

Mayo 4, 1921.

Hon. Felix Cordova Davila,  
Resident Commissioner de  
Puerto Rico en Washington,  
Washington, D.C.

Senor:

El Postmaster General me ~~llamo~~ ayer por telefono para decirme que tenia deseos de complacer a Ud. en el nombramiento de postmaster de Manati, pues se trata de su pueblo natal, y me suplico retirase el nombre del Sr. Eoedoro M. Lopez, el actual postmaster de Vega Baja, a quien yo habia recomendado para la vacante de Manati.

Hoy escribo al Postmaster General la carata, que en copia va adjunta, obsequiando tanto los deseos de Ud. como los del Postmaster General. Y el motivo de escribirla ~~esta~~ es porque tengo necesariamente que dar una explicacion de mi conducta al Sr. Lopez a quien ya habia asegurado su nombramiento para el puesto despues de mi primera entrevista con el Postmaster General.

De Ud. atentamente,

(Fds.) 

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Hon. Will H. Hays,  
Postmaster General,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Allow me to recall our telephone conversation of yesterday.

You reported that the Hon. Felix Cordova Davila, Resident Commissioner of Porto Rico in Washington, had represented to you that he was entitled to be consulted in the appointment of a Postmaster at Manati, which is his native town, and, you added, that this was a courtesy that the President always showed to Congressmen, even to those of different political faith.

You suggested that, under the circumstances, I should yield to the wishes of the Resident Commissioner who had recommended the present acting Postmaster at Manati to fill the vacancy.

Following your previous suggestion when we first discussed vacancies in the service in Porto Rico, I had recommended Mr. Teodoro M. Lopez, the present Postmaster at Vega Baja, for the appointment to the vacant position at Manati and had been assured of his appointment and had so reported to him. But in my desire to acquiesce in your efforts to please the Resident Commissioner, I beg leave to withdraw my recommendation in favor of Mr. Lopez for the said position, and to join in the recommendation made by the Resident Commissioner in favor of Mrs. Callejo, the present Acting Postmaster, who is a well deserving lady.

Mr. Lopez can await until another vacancy occurs for his promotion.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Resident Commissioner.

Very Respectfully,

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