Consulate
Santiago de Cuba Nov 26th 73.

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

Sir,

I have had the honor to ad-
dress You on the 29th ult. informing of
all the particulars occurred on
the capture of the American Ste
mer "Virginius" Captain Joseph
Fry on the 31st of October last and
brought here on the 1st inst from
here the evening by the Spanish
Corvette "Tornado" on the high
seas, without any Cargo Manifest-

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-ever found on board, unarmed,
and navigating under the Ame-
ten Star flag, with all the pa-
pers, and clearances duly
legalized by the United Sta
tes Consul at Kingston Jam.ca
And in the reference of the do-
cuments indicated to you.
I have forwarded by this
Honor the Consul General at
Havana, I have forgot to name
the Reply of the Comte de Marine
receipt of my Dispatch, against the
Confiscation with the Trials & Condem
nation and executions of Captain
Fry and Crew. I enclose the Copy
and translation to you Hons
I have the Hons, Sir, Your Obed.t
C. Whitney
H.B.M. Vice Consul

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Comandancia
de
Marina
de la
Provincia de Cuba

Enterado de su comunica
cion del dia de ayer por la noche en la que se
sirve manifestarme que protesta de todo cuanto
se haga con referencia al Vapor "Virginius" y con
las personas que se hubiesen detenido ó apri -
sionado en él. Debo solo manifestar a V que
me es muy doloroso que enterado como debe
de hallarse de los motivos justisimos que
ha tenido la Corveta de guerra "Tornado"
para apresarlo por hallarlo cerca y con -
rumbo á la Costa de Sotavento de este Puerto
con una grau expedicion abordo de gente y
contrabando de guerra, para auxiliar la in
surreccion que se mantiene en esta parte
Oriental de la Isla, contra la Integridad
Nacional, careciendo ademas de la docu -
mentacion que es necesaria á todo buque
mercante, trate V de hacer reclamaciones para
la impunidad de este delito, condenado por
todas las naciones y ademas por las leyes y
bandos publicados por las Superiores Auto -
ridades de esta Isla.

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Y unicamente debo manifestar á V que el buque y la gente que conducia se halla efectivamente sometido á los Tribunales de justicia, y que nomes posible atender a ninguna clase de reclamacion que impida ó retarde la accion de esta = Dios guie a V.d muchos años Cuba y Noviembre 6 de 1873

(Signed) Ramon Brandaris

Sor Vicecónsul de los Estados Unidos del Norte America en esta Plaza =

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Captain of the Portship
of the Province of Cuba

Informed of your com-
munication of yesterday evening by which
you manifest having protested against every-
thing that have or may be done with reference
to the Str Virginius and with the persons
detained or imprisoned in her

I must only inform you that it is very
sorrowful to me, that, acquainted as you
ought to be of the lawful reasons that
the Corvette of War "Tornado" has had
to capture her for having been found
near and in route to the East Lee-
shore of this Port, with a great exped i-
tion of people and Contraband of war
to help the Insurrection maintained
in this Oriental part of the Island —
against the National Integrity, and
being without the necessary documents
which are required by every merchant
vessel; you endeavor to demand and claim
the impunity of this guilt condemned
by all Nations and also by the laws and
public proclamations of the Superior

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Authorities of this Island —
I must only inform you, that the vessel
and the people who conducted on board
are in fact submitted to the Tribunals
of justice and that it is most indispensible
to me to attend to any kind of demand
and claims that may prevent or oppose to the action of same —
God guard you many years
Cuba November 6th, 1873
(Signed) Ramon Bravo de Rios

To the
Vice Consul of the United States
of America in this place —

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No 106

United States Consulate

Santiago de Cuba Dec 3d 1873

Hon William Hunter

Acting Secretary of State

Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I left my residence at Higginsport Ohio on November 3rd and I arrive here on yesterday December 2nd and assumed the duties of my Office immediately on my arrival

I am Sir

Your most Obt Servant

W M Savage

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Underwood

No. 109. United States Consulate

Santiago de Cuba Dec 14 1873.

a. Inclosure 7

Hon. J. Hamilton Fish

Secretary of State

Washington D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose here-

with a list of the Captain & Officers

and Crew Captured in the "Virginius"

who never came to the fatal exception for a

few hours before their execution, Order-

ed by the Captain of the Port Commo-

dante of Marine, i.e. Major of Mari-

nes) Executed on the Seventh day of No-

vember 873 at four o'clock P.M.

Yesterday morning the Presidones

Moniety from all, taken from the Stone

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Virginius "was conveyed from this
City, Jamaica to the "Morro Castle, and de-
livered in formation with Captain L —
Barnes of U.S. Consulate, of the Gover-
nor here informed us, they were duly
his Order for the Civil Authorities
Effected to the Arrivel.

This Morning at 3 o'Clock A.M. Three
persons were removed on board the Steam-
Man of war "Bazan" Secretly by order of
the Captain General of Cuba, and Conveyed
to "Cienfuegos, thence by Railroad to Ha-
vana. Captain Braine pro-
tested against this Coverted as contrary
to the understanding with him; the Go-
vernor fell back upon his Orders from
Superiors. We then visited the Hos-
pital and found Ten persons there
two of whom acknowledge Americans.

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The Governor informed us that he came
ashore to Havana as soon as they
received. The feeling here is intense against
American. We ought not to be left one day
without a vessel of war. Probably Vice
Consul Moldenhauer ordered to leave the Island
by the Volunteers or members of the Casino.
The Government are now ordering all persons
of over 22 years of age, resident here to take arms as
Volunteers. The organ of the Casino Español in this
place has repeatedly called on me & Vice Consul
Moldenhauer articles purporting have been pub-
lished in the Jamaica and Panama papers, regar-
ding Brig Abigail, have now no intention
fly. The three U.S. ships here, intend leaving to
morrow for Key West, to meet Admiral Sch.
I have the honor, to be, Sir
Your most Obt. Servant
E. Schmidt

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No. 104.

United States Consulate
Santiago de Cuba Dec 24 1873.

Mr E. J. Schmitt, Jr Vice Consul

Subject: Enclosed Bill of Crew Amer
Can Steamer Virginius, Captain
and Executed Nov 7th 73.

Bill of Crew and Papers of
Same, Captain having, sent to
Havana, with the Passengers
by "Bazan" and of Steamer
Not here, to be Consulate
Havana.

Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
Vice Consul Schmitt.

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List of crew captured in the Virginius and who never came to the jail, except for a few hours before their executions –

1 Joseph Fry – United States - Married # 7 Capt of Merchant vessel brought here to the jail by order of the Captain of the Port (Commandant of the Marine i.e. Major of Marines) Executed on the 7th at 4 P.M same day of arrival in jail

2 William Baynard U.S. single 37 Mate same as above

3 James Flody England Married 25 " " " "

4	J. C. Harris	Un. States	Maried	45	Miner	as above
5	John N. Boza	Pt Principe	"	37	Farmer	" "
6	B.P. Chamberlain	New York	single	27	Engeneer	" "
7	Francisco Sotero Trujillo	Bayamo	"	37	"	" "
8	Edward Day	New York	married	32	"	" "
9	John Williamson	U.S.	single	35	Oiler	" "
10	Porfirio Cortizoro	St Jago Cuba	"	26	Commerce	" "
11	Pedro Alfaro	Havana	"	26	Purser's clerk	" "
12	Thomas Grigg	Barbados	"	30	Mariner	" "
13	Frank Good	Jamaica	Married	37	"	" "
14	Paul Rhumer	Ireland	Single	40	Fireman	" "
15	Barney Herrals	England	"	28	"	" "
16	James Samuel	"	"	20	Mariner	" "
17	Henry Frank	Barbados	"	21	Coal heaver	" "
18	James Read	Africa	"	40	Fireman	" "
19	Samuel Karel	Nassau	Married	24	Mariner	" "

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20	John Brown	U.S.	"	37	"		"	"
21	Alfred Rosel	England	single	22	"		"	"
22	Walter Frederick Price	"	"	20	"		"	"
23	George Thomas	Jamaica	"	22	"		"	"
24	Thomas Walter Williams	England	married	26	Steward		"	"
25	Ezequiel Dunham	Canary Island	single	27	mariner		"	"
26	Simon Brown	Nassau	"	29	Waiter		"	"
27	Leopold Thomas La Rose	U.S.	"	18	Cabin Boy		"	"
28	Alonzo Arcey	Trinidad	married	38	Farmer		"	"
29	William Rose	Scotland	single	28	mariner		"	"
30	John Stewart	Sta Martha	"	29	"		"	"
31	Henry M. Bond	Venezuela England	married	45	"		"	"
32	George Thompson	"	"	36	"		"	"
33	Ignacio Dueñas	Barranquilla	single	27	Cook		"	"

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34	Antonio Vargo	Bolivia	Widower	30	Mariner	as above
35	José Manuel Ferran	Jamaica	single	22	Cook	" "
36	Ramon Zamamendi	Bayamo	"	27	Farmer	" "
37	Eucebio Zariza	Barranquilla	"	22	"	" "

List of the men who came from the Virginius crew to the Jail and who are now living, sent by the Captain of the Port at the disposal of the Governor

1	Charles A. Knight	Newyork	single	25	Engenier
2	Henry King	England	married	27	"
3	William Wilson	U. S.	single	24	Mariner
4	Thomas Lindgly	Canada	"	18	"
5	Charles de Bosse	Jamaica	"	18	Painter
6	William Dauton	"	"	17	Tailor
7	John Pottremont	"	"	17	Finsmith
8	Edward Scott	Jam[illegible] U.S.	"	16	"
9	John Freeman	Curaçoa	married	16	Mariner
10	Nicholas Cardozo	Colombia	single	14	Waiter
11	Joseph del Espiritu Santo	Jamaica	"	16	Cook
12	Alfred Parker	U S	married	21	Mariner
13	Henry Knight	Newyork	single	16	No profession
14	Philip Marty	Curaçoa	"	20	Aer Engeneer
15	Antonio Conetantene		"	14	On board of the Gunboat-Ley Española =

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United States Consulate
Santiago de Cuba Dec 10th 1873

To His Excellency
The President of the United States
Sir:

I beg respectfully to call your attention to the following facts viz: That, when thirteen years old I left this place and proceeded to the United States where I resided for three years principally in Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, Virginia and Washington. In the month of May 1868 I returned to this City and have since been employed in the American Consulate under Consuls Phillips, Steadman, Parsons and Young

It has been a source of deep regret to me that, while in the United States

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I did not declared my intention of becoming
an american citizen. Much as I then de-
sired that privilege a sudden call from my
father necessitated my immediate return -
thus depriving me of the opportunity of com-
plying with the requirements of the law. My
claims to the privileges of American Citizenship
may, perhaps, be questioned on technical -
grounds, but when you consider that, for
five years I have faithfully served the
American Government as my employers can
attest and suffered incarceration in the
common jail for months because I dared
to perform my duties in the face of every
obstacle, I think I am not asking too much
in desiring to become a citizen of the great
Country over which you so graciously pre-
side and to which I now look for protection
In view therefore of the facts thus
briefly presented to Your Excellency I
think I am, at least, entitled to more
than ordinary consideration and -

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Consulate of the United States of Amr
Santiago de Cuba Dec 10th 1873

I, José R. Puente do declare under oath, that it is bona fide my intention to become a Citizen of the United States and to renounce forever all alligiance and fidelity to any Foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever, and particularly to the Republic of Spain of whom I am now a subject

José R. Puente

Sworn to before me this Tenth day of December 1873

W. H. Young
Consul

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Ingle José R.
Santiago de Cuba,
Desires to become a
Citizen of the United
States of America

Respectfully referred to the Secretary of State.

By direction of the President:

Dec 29 1875

Lin P. Luckey
Secretary

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No 109 bis - U. S. Consulate Santiago de Cuba

December 18th 1873

Mr A. A. Young
Chief of the State Department

Subject - Transmitting a list of the Virginius Prisoners delivered on board of the U. S. S. Juniata -

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United States Consulate

Santiago de Cuba Dec 18 1873.

Hon Hamilton Fish

Secretary of State

Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a complete list of the persons taken from on board the U.S. merchant Steamer "Virginius" I was present on board of the U.S.S. "Juniata" at the solicitation of Lords & Braine when the remaining prisoners were shown on board this morning. Those checked are the persons delivered

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and those not checked are
the names of those shot.
I improve this opportunity to
send this direct as the "Juanita"
leaves this P.m.
leaves direct for Jurfork. at
6 P.m. today.

Yours Most Obt Servt

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List of 155 people captured on board the American Steamer "Virginius" by the Spanish Steamer "Fernando" brought to the port of Santiago de Cuba, and turned over to the Authorities

1	Joseph Fry	United States	Married	47	Capt Merchant vessel
2	William Baynard	"	"	Single	37	Mate	"	"
3	James Floody	England	Married	25	"	"	"
4	J. C. Harris	United States	"	45	Miner
5	John N. Boza	Puerto Principe	"	37	Farmer
6	B. F. Chamberlain	New York	Single	27	Engeneer
7	Francisco Sotero Trujillo	Bayamo	"	37	"
8	Edward Day	New York	Married	32	"
9	Porfirio Corbison	Santiago de Cuba	Single	26	Commerce
10	John Williamson	United States	"	35	Oiler
11	Peter Alfaro	Havana	"	26	Purser's clerk
12	Thomas Grigg	Barbadoes	"	30	Mariner
13	Frank Good -	Jamaica	Married	37	"
14	Paul Rhuner	Ireland	Single	40	Fireman
15	Barney Herrals	England	"	28	"
16	James Samuels	"	"	20	Mariner
17	Henry Frank	Barbadoes	"	21	Coal heaver
18	James Read -	Africa	"	40	Fireman
19	Samuel Card	Nassau	Married	24	Mariner
20	John Brown	United States	Single	22	"
21	Alfred Hosel	England	"	22	"

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22	Walles Fred Price	England	Single	20	Mariner	
23	George Thomas	Jamaica	"	22	"	
24	Thomas M. Williams	England	Married	26	Fireman	
25	Ezequiel Dunhaud	Canary Island	Single	27	Mariner	
26	Simon Brown	Nassau	"	29	Waiter	
27	Leopld Thomas La Rose	U. States	"	18	Cabin boy	
28	Alonzo Arcey	Trinidad	Married	38	Farmer	
29	William Rose	Scotland	Single	23	Mariner	
30	John Stewart	St. Martha Venezuela	"	29	"	
31	Henry M. Bond	England	Married	45	"	
32	George Thompson	"	"	36	"	
33	Ignacio Dueñas	Barranquilla Colr	Single	27	Cook	
34	Antonio Delroyo	Bolivia	Widower	30	Mariner	
35	Jos Maw Ferkaw	Jamaica	Single	22	Cook	
36	Ramon Larramendi	Bayamo	"	27	Farmer	
37	Eucebio Garizo	Barranquilla Colr	"	22	"	
38	Bernabé Varona	Puerto Principe	"	27	Proprietor	
39	Pedro Cespedez	Bayamo	Married	47	No Occupation	
40	Arthur Mola	Puerto Principe	Single	19	Agriculture	
41	Francisco de Porras	Havana	"	19	Cabinet-Maker	
42	Luis Sanchez (his real name Hermenio Quesada)	Puerto Principe	"	18	Student	
43	Joseph Boitel	Cárdenas	"	26	Agriculture	
44	Agustin Varona	Pto Principe	"	28	No occupation	
45	Salvador Ponedo	Nuevitas	"	23	Merchant	
46	Henry Castellano	Güines	"	29	Apprentice	

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47	Jesus del Sol	Cienfuegos	Single	38	Farmer
48	José Otero	Havana	"	27	Segar maker
49	Francisco Rivera (his real name Agustin Sta Rosa)	"	"	40	" "
50	Oscar Varona	Pto Principe	"	19	Student
51	Justo Arsuaga	Sta Clara (Cuba)	"	25	Mechanik
52	William Valls	Pto Principe	"	25	Commerce
53	W. A. C. Ryan	Canada	"	28	Lawyer

54	Charles Knight	England	Married	21	Engineer
55	Henry King	United State	Single	27	"
56	William Wilson	Canada	"	24	Mariner
57	Thomas Lindgly	Jamaica	"	18	"
58	Charles Debrosse	"	"	18	Printer
59	William Dauton	"	"	17	Taylor
60	John Pothremonth	"	"	17	Finsmith
61	Edward Scott	Jam.a W.S.	"	16	"
62	John Freemont	Curaçoa	Married	16	Mariner
63	Nicolas Cardozo	Columbia	Single	14	Waiter
64	José del Espiritu Santo	Jamaica	"	16	Cook
65	Alfred Parker	U. States	Married	31	Mariner
66	Henry Knight	New York	Single	16	No profession
67	Philip Marty	Curaçoa	"	20	Engineer
68	Antonio Constantino			14	Cubano Sp Cumbocet "Cuba Española"
69	Joseph Diaz	S.n Juan de los Baños	Married	29	Farmer
70	Juan Herrero	Havana	Single	34	Segar Maker

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271	Alfred	Lopez	Santiago de las Vegas	Single	19	Segar Maker
272	José Ingo	Lamas	Matanzas	"	23	Engeneer
273	Andrew	Acosta	Güines	"	24	Mechanic
274	Francisco	Castello	Regla	"	21	Student
275	Benjamin	Alzaga	Pto Principe	"	17	Engeneer
276	José	Nadeo	Havana	"	24	Segar Maker
277	Ramon	Pardos	Jamaica	"	32	Cook
278	Francisco	Gonzalez	Havana	"	33	Student
279	Joseph	Pelaez	Malaga	"	15	"
280	Leonardo	Alvarez	Santiago de Cuba	"	16	Silversmith
281	Julio	Arango	Pto Principe	"	16	No profession
282	José	Hernandez	Havana	"	20	Merchant
283	Nicolas	Ramirez	Pto Principe	"	23	Farmer
284	Yng. Quintin	Beltran	Andalgo	"	35	Clerk
285	Perfecto	Bello	Havana	Married	24	Actor
286	Benoit	Globes	France	Single	34	Cook
287	Nicolas	Ruiz	Matanzas	"	26	Segar Maker
288	Juan	Alvarado	Havana	"	34	" "
289	Andrew	Villa	"	"	24	" "
290	Ricardo	Trujillo	Cienfuegos	"	20	Student
291	Ramon	Calvo	Havana	"	40	No profession
292	Silverio	Sales	Olon	"	26	Mason
293	Rafael	Pacheco	Havana	"	39	Segar Maker
294	Alexander	Calvo	"	"	39	Commerce
295	Canuto	Guerra	Melena Cuba	"	22	Segar Maker

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96	Canito Sanz	Havana	Single	25	Mason
97	Leon Bernal	Pto Principe	"	25	Agriculter
98	Emilio Garcia	Cardenas	"	20	Carpenter
99	Gil Montes	Viñes	"	23	Segar Maker
100	Rafael Cabrera	Havana	"	20	No profession
101	Amador Rosillo	Bayamo	"	18	Farmer
102	Sug.r Francisco Papia	Havana	"	24	Commerce
103	Manuel Silveria	Bayamo	"	18	"
104	Santiago Rivera	St Thomas	"	17	Trimming
105	Antonio Gomez	Havana	"	39	Segar Maker
106	Andres Echevarria	Holguin	Married	24	Agriculter
107	José Marin	Havana	Single	24	Carpenter
108	Luis Martinez	Cuba	"	13	Baker
109	Domingo Salazor	Havana	Widower	27	Segar Maker
110	Pedro Pajarin	Cardenas	Single	21	" "
111	Manuel Padron	Havana	"	17	" "
112	Alexander Eng Estrada	Canary Island	"	20	Blacksmith
113	Juan Soto	Havana	Married	28	Mechanic
114	Felix Fernandez	"	Single	29	Commerce
115	Manuel Perez	"	Widower	29	Segar Maker
116	José Anto Ramos	"	Single	18	" "
117	Ramon Barrero	Bario "	"	19	" "
118	Ignacio Valdes	"	"	23	Commerce
119	Luis Morejon	Matanzas	"	16	Silversmith
120	José Santiesteban	Cuba	"	30	Carpenter

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V121	Francisco	Pacheco	Puerto Rico	Single	15	Tinsmith
V122	Evaristo	Sumumegui	Havana	"	17	Student
V123	Ramon	Gonzalez	Malaguas	"	18	Commerce
V124	Antonio	Chacon	Havana	"	30	Segarmaker
V125	Siveno	Otero	Orlon	"	17	Student
V126	Carlos	Pacheco	Havana	Married	34	Segarmaker
V127	Antonio	Padilla	Pr Principe	Single	27	Machinist
V128	Henry	Canals	Pinal del Rio	"	22	Commerce
V129	Indalecio	Trujillo	(Isle de Pinos) Pinos	"	21	Farmer
V130	Domingo	Diaz	Trinidad	"	23	Student
V131	Pedro	Sariol	Havana	"	21	Segarmaker
V132	Pedro	Saez	"	Widower	23	Student
V133	Miguel	Sayer	Santiago de Cuba	Single	18	Farmer
V134	Severo	Mendive	Regla (Cuba)	"	20	Student
V135	Patricio	Martinez	Havana	"	18	No Profession
V136	Henry	Alaya	"	"	29	Commerce
V137	Manuel	Saumell	Manzanillo	"	13	No Profession
V138	Domingo	Rodriguez	Havana	"	30	Segarmaker
V139	Luis	Rebollo	Trinidad	"	19	Commerce
V140	Antonio	Rivera	Pr Rico	"	21	Machinist
V141	Carlos	Marin	Havana	"	24	Student
V142	Ramon R de	Armas	Pr Principe	"	25	Commerce
V143	Manuel	Meneses	Philadelphia	"	28	Surgeon Dentist
V144	Philip	Meitzler	Charleston	"	21	Segarmaker
V145	William	Curtis	Jamaica	"	22	Tinsmith

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146	Samuel Hale	Jamaica	Single	15	No occupation
147	Samuel Gray	Harrisburg	"	21	Carpenter
148	Sidney Robertson	Jamaica	"	20	Saddler
149	George Winters	"	"	17	Shoemaker
150	William Marshall	"	"	13	Apprentice
151	Even Pinto	"	"	15	Segarmaker
152	George Burke	"	"	13	Appr Painter
153	Carlos Gonzalez	Matanzas	"	22	Segarmaker
154	Leopold Rizo	Havana	"	25	Lawyer
155	Jose Rudesindo	Barranquilla Colon	"	25	Cook

The (102) one hundred two names check~~ed~~ above were delivered on board the U.S.S. Jamaica by me D. L. Braine Comdg this 18th December 1873 in my presence.

W. M. Laffey
Lieut Md. Co.
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Respectfully, your most humble servant Edward

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Mr A. W. Young to the State Department

Subject = Giving information about Messrs Vicente and Francisco Pires for assistance rendered to shipwrecked sailors of Brig Isabel Burman