

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PORTO RICO.
SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.
BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

San Juan, Puerto Rico.

June 23, 1899.

Major A. C. Sharpe,
Acting Judge Advocate,
San Juan, P. R.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your note, just received, permit me to submit these two names, teachers of this capital, who, I believe, would be willing to serve upon the Commission referred to:

José Infante Saavedra, Professor of the Elementary School for boys at Santurce-

José Beserra Zayes, Professor of the Elementary School for boys, San Francisco Street.

I know nothing as to the politics of these gentlemen, nor as to their attitude towards the School Laws. They are simply reported to me as teachers of the capital having the best schools, and I send these two names for immediate use in case your communication requires urgent attention. It was my impression that Dr. Rosell and his committee would suggest some names to the General yesterday. He informed me that they would do so, but I learned from a personal conversation with him that there has been a delay.

Dr. Rosell's plan is to get into an extended general discussion upon educational conditions, and he suggests to me that the School Laws should not go into force until their Commission had reported, probably the middle of July. This seems to me both unnecessary and inadvisable, as any committee familiar enough with the school conditions here to make an intelligent report should be able to go over the twelve orders of the

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Second Part of the School Laws, covering the public schools in one day,
and I see no reason why such a committee could not place such a report
in General Davis' hands Monday.

Very respectfully,



Acting Director of Public Instruction.