

To Her Britannic Majesty  
Queen Victoria of Great Britains  
and Ireland, Defender of the Faith  
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Most Gracious Souvereing Lady

May it please Your Majesty

I held your Majesty's Commission as sub-treasurer and Revenue Officer for the port of Jas Van Dykes one of the Virgin Islands 1880 under president Dyett. My call to the mission was by a remark of a woman who lived here ten years and was on a visit to her home Jas Van Dyke she said she had not heard a prayer in English here during that time. And thought as there were so many English people from the Islands that I would be a proper person to open a mission I was at once filled with the love of Jesus and I obeyed this command and order to this disciples. I gave the notice and resigned. I communicated to Archdeacon Hutsons, S. Thomas, D.W.I. and the Bishop, I voluntarity understook protestant work in this Roman Catholic Country. That is not unknown to your Majesty to know the privations I have suffered in establishing a branch of the Church of England for the benefit of British subjects. I obtained permission from the Captain General of Porto Rico through your Britannic Majesty's Consul. I was visited by Bishop Branch, Archdeacon Hutson, and Rev. Semper, it became very necessary that I should be in holy orders it was agreed by the Bishop that I should seek preparation if I could but he told me he had no means to assist. I left here for the U.S.A. and entered college and remained there three sessions having my own expenses and was ordained Deacon 1889. I had been holding service in my own little house before leaving on my return the house was too small. I then purchased a place for \$1,000. I called on the people here and raised \$530.00 I returned to the U.S.A. 1890 and raised \$270.00 and returned here. Bishop Jackson obtained \$40.00 from the S.P.G.R. which completed the payment on the house which has been consecrated by Bishop Branch, Having read of your Majesty's Kind and Christ like liberalitys I hope God my bless you to the church and nation, and give you many years of health. I hereby humbly appeal to your Majesty in the name of the ever blessed Trinity to assist me in the work of All Saints protestant missions Vieques I made an effort last December to repair the roof of the church as it leaks very much and impossible to worship dry. I appealed through my Bro and it was commended by Bishop Jones through archdeacon. Lough at Bermuda they raised and forwarded F8 with what I raised and by the advice of Archdeacon Hutson I covered one half of the roof of the church I am now trying to raise as much as to cover the other half. I feel the R.C. people are laughing at us I need and for my daily bread with my poor wife that ias a help to the work. Your Majesty may Kindly judge far sixteen years that I have been engaged in this mission I never have received as a salary over \$36. in any one year. My salary from 1893-1895 \$15. per year paid by the Venerable S.P.G. the late Bishop Branch saw his way to raised it this year to \$24 I have never raised for my support here over \$12 per year. Bishop Jackson for the last two years of his good life gave \$5 towards my support by his death that is a loss. If your Majesty's kindness may favor me with any aid kindly state wether it is toward my

support or help for the balance per report or for the sale of the church. I have much pleasure to say I am a black man and a native of Bermuda.

I remain Madam your Majesty's  
most faithfull subject and  
dutiful servant in it  
Joseph Bean, Rector of  
All the Saints

Advent 1896  
Vieques de Porto Rico S.W.G.