



Missionary District of Porto Rico

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My dear Bishop,

Every letter from you is so interesting and I am so pleased to have all the information you give, that I hardly know how to reply as briefly as I should -

First of all, as to the meeting of the Board of Trustees, I was anxious to manage it in order that you might have the papers by return mail. It seemed we were not going to be able to do that on account of absence of one member from New York - but fortunately he came back in time - and everything was arranged satisfactorily. Mr. Kortzenbeutel was directed to make the certificate of the resolution and to communicate with you directly, which he expected to do by to-day's mail.

Mrs. Ferrando found she would have to go to
Morristown for the County Clerk's certificate
to be affixed to the enclosed document, and we
expect to go again together to have one affixed
to the document of Compraventa you sent for the
property in my name. Will mail this letter here
so you may be sure to get it - and the ~~other~~ document
from Morristown later.

We are quite willing to give power of attorney to
any one of those you named - but in as much as
Fr. Villa fañe is in charge of the Mission at
present, we have thought it most appropriate for
him to have the power - and trust that will be quite
satisfactory to you. I had not noticed till just
now that our document does not mention any
power of attorney. I imagine that may not be
necessary in this case.

I have just received your letter of Aug 16th
marked Missent, and I should have considered
it a great misfortune if it had been lost.

I heartily approve of all the arrangements you
have made, and should be delighted to contribute
from my discretionary fund any amount you need,
but I feel that I have to give you an explanation
in this regard. When the time for retrenchment
came, I suggested to the Board that as I did
not have any use for that fund they could economize

on that, excepting \$100.00, which I had promised to you for a special purpose. Now, if the Board did not do anything about it, I gladly give you the use of the whole amount - If the Board needs any explanation from me I shall be happy to give it - In any case you have the \$100.00 to use as you suggest for Primitivo and Victor, and be sure that I am heart and soul with your policy as expressed in your letter, and would be delighted to do anything to help in carrying it out.

There is a little thing I wish to mention - You know I had the Post Office Box 776 in Ponce for many years, and that also was appropriated by Mr. Valentine. They have not forwarded to me my mail, except a letter now and then, in some instances very much delayed, as was the case with the resolution of the General Convention which was not forwarded until several months after. I have just recently given orders to the Post Master in Ponce to forward my mail here, but I am afraid that if the Valentines continue to use the same box some of it may still find its way there. I have recently received several complaints mentioning important letters that were written to me - one - a communication ex-Consejencia from a priest in Oregon, my failing to answer which must have

distressed him, as the thought of his private affairs having come to the knowledge of the wrong parties - Two other letters concerning a theological point referred to me by a Clericus, shut out west, and other things I am just discovering, which make me think my mail has been detained either purposely or out of neglect.

Would it not be better to retain that box for the Mission even temporarily, so that Mr. Valentine would have to get another, rather than allow him to retain it for himself - Which there are such strong reasons for avoiding if possible?

I am greatly surprised at what you say about the horse - Conquistador. I can only repeat my assurance that the horse was paid for, not from any funds handled by Mr. Valentine, but from my own personal funds, and I have not the least consciousness of ever even hinting that the horse was to be his, or any one else's property. Whatever I did, I had the interest of the Mission in mind, and whatever I left there was for the Mission, and not for any one personally. I never wished to allow any of the Missionaries to go on foot if I did not need to use the horse myself, and it was with the intention of always having a horse available for such use that Conquistador was bought.

We shall have to leave for Morris's town in a few minutes so I will close with warm greetings to you and all. Very glad to hear Mrs. Colmore is improving.

Faithfully yours -

+ Manuel Ferrando - suff