

Permitting should be made possible in advance. (S.M.P.)

Your favor of March 3rd with enclosures is duly at hand.

The Association will give due attention to each application and take pleasure in aiding to advance the educational interests of each applicant. We beg that in future you have each applicant fill out in his own handwriting the blank and not allow anyone else to do that work for him. Answers fully made to question fifteen aids our Association to determine in advance where the young men should be allotted. If this information is withheld we are compelled to wait until the student arrives in order to know what to do with him. We feel that it is a great thing to have these boys commence their education upon these blank application. Please instruct them that they must tell how far they have advanced in each study and name the books they have studied from. In regard to students coming to the United States please impress upon them the importance of transferring themselves into what may be termed a new world and inform them as fully as possible of their personal responsibility and duty to submit to the direction of their instructors and devote themselves exclusively to obtaining an education. Some of the boys who arrive here seem to feel that they are to be cared for without effort on their part. This we want them disabused of before they leave their homes.

In regard to academies; there are a large number who have offered to take boys but nothing of great value can be done for a boy at a less cost than about \$200 a year; this will cover his board and incidental expenses, small amount of pocket money and give him two or three excursions during the year; in other words the outgo for board alone cannot be less than \$150 per year, the other \$50 being for what we term incidental expenses.

Jose Benet fails to state when he expects to arrive; Mr. Castro says he will arrive "as soon as possible"; just what that means you will have to tell us; the other two propose to report in April. I take it you will send a letter of introduction with each student although the photograph will aid to identify them. Yes, we are rather anxious to have a photograph or tintype sent with each application. Please have your army friends write their names so that somebody else can read them. What is the Captain's name of the fifth Cavalry and what the Colonel's name of the eleventh Infantry? Captain Bronk and Surgeon Dolan's signatures are very apparent but the other two are in a cloud. Please advise us if you have any relations with Mr. Antotin E. Murillo of Juana Diaz, Porto Rico and tell us what you know about him.

Very truly yours,

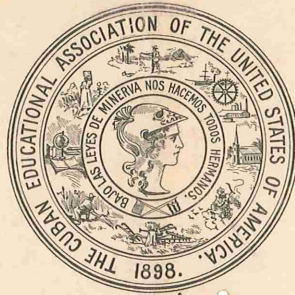
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25 Blank applications Enclosed

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May 20/99

Mr. R. H. Todd,
27 Cruz Street, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Sir:--

Yours of May 4th came to hand on the 12th.

We have been waiting patiently for your four boys, Jose Carballeira, Antonio F. Castro, Jose Benet and Ulises Marcial Sanabria Fernandez, who applied in February for allotments to schools in the United States. These young men will be distributed in different schools for their own good; please get that into their heads thoroughly well; they must understand they do not come here to talk Spanish and we intend that they shall not be allotted together until the institutions of learning each have one boy. We have one Porto Rican who is doing admirably.

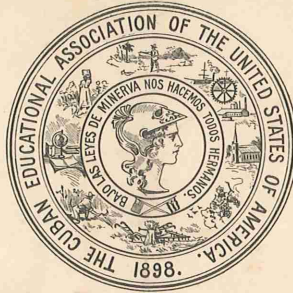
The applications which come out from General Eaton's office are very vague and we do not altogether understand what Mr. Clark has in mind when he sends to us applications half filled out. Our experience leads us to tell you that these boys had better arrive here with only sufficient clothing to keep them from taking cold on board the ship and we can provide better clothes for half the money than they can secure in Porto Rico; at least this is what the Cubans and Porto Ricans tell us for whom we have purchased clothing and when we say clothing we mean everything that a boy needs to wear while at school; the young men should be carefully tutored to the idea that they will have to submit to coarse clothing while in school if you send us instructions to buy their wearing apparel. The drafts can be made payable to The Cuban Educational Association or to myself as Treasurer, or to the young men themselves; in the latter case on the arrival of the boys here they can indorse the drafts over to us and we will attend to their funds and see that they are handed over to the institutions of learning where they go.

Yes, the applications for lawyers degrees are very thick; personally I beg to assure you I do not commend this profession to these young applicants, the truth being they are not in any condition to know what they want to do until they have had at least two years drill in our schools, then they can decide how to proceed with some sort of intelligence.

Kindly bear in mind that these students should lose no time while waiting for transports to study the English language; they should also be carefully impressed that if they land here in June, they will have to go to work at anything they can find to do to pay for their board, whether it is waiting at a summer hotel or whether it is working on a farm or whatnot; this is made necessary because the schools close about the first of July and do not open before the first of September and boys must eat therefore they must work

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all of which I have no doubt you will aid us in instilling into the minds of these Porto Ricans.

As I understand it your Ulises Sanabria is the same as Marcial Fernandez; in other words the name should read Ulises Marcial Sanabria y Fernandez; I do not understand that there are two people; the application is indorsed by John Goldman, Captain of the Fifth Cavalry. What about Luis Brusi who is indorsed by Captain A. Cui-comb of the Fifth Cavalry, February 27th? and what has become of Miguel Planellas, who is indorsed by Captain Foster of the Fifth Cavalry and where is Luis Garcia de Quevedo, who is indorsed by Lieutenant Ritter of the Volunteers? also Jose M. Santiago, who is indorsed by John E.M. Hall, of Washington and Manuel Rivera who is indorsed Captain Cuicomb? One Rafael Loubriel Cuets, eighteen years old and indorsed by Captain Reed says he has nothing with which to feed himself; of course we cannot undertake his provision until his friends get ready to feed him at a cost of \$150 a year; as a matter of fact all boys should have \$50 quarterly in advance to their credit; that is to say \$200 per year will get them something to eat and a trifle pocket money for certain incidentals which no school boy should be obliged to go without.

Very truly yours,

G. K. Harroun
Secretary.

P.S.- The Superintendent of Public Instruction of the City of New York has issued a notice to Major-General Eaton that they will educate free twenty-four Porto Ricans; of course you had better explain to General Eaton that this naturally means that they will educate free and allow these young people to go to the public schools provided they understand the English language. Of the whole allotments we have made there has been only one young man arrived here this entire winter that could accept the state schools for the reason that they know no English besides each young man would have to get his own board and lodging whereas through this Association we have been enabled to get individuals to take care of these young people and not send them out carelessly and let them take care of themselves.