

July 13, 1932.

Mr. Rafael A. Saliva,  
C/o Mr. Benjamin J. Horton,  
Mayaguez, P. R.

Dear Mr. Saliva:

Thank you for your letter of July 6th. I would have answered sooner but have been out of town for a week. I am going to try to answer your letter but am afraid it will be unsatisfactory and it may require a visit to Mayaguez to explain thoroughly the whole matter to you.

In the first place let me say that the National Council spoken of is really the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of the P. E. Church in the U. S. A., who are the buyers of the property. The Board of Trustees spoken of is the Board of Trustees of the Church of Jesus who are the sellers of the property. In other words the Board of Trustees and the National Council should not be confused in any way. Each of the two organizations above mentioned, that is the National Council and the Trustees of the Church of Jesus, has passed a resolution, the National Council authorizing me as their power of attorney to buy the land for one dollar, and the Board of Trustees of the Church of Jesus agreeing to turn over the property to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, and appointing Bishop Ferrando to carry out the transaction.

The next matter to clear up is the question of the "Veitia property in Quebrada Limon measuring 83 acres." As a matter of fact the Veitia property is in both barrios of Quebrada Limon and Marueño and according to the deed consists of 73 acres instead of 83.

I quite understand and believe you are perfectly correct that the power of attorney in the case of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society should include the other 43 acres more or less which Bishop Ferrando personally holds under "documento privado. This 43 acres more or less held by "documento privado" is composed of various holdings or "estancias" bought at different times by Bishop Ferrando and for which I have his documentos privados. This land is bounded on the north by lands of Don Emilio Verne; on the east by lands of the same Don Emilio Verne and Don Vicenti Martinez; on the south by lands of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society; and on the west by lands of Don Cornelio Maldonado, Don Primitivo Medina, Viduya de Hermenegildo Maldonado and Don Jose Colon. This property is not held by the Church of Jesus and their authorization to Bishop

Ferrando to sell their property refers only to the 73 acres in the barrio Marueño which, as I said before, really also extends into the barrio Quebrada Limon. The property described above as held by "documento privado" is held by Bishop Ferrando personally. The National Council, which really are the trustees for the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society, is buying both the 73 acres above mentioned and the 43 acres more or less held by "documento privado". Therefore their power of attorney to me to buy in their name should include both properties, whereas the power of attorney from the Trustees of the Church of Jesus to Bishop Ferrando to sell their 73 acres in Marueño to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society should include only the one, and Bishop Ferrando in turn will have to make a power of attorney to someone, say Rev. Ramon Cortes, to sell his property held by "documento privado" to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society.

I hope I have made this clear and that you can sufficiently understand it. Please let me know however if it is not sufficiently clear and I will make a special trip to Mayaguez to explain the matter thoroughly to you.

The "circunstancias personales" of Bishop Ferrando are, The Right Rev. Manuel Ferrando, casado, vecino de Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, and of the Rev. Ramon Cortes, casado, y residente en Ponce, Puerto Rico.

I am having the whole question of the title and inscription of the Marueño property investigated in Ponce by Don Gustavo Rodriguez who is the notary before whom the title to Bishop Ferrando was drawn. He will find out for me whether the property is inscribed as "de posesion" o "de dominio". I think that until I have this last information it would be wise not to do anything further in the matter. However I will be guided by your advice.

With best wishes and thanking you again for your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours,