Bayamon, P.R. July 3, 1899.

Hon General George W. Davis,

Commander of the Department of Porto Rico.

Sir:

The undersigned residents and propietors at the town of Bayamon respectfully beg to invite your attention to a matter of great moment to this locality.

It is rumored here, (We do not know on what ground) that very soon we are going to be deprived of the troops which have garrisoned this town since the American occupation.

We do not pretend to meddle with military affairs to you only pertaining, but should it be possible to conciliate the demands of the Army, with our local interests economically, socia lly and its quiet and security considered, the undersigned as well as all those interested in the welfare of this place would be to you most grateful should you direct their garrison to be continued.

We are Sir, your most obedient servants,

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