

Quebrada Limon,  
Box 775 Ponce, P.R. July 17, 1932

My dear Bishop Ferrando,

Your revocation of the Power of Attorney arrived in Ponce about a week after I had at Bishop Colmore's request, renounced the same by an instrument prepared by Para Capo and by which I surrendered waived and released any and all authority or rights I might have had. This document is duly recorded.

Para Capo instructed me against signing the general release as I had just executed a full release and his idea was that by signing another I might be raising the presumption that there was still something left for me to release.

As a matter of fact I have no claims whatever against you or the Church of Jesus and have been waiting for six months for you to send me some kind of document to sign and there would have been no thought on my part of compensation- Please refer to my correspondence and assure yourself that after the misunderstanding had been explained to me I begged you to forget the whole matter.

There would never have been any misunderstanding if Bishop Colmore had kept out of it. He suddenly turned violently against me, I suppose due to the fact that I am with these people in their respect for "Don Manuel" and all he taught and instituted- The Bishop and little Villafane know that I disapprove of their "doing over" the Church building- It is now decked with gaudy prints called stations of the Cross, and a Lady Altar near the entrance.- There is no longer any Morning Prayer; but the 10o'clock service is now called High Mass- The little priest is decked out in all colors of the rainbow and has 3 poor little boys in red to help him dress and undress before the altar.

Anyway I am kicked out, having no further connection with the hierarchy, after August 15th, after which the little priest will move into my house and will exercise archi-episcopal authority over the other priests of the associated missions, much to their disgust.

I understand that the little priest in warning the people against me as a protestant has told them I am no better than a "Presbiteriano" Of course he meant it for a deadly insult, but when I think of the mental integrity of every Presbyterian divine that I have known I accept the term as the highest compliment.

We will move next month to a little finca I own on Marueno- As humble lay-folk, with almost no means we will endeavor to assist and encourage our neighbors in their everyday life- I will not presume to give any religious instruction- but we hope to be able to do some good.

My heart sinks when I think of the fate of many thousands of young trees that I have planted all over your hills in my re-forestry work- I understand the place will be turned into pasture .

Things have turned out according to my hopes, but then they never do; We will always remember with grateful appreciation your kindness to us, and we want you to think of us as as faithful to the things you have taught.

Ever faithfully yours,

*John M. Valentin*

Description of land suggested for conveyance to J.C.M.Valentine

A certain part of the land owned by the Church of Jesus under the Administration of Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Marueno public road,  $\neq$  said point being the southwest corner of land belonging to Emilio Verne, and extends thence :

South 86°08'	East	108.36	meters	to a	Moca
South 77°33'	West	56.21	"	"	Jobo
South 78°44'	East	55.81	"	"	Tartago
South 37°37'	West	30.18	"	"	Jobo
South 46°08'	West	42.72	"	"	Jobo
South 30°57'	West	40.00	"	"	Almacigo
North 53°31'	West	76°42	"	"	Guama on $\neq$

the bank of Marueno River, it being northwest corner of Domingo Maldonado; Thence down said river the following courses and distances:

	South 66°17'	West	23.94	meters
	North 75°53'	West	<del>28.18</del> 41.34	meters
	South 69°55'	West	27.34	meters
	South 41°59'	West	41.50	meters to the mouth of
a rehoja;	Thence leaving	the river and with	the rehoja	
	North 2°57'	East	14.02	meters
	North 58°01'	West	28.48	"
	South 29°48'	West	22.52	"
	South 37°57'	West	18.73	"
	North 87°19'	West	18.39	"
	North 42°55'	West	57.04	"
	South 89°02'	West	15.30	"
	North 51°55'	West	51.37	"
	South 84°34'	West	51.39	" Thence leaving the
rehoja	North 71°30'	East	324.50	Meters to the place
				of beginning.

Containing  $9\frac{1}{2}$  acres, be the same more or less.