

MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

P. O. BOX 1115

SAN JUAN, P. R.

July 14, 1932.

Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,  
63 Briarcliffe Rd.,  
Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop Ferrando:

Thank you very much for your letter written from Mr. Sparrow's office and enclosing the revocation of the power of attorney given to Mr. Valentine and the general release to be signed by him and returned to you.

On Tuesday, the 12th, I signed the document with Mr. Valentine before Parra Capo by which for the consideration of \$350. paid in one parcel of land, one horse, (Blanco,) and \$175. in cash Mr. Valentine ceded to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society represented by me, any claim which he had or might have against you or the Church of Jesus on account of the power of attorney which you issued to him in 1928. The matter was drawn up in thorough legal form by Mr. Parra Capo and duly signed and delivered.. I am to have the certified copy on file in my office.

I found your letter waiting for me upon my return from Ponce so am sending both the revocation and the general release to Mr. Parra Capo in order that he may record the first in his protocol and that he may have Mr. Valentine sign the release and return the same to me. As soon as I receive it I will forward it to you. I hope this will be on next week's mail.

The piece of land which I ceded to Mr. Valentine is a small portion consisting of two and a half acres, more or less, on the east side of the Marueño River and this was put in at the valuation of \$150. Mr. Valentine wanted me to cede all the land from the Marueño road extending to the river and beyond but I would not agree to give up any river water front. I granted him right of way through the small triangle of land between the Marueño road and the river but retained for our property any and all river front. The horse Blanco for which Mr. Valentine claims he has a sentimental regard on account of Marjorie, I put in at \$25., and gave him a check for \$175. This winds up the matter as far as Mr. Valentine is concerned and now the recording of your revocation and his signing of the general release to you remain as a matter of form to conclude the legal situation. I am delighted that the whole matter is cleared up and that it has been done amicably, and that the relations existing between Mr. Valentine and ourselves are pleasant and agreeable.

I spoke to Mr. Valentine about the horse Conquistador inasmuch as he did not list the same on his inventory of

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live stock on the place. He claims that you gave the horse to him and that he has given it to Ruth and that he has evidence of the same. I told him that I had asked you about the horse and that you had told me that you had left the horse for the use of the mission and that I would greatly appreciate his furnishing me with evidence of his ownership of the horse. He did not claim to have disposed of the horse in any legal manner while he had power of attorney from you. I suppose he may write to you about the matter and I shall be glad to conform to any arrangement which you and he make in regard to it.

There is apparently very little evidence as to the ownership of various things. For instance Mr. Valentine claims that the wash bowl in the bathroom on his side of his house belongs to him personally and I am buying that from him for \$10.00. Also the shower in the bathroom on the other side of the house he claims to be his own and I am buying that for \$3.00. The wash basin in Ruth's room they claim a present to her from you so they are removing that to their own house which they are building on their property on the Marueño River. The water heater in the kitchen they claim was a present from you so they are also removing that. They have offered to sell it to me but I do not think I will have need of it.

When Mr. Valentine signed the document with me before Parra Capo at the same time he handed me his resignation to date from August 15th and he has promised to vacate the house not later than August 31st.

In regard to the management of the property I have appointed a committee of layment, two of whom are Valois Pagan and Emilio Verne, who will decide upon the policies to be adopted in managing the temporal affairs of the farm. We have agreed to employ Cruz Torres as mayordomo at a salary of \$6.00 per week and he is to have charge of the material affairs of the place. If between August 15th and the end of the year he has proven satisfactory in every way we promise him that for the new year and following time during his giving satisfaction we will in addition to the weekly wage give him ten percent of the ganancias of the farm. In this way we hope to make it more attractive to him to increase the income of the place. I am going to ask for, in the new budget for 1933, an appropriation of \$300. only, toward the expenses of the farm and am sure that the farm itself will pay all its own expenses and will afford an income to the church besides. Father Villafañe will move into Mr. Valentine's house and thus it will be shown to the world that the priest in charge of the mission is the person of first importance in the place and that the church is running the business. I am free to confess that the former arrangement was a mistake and the only sensible thing is to recognise one's mistakes and try to stop making them

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any longer.

The notary, Gustavo Rodriguez, is still living and he has undertaken to make a study of the whole question of the deeds and inscriptions to the property and will make a report to me before he incurs any expense connected with the same. The registrar of property claims that the Veitia tract is registered in the name of a man named Dapena and that no purchaser subsequent to Dapena's time has registered it. I will know definitely about this within a few days and will then decide what course to pursue in regard to the Veitia property. We will of course have to begin proceedings to obtain dominion title to the other properties which are owned by "documento privado."

With warm regards and hoping to be able to report further to you in a short time believe me, with best wishes for your continued good health and that of your family,

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,

+ *Chas. O. Moore* .

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