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Mr Robert H. Todd
Washington D.C.

My dear friend: I have the im-
pression from your letter that
Judge Tower is afraid to dissa-
satisfy our Unionist brethren.
Please remember the Judge
that we answer to his
request to share again
our fortune with the
National Ref Party and
pushed the matter at
the Party Convention,
with the hope and
under the impression that
the Party here will aid
us to stop the inde-
pendent propoganda.
He ought to be well
convinced at this
time that kind



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words does not count with
the leaders of the Unionist
Party. They have disregar-
ded the judge's advice,
and comment with
contempt his high
spirited idea of amend-
ing the Constitution in
order to make easy our
path to statehood. If
he really wants to
convey the Pontonians
the idea that the
Government is opposed
to the Independence
which he must
aid us in obtaining



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our legitimate share
in the government of
the Island. The appoint-
ments of Messrs Pomeroy
and Huxley, would do more
harm to the Independence
side of the Union
Party than all the good
advice ~~of~~ from the
Judge. We need now
facts and no words. It
seems to me that our
friend is bound at
this occasion to sup-
port and encourage
the good disposition
of ^{both} Messrs Peck and



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the President, and not to
vie technical questions
against those appoint-
ments.

If at the present
time we do not succeed
in securing representa-
tion in the Executive
Council and the Public
Sense Commission; if the
leaders of the Independence
Party are again recognized
for Federal positions,
it is my opinion, ~~and~~
that the Party in Pro
Rico, will be either



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dissolved or transformed
into a local party hav-
ing independence as
one of his aims of
perhaps as the only
one. I know the situa-
tion very well and, believe
me, in a very short time
the Americanization of the
~~Island~~ ^{Island} will be without
support from any party.

I am writing to you
in English, in order that
you can read this let-
ter to Judge Turner, be-



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came I wish, as chair-
man of the Party, to
advise him, through you,
of the real conditions
in our party, and
to decline all repre-
sability in the future
happenings. You will ex-
cuse my bad English,
but I am sure you
will understand and
perfectly well.

Yours very truly
J. J. [Signature]

N. Y. June 14, 1921
Take note of my new address.

James Van Dusen

Bamberg

Credit 7 1/2 months

March 10 1860



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