

MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

P. O. BOX 1115

SAN JUAN, P. R.

Aug. 1, 1932.

Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,  
63 Briarcliff Road,  
Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop:

I have been fairly busy getting information, notary documents and inscriptions for the property in Marueño and although the matter has not yet been concluded I think that within another week or so I will have everything in shape for final action. It looks as though we will have to cut the Gordian knot by having Mr. Horton prepare another form of resolution for the Trustees of the Church of Jesus to pass before we can overcome all the obstacles. The resolution as passed by your Trustees does not give the information exactly enough so Mr. Horton thinks that the easiest way out will be to do as I have suggested above.

The first thing that has to be accomplished however is the proper inscription of the various deeds to the property throughout its history in the registry of properties. No title to the Veitia property has been registered since it was owned by Dapena. Dapena sold to Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Martinez to Guanica Central or Duckwitz, and Duckwitz to you. All these various deeds have to be copied, stamped and then registered so I gave the whole work of that to Gustavo Rodriguez who had part of it in his own protocol and knew the whole history of the case. I made a contract with him before he began and the total cost of it to bring it up to date is \$74.60.

Mr. Horton is going to arrange for a dominion title to the property which you hold by "documento privado" so he will send to you the form for the deed or power of attorney, whichever he arranges for, for that property to be turned over to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society.

I will also have to get the National Council to pass a new resolution on their part authorizing me to buy the two properties. Mr. Horton will also give them the necessary information for that so that the whole matter cannot be finally concluded until after the meeting of the National Council in October. This last of course refers to the final registration of these properties though I can buy them without the power of attorney from the National Council, so that as soon as Mr. Horton can get the proper form prepared we can conclude the important part of the transaction.

↑ for you  
May I remind you that you have not sent to me the document signed by Mrs. Ferrando for the transfer of the Quebrada Ceiba property to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society. You will remember that when you handed it to me in May I noticed that

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it did not have the signature of the county court clerk approving the signature of the notary public. If you will be kind enough to send that to me I can finally conclude that piece of business.

I am sorry that this whole matter hangs on so long but it has been very difficult to get all the information here. At first I also had to move very carefully, at least I thought I should, until I could conclude the whole situation with Mr. Valentine. By the way, I am still waiting to hear from Mr. Parra Capo returning to me the release signed by Mr. Valentine. Mr. Parra Capo rather thinks that the release should not now be signed by Mr. Valentine. If this is his final decision I shall consult a lawyer here and if thought advisable I will sign it as the successor to Mr. Valentine in his claim. I instructed Mr. Parra Capo to record your withdrawal of the power of attorney to Mr. Valentine although the former document of Mr. Valentine transferring his claim to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society had already been recorded. I feel sure that you are entirely protected in regard to the matter of the power of attorney.

With warm regards and all best wishes to all of you, believe me ever,

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,

+ Charles B. Blewett.

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