

MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

P. O. BOX 1115

SAN JUAN, P. R.

Jan. 18, 1924.

Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,
Box 472,
Ponce, P. R.

Dear Bishop Ferrando:

Your two letters were received while I was in Aibonito, and I am very glad to have them. I asked Fr. Saylor to talk with you about the contract that Alejo submitted, for taking down the Church building. I do not understand what he means in the last paragraph, by saying that he will take down the building for the cost of materials. If Fr. Saylor understands that the whole work will be done for \$160., he is to sign the contract for me, stating that, in addition to the \$160., I will pay the amount of the workmen's insurance, and, between ourselves, if it is found during the progress of the work, that he is losing money on the contract, I will be disposed to add a small amount to the payment.

I have the reports which you sent me from Modesto, and understand that you are going to transfer him to Ponce on February 1st, and that you will make other provision for the work in Quebrada Limon.

I am very glad to be able to tell you that I have received word from Dr. Gray that the Rev. Mr. Locke will sail from New York on February 9th. Mr. Locke will go to the parish in Ponce. It looks now as though we are going to get our different stations well manned. Am very hopeful, too, that we will get the young man, the American of whom I spoke to you, to take charge of the farming and business end of the work at Quebrada Limon. In case we can get this man, would you suggest that he live, at least temporarily, in the central building? I hope that we can get him down here sometime in June.

I am leaving tonight for a ten days' visit to St. Croix, and am leaving instructions with Miss Washburn to secure and send to you the money for the repair work on the rectory as soon as you call upon her for it.

When I return, I shall have to meet and settle the new rector of St. John's Church, the Rev. C. T. Pfeiffer, and after that, I shall take a trip to Ponce and Mayaguez, when I shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again. Where are you planning to live? As soon as you arrange this and are in need of funds for rent, please write to me and let me know about it. If I am not here, Miss Washburn will take care of the matter and have the money sent to you.

With all best wishes to both of you from all of us, I am always,

Very sincerely yours,

Chas. B. Colmore
for m. a. H.

CBC/MAW*

I am enclosing copy of bill from Plaza Provision Co. for candy
You can send check direct to them, or to Bishop Colmore. *m. a. H.*