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Missionary District of Porto Rico

Rt Rev. Manuel Ferrando

Bishop Suffragan

Mountain Lakes, N.J.
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Rt. Rev. C. B. Colmore, D.D.,
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My dear Bishop;

It was with great concern and anxiety that we read in the papers of the terrible experiences you have been through.

We telephoned at once to the Mission Home and news was so meagre that we were in suspense, fearing worse reports - but at least we knew that you and the staff of missionaries in that section were safe.

A copy of your letter received yesterday has given us more detailed news, and we are so sorry for Modesto and his family - Their experience must have been horrifying. - We hope and pray

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that Mrs. Rivera's eyesight may be saved
and trust that the Church will be equal
to the emergency - in providing for their wants.

I have been confined to my bed for
several days by a recurrence of the old
bronchitis and sinus trouble - I am
still confined to the house, most of the time
to my room.

I have been anxious to get the
document you are waiting for off to you
and lost no time - was three times to
New York on purpose to see it through, but
there has been one difficulty after another
which has caused this delay, much to my regret.
But things are now so that I hope without
fail you will receive the document by next
mail. The difficulties were caused by Mr.
Kortubentel's lawyers, who refused to let
the Board affix their signatures to the docu-
ment as you sent it. It was not in
accord with the records or Minutes of the Board.



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and the Secretary could only sign a certificate stating what was on record. They saw some discrepancies that would nullify the original record. For instance - Rodriguez' statement names two parcels of land, - "Paraiso" - and Santa Rita, one of approximately 13 acres - and the other of 60 acres, - when the record states that, according to Duckwitz's carta de pago, there were ninety-six acres altogether - which I am sure is correct -

So, after much consideration and consultation, it has been decided to send you a faithful copy of our records in 1920, which the lawyers assure us covers all legal requirements for the transaction. If for any reason this should not be

acceptable, there is nothing for it but to take up the matter anew at a special meeting; which of course would cause still further delay.

Mr. Kortewentel sent me a copy of what is going to be sent to you as soon as Mr. Robertson's signature is obtained, and it seems to me that it is all right.

I must close to catch the mail -

We are so thankful the Southern side of the Island at least was spared the terrible experience you have been through at San Juan. How we wish we might be not so powerless to help in this time of great distress, and we earnestly pray that speedy relief may reach you in abundance, and that your own house and the other damaged buildings may soon be repaired and rebuilt.

With greetings from us all -

As ever faithfully,

+ Manuel Ferrando
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