

Post Office Department

FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL

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Antonio Berríos Berdecia
Barraquitas, P. R.

28 de marzo de 1922.

Sr. D. Roberto H. Todd,
SAN JUAN, P. R.

Mi estimado D. Roberto:

Informé a Ud. mal acerca de la fecha de la ausencia de la Postmistress, de este pueblo, Maria Vázquez de Borgos, abandonando su puesto. Fué en la primera semana del mes de junio 1921, que ella se trasladó a San Juan con su esposo. Y son ~~son~~ por tanto, diez meses los que ella ha estado fuera de su puesto.

Recuerde que el nombre del candidato es JOSE D. BERDECIA, quien habla inglés y tiene suficientes aptitudes para el cargo.

Mi conferencia con Hurtado y Judice fué satisfactoria y espero pronto el resultado.

Reitérole mis sinceras gracias por sus finas atenciones y soy suyo, como, siempre,

Affmo. amigo y S. S.

Antonio Berríos.

March 28th, 1922.

Hon. Hubert Work,
Postmaster General,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

My dear Doctor:

Not being personally acquainted with your First Assistant, I am writing to bring to your attention a matter pertaining to a fourth class Post Office.

I have a little cottage up in the mountains in a town called Barranquitas, where I frequently spend week ends and I have come acquainted with everybody and everybody with me. Last week I spent a couple of days there and a few friends came to ~~com-~~ parlan about the lady Postmaster, by the name of Maria Vazquez de Borges, who has been as such a Postmaster for some time and who since the month of August 1921 changed her residence to San Juan, where her husband is in the employ of the Insular Government. This Postmaster has left another girl in her place who is acting without authority and who, naturally, don't give the necessary attention to the office.

I made inquiries in the office of the Post Office Inspector and found that the records show that, to all appearances, Maria Vazquez de Borges, is the Postmaster of Barranquitas and that she is attending to business and there is nothing on file to show that she is authorized by anybody in authority to be living in San Juan and to have placed the office in ~~the~~ other hands.

It happens that, although the lady in question is a good woman and I understand a good Postmaster, her husband is a Unionist favoring Independence, a rabid anti-Reily man and anti-everything American, and I thought it was my duty to communicate this fact to the Department as I believe that we can put in that place a good Republican and one hundred percent American and let her husband take care of her.

I believe that the above facts can be verified thru the Post Office Inspector, whom I have not seen because he is on some official business around the Island.

Believe me to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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June 30, 1923.

Hon. R. H. Todd,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Mr. Todd:

Referring to your interest in the charge that Mrs. Maria Vazquez de Burgos, postmaster at Barranquitas, Porto Rico, does not give the office her personal attention but resides with her husband at San Juan, I beg to advise you that the report of the post office inspector who investigated the charge has been received.

He states that the postmaster informed him that she was granted official leave of absence from March 1 to March 30, 1922, sick leave from March 31 to April 30, 1922, and sick leave from August 27 to October 1, 1922. She also stated that she had official leave of absence from December 5, 1922, to January 10, 1923, and that since that time she has been personally in charge of the office.

The inspector interviewed several patrons of the office, and they stated that the postmaster had been away from her office very little recently.

It appears that her services as postmaster are satisfactory to the patrons. The office was found to be in good condition, and the inspector states that few offices of its size are as well conducted. He also states that he instructed the postmaster relative to giving the office the required daily personal attention, and that she promised to comply with instructions.

It appears that the postmaster is anxious to give the patrons satisfactory service, and in view of the fact that she conducts the office properly the inspector recommends that no action in the case be taken.

Sincerely yours,

H. E. Staley

Acting First Assistant Postmaster General.

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