

## MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

P. O. BOX 1115.

SAN JUAN, P. R.

Sept. 23, 1924.

Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,  
Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop:

Your cable arrived yesterday afternoon and was the occasion of our getting Miss Washburn back to work. It was also the occasion of great rejoicing on the part of all of us. I am transmitting the news to St. Thomas by this mail, and am sure that they will be greatly relieved and delighted. Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation of this great help. I feel sure this will greatly relieve the situation and assure the people of St. Thomas that we are with them and anxious to do what we can for them.

Fr. Saylor was here to meet us, and since he had been unable to get any information or prices on the light and pump plant in Mayaguez, he and I went together immediately to Mr. C. O. Lord's office in San Juan and got the price on the plant, as per cable to you last night, as follows,

"Pump Light 900"

The price of the plant, that is engine with generator and full set of batteries for a  $4\frac{1}{2}$  kilowatt current, will cost \$600; the pump \$225 additional. Mr. Lord says this is the plant which will suit all needs of Quebrada Limon, and will serve for the refrigerating plant later, with the addition of a few more batteries. This price is laid down on the dock in Ponce. We are to transport it from the dock to the place it is to be installed, and they will install it for us properly. They also guarantee good service in keeping the plant in proper running order. Fr. Saylor thought that the figure of \$900. would probably cover the total cost of transportation, wire connections, building of house about 10 ft. by 10 ft. etc. I imagine that there may be a small deficit in the total cost of installation, but \$900. would practically cover the whole thing.

Mr. Lord assured me that it would not be necessary to pay cash upto the entire amount. He would be glad to make any arrangement convenient for us, whereby we would pay half the amount in cash; one-fourth in three months; and the remainder in six months. he can guarantee delivery of the plant within about ten days of the date of the order. You may be sure that I am ready to do anything in my power to help with the matter, and whatever you answer to the cable or this letter will be carried out as quickly and economically as possible.

I spoke to Fr. Saylor yesterday, upon my arrival, about the possibility of the Mayaguez industrial department helping out with the guarantee of salary for a farmer for Quebrada Limon for two years. It was, naturally, somewhat of a surprise and he could promise nothing definitely, before referring the matter to Miss Hayes, which he promised to do at once. He rather liked the idea and was

only in hopes that the department had not already obligated itself to the limit of its possibilities. I shall let you know at once what the final decision may be. I proposed to him that they should guarantee us a gift of \$1200. per # year for two years, which would, with the guarantee of \$600., which you felt you could promise, give us sufficient capital for equipment and labor. I am very hopeful that the plan will be feasible. I want to let you know about the matter at the earliest moment possible, in order that you may try and appeal for the traveling expenses of the farmer and his family before you come down, that is if we are able to persuade him finally to come.

We had a good trip down, and found a good many <sup>of our</sup> friends to meet us. We are getting settled to-day, but have taken this time to write you fully about the situation, because I am anxious that you should be thoroughly conversant with everything and am in great hopes that you can get these matters attended to before you come. Am writing you separately about the meeting of the House of Bishops.

Please give our warmest regards to Mrs. Ferrando and Edith, and looking forward to seeing you here with us again, I am,

Very gratefully and sincerely yours,

Chas B. Columbus

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My dear Bishop:

I have received from the vice-president of the National Council an agenda for the joint meeting of the House of Bishops and National Council. I don't know if this has been distributed to all the Bishops or has been sent to me because they know I am not going to be able to be present. If you do not get yours now by mail, you will, of course, have one at the time of the joint session. I have been through the agenda carefully and have marked certain questions which I think will be of very great importance to us. I want to give you the number of each of these and to ask that you will pay particular attention to the discussion of these, so that we may get information and explanation from you regarding the discussion and the opinions expressed at the meeting. The questions are, as follows:

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"	twenty	"	ten
"	twentyfour	"	thirteen
"	twentyeight	"	fifteen
"	twentynine	"	sixteen
"	thirtytwo	"	seventeen
"	thirtyfour	"	nineteen.

I shall hope to have a good conference with you after your return to Porto Rico and get a good idea of the meeting and questions discussed. Am very sorry indeed that I can not be present, but it is impossible in view of the fact that the Synod is to meet in November, when I feel that it is most essential for me to be present to show my appreciation of what they have offered to do for the priorities of Porto Rico. Thanking you for your care in this matter, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Chas. B. Colver*

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