



Missionary District of Porto Rico

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Bishop Suffragan

Mountain Lakes, N. J.
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My dear Bishop,

I am sending by this mail a copy of the resolution of the Trustees of the Church of Jesus to Don Francisco Parra-Capo and directing him to go ahead at once with the transaction, advising him to see if a deed can be drawn up of the whole property included in the Surveyors' maps - If that can be done, as I think it can, it would avoid much delay and expense.

As I told you before the boundaries on the maps are correct, and that is all we are concerned with. The calculation of the number of acres is not correct - In looking over the documents of purchase and comparing the divisions of labor, measured with a stadia - this error becomes more apparent. I consulted two good surveyors - and am informed that the

Principle of Surveying accepted by all the Courts is not actually correct, as it is taken by points which do not give the exact measurements in cases of great depressions or rises of surface in mountainous regions, as is the case in Quebrada Limón.

You know, after so many years of possession without any counter claim being made, we have a legal claim that is worth more than any deed. So I do not see any reason why we should have to go into details -

I have received a very good letter from Dr. Wood accepting with thanks from the National Council and am awaiting developments.

Note: In order that you may not be confused, as has been the case with the legal advisers of the National Council until I explained, you have to bear in mind that the Church of Jesus as a religious body does not exist since 1923 when its Bishop and Clergy, and all the members by unanimous vote were incorporated into the P. Episcopal Church of the U. S. A. But the property was held by a Board of Trustees in the States - (inasmuch as the "money and monies" for it was not contributed by the Church in Porto Rico. Furthermore the Church on several

occasions at its general Council meetings has stated - as seen in the records that they feel they do not hold any rights to the land nor have any voice in its administration.

The Trustees, after the Church was incorporated in the Episcopal Church, have waited several years so as to give ample time to hear of any claim. Satisfied that there is none, they feel the time to be opportune for the land to follow the members of the Church, and become the property of the P.E. Church without any lien or condition, so that they may be relieved of their responsibility.

You probably know all this - but I repeat it so as to avoid confusion.

With best wishes from us all to you and your family at this Christmas Season and for the New Year -

Sincerely yours -
Manuel Fernando
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