

San Juan, Puerto Rico Sept. 9th 1899.

To the Honorable

Brig. Gen. George W. Davis,  
Commanding.

Sir:

The Committee having the honor of accompanying the Minute of the Session of the Municipal Council of Guayama under date of the 6th inst. begs of you to do justice confirming as Alcalde Mr. Fernando Lugo Viña as agreed upon by a majority of the Council and as proved by the Minute of the Session of the said Council.

Very respectfully

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*Juan A. Blonda*      *Traves*



NOTARIAL OFFICE OF GUAYAMA.

MINUTE OF THE, SESSION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF GUAYAMA ON THE 6th. DAY OF SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. IT WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, THE ORDINARY ONE NOT HAVING BEEN HELD BECAUSE OF WANT OF QUORUM.

The Alcalde ad interim issued the Call for the Session stating the matters that were to be discussed and among others that do not come into this case, there were the two following, viz: To appoint an Alcalde because of the resignation of the one regularly appointed, and that of a written petition of a person called Mr. Orlando Porrata in which he asked for the separation of the Councilman Mr. Juan Alfredo Blondet.

The Alcalde ad interim who was presiding tried to bring prefferably before the Council the last mentioned question (that referring to Blondet) which appeared last in the regular order of the call and which was against the law.

The Councilmen Vazquez, Gabriel Capo, Alfredo Blondet, Aquino, Lugo Viña, Villodas and Alvarez protested against the intention of the Alcalde ad interim who was presiding because (I) The matter was last in the regular order of the Session and (II) because the Councilmen above mentioned did not know of the validity of the addition to the Call, because the said addition was ordered to be made by the Alcalde ad interim when some Councilmen had already been notified and it had been written with a different hand-writing to that of the Call and was not signed by the Alcalde nor had the seal of the Council.

The Alcalde was asked by the Councilmen to produce before the Council the article or precept of law authorizing him to make such addition in such irregular form, and the Alcalde could not produce it. And upon petition of the Council the decission of this point was put to a vote and the bad intention of the Alcalde was defeated by a majority.

Immediately the matter of electing an Alcalde to be proposed to the Governor was taken up, and a majority vote was obtained by the Councilman Mr. <sup>Fernando</sup> ~~Francisco~~ Lugo Viña, who is a republican, against Mr. Jose Gual who is a liberal.

All the other matters stated on the Call for the Session were discussed and when the Session was about to adjourn several Councilmen asked of the Alcalde ad interim who was presiding to have ratified and executed



all matters definitely acted upon so as not to wait days as there were urgent matters decided. And the Alcalde said yes, that all matters decided on were ratified, and gave his consent to them excepting, however, that referring to the vote for Alcalde, which he suspended so as to communicate with the Governor.

A majority of the Councilmen told the Alcalde that they did not believe that he had any authority to suspend the action taken by the Council, and the Alcalde without showing any Article of law authorizing him to suspend the said action, stated, that notwithstanding he would suspend it under his responsibility.