

October 25, 1921.

Hon. E. Mont Reilly,
Governor of Porto Rico,
SAN JUAN, P. R.

My dear Governor:

After the conversation I had with you this morning, I had a talk on the phone with Senator Tous Soto regarding the appointments made by the Commissioner of Health for the sanitary services in Ponce and he explained as follows:

Dr. Felipe González, appointed at the head of the sanitation, ~~is~~ a Unionist.

Raul Jordán, Unionist, as Inspector with \$900 per year has never been in the sanitation work before.

Blás Marterani, Unionist, as Inspector with \$900 per year, has never been in the service before, and was up to a short while ago in partnership with a man in the diary business.

Martin Alvarez and Lucas Labiosa, both republicans, inspectors with \$840 each per year, brought from Aguadilla, where they were employed and where they had their family. They have both resigned.

Miguel Orabona, Unionist, as Inspector. The Senator could not give me any details about this man.

I have sent telegrams to all the Republican towns requesting that they answer by wire if the men appointed are republicans and up to this writing I have only received answer as follows:

From the Mayor of Aguadilla saying: "Personal appointed not of our Party."

Adjuntas: From the Mayor saying: "Personal sanitation appointed this town, unionist-independentista."

Bayamón: "None of the appointed belongs to our Party."

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Hormigueros: "Inspector appointed satisfactory although not of our Party."

Coamo: (Another Republican stronghold). "Personal of sanitation appointed ~~is~~ not Republican and work is not satisfactory."

I ought to call your attention to the fact that among those appointed at Aguadilla, Dr. M. Garcia de Quevedo was the Chairman of the Unionist Committee at Añasco, and as such sent to Mr. Barceló on the 13th. of this month a telegram which I herewith attach, welcoming him back from his trip.

Another man appointed at Aguadilla, as Inspector, is E. Torres Monge, the Secretary of the Municipal Court of San Juan, who was dismissed by you.

Allow me to state, Mr. Governor, that the city of Aguadilla is one of the Republican strongholds which has never been anything but Republican and I am sure that the people of said town resent the appointment of men belonging to another party when the salaries of these employees are paid out of the income of the city to wit: 6% of the income of the Municipality.

As I understand, the appointments just made by the Commissioner of Health is under the same authority granted by the Municipal Law to the Municipal Commissioner of Health, the present arrangement being only an amendment to the Municipal Law, whereby the sanitation was placed in the hands of the Insular Commissioner of Health. This means, that the appointments are made without any fixed term.

As the other towns answer my telegrams, I will forward them to you.

Respectfully,

RHT/GB

October 26, 1921.

PERSONAL.

Hon. E. Mont. Reilly,
Governor of Porto Rico,
SAN JUAN, P. R.

My dear Governor:

As a continuation of my letter of yesterday, I beg to hand you herewith a letter addressed to me from the Mayor of San German, as well as telegrams from different republican towns on the subject of the ~~Health~~ appointments lately made.

Mayor Servera Silva complains of the appointment of a man by the name of Rafael Olivencia, a unionist healer who was instrumental during the last elections in winning a unionist victory in Mayaguez, which was a republican town.

The leading republicans, Toa Baja, Morevis, and Dorado, all of them republican towns, claimed that the men appointed are not republicans and that they belong to the other party.

I expect to receive other answers to-day and will communicate with you again.

Believe me to remain,

Very respectfully,

RHT/GB