



Missionary District of Porto Rico

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My dear Bishop,

I have to apologize for not answering your two letters before this, but you will understand when you know that I have been very sick in bed, and this is the first day that I have been able to sit up and try to dictate this letter, which I feel must necessarily be very unsatisfactory.

I approve heartily your having cut out the balance of my discretionary fund as well as the traveling expenses - I had already mentioned it to Dr Wood.

The Valentine affair has struck very deep. It is an experience that I never expected at my age, and hits me the more sorely on account

of my illness -

He asked me as cash value for his share \$1500.00. This is staggering after all I have done for him, and confidentially I assure you that actually I have nothing in this world but my salary from the Board of Missions -

I cannot expect any help from outside in meeting this demand, because all my intimate friends who would assist me in an emergency are filled with indignation. One of them who has been most interested came to see me yesterday, and when I told him that if I had the money I would send it right away and close the matter, he answered - "I'm glad you do not have it!" To a cash settlement seems to be out of the question.

I have been thinking that it might after all be better for you if we should let Mr. Valentine have the piece of land he asked for, because it is more out of the way than Marungueyes, but there is a great difficulty which I fear we cannot overcome - The lawyers have been studying the question and they have concluded to advise the Trustees not to sign any transfer except

to the Domestic and Foreign Miss. So., in which the Church of Jesus has been incorporated. This is the way things stand now, and further details I cannot give until I am able to go to New York.

On account of Mr. Kortumbentel's sailing this week for a short trip, we could not do anything any way for the present, but he advised me decidedly that nothing of this kind ought to be done, and that I should engage another lawyer or lawyers and get the transfer of the property of the Church of Jesus made at once.

I will try to write soon to Primitivo and Victor. Do in every way as you think best and count decidedly on my cooperation.

With regard to the situation at Quebrada Limón, you are on the ground and are in a better position to take into consideration the more recent developments and to judge what ought to be done, so I am asking you to act freely as you think best for the good of the work. I have already written Fr. Villafañe more than once that

everything in Quebrada Limón should be subordinated to the Church, and should in every way be dedicated to the benefit of the Church and its spiritual mission. Anything contrary to this, or not in full harmony with this object can never have my sympathy or support.

With regard to your question about the horse, Conquistador, - he was bought and paid for by me personally, and was left, as so many other things were left for the use of the Mission -

Please excuse my not writing more, as I have gone to the limit of my strength for to-day -

I am glad there is yet time before the Convocation for me to send a personal message - which I certainly hope to do when I feel a little stronger. I am glad you are going to have the Convocation there, and hope all will enjoy it -

All of us here send best wishes and greetings to you all - Faithfully yours -

Maxwell Ferrando
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