

DECEMBER
4, 1912.

My dear Mr. Hilles:-

I hereby take the liberty of troubleling you again with a portorican matter, and which is as follows:-

It is publicly known that Judge Charlton of the Federal Court of Porto Rico, has placed his resignation in the hands of the President, the same to take effect on the 15th. instant.

It is also known that Judge Bonner, the present Auditor of Porto Rico, is a candidate for the Judgeship.

This is an available chance to try and get the appointment to the Auditorship for a portorican, in case it would become vacant. You will recall that I explained this matter to you at length in Chicago, last summer and told you that the ambition of the portoricans was to have more members appointed to the Executive Council. I remember that you promised to help us along when the time ^{sh}ould present itself.

At a diner given by the President to the portoricans who went to Chicago last summer, at which the Secretary of War and the Governor of Porto Rico were present, and where this matter was thoroughly threshed out, the President asked me to write and remind him of this promise whenever the first vacancy ocured in the Executive Council.

This is the object of this letter: to ask you to place the matter before the President as a reminder, in case he should favor the candidacy of Judge Bonner to the Federal Court of Porto Rico.

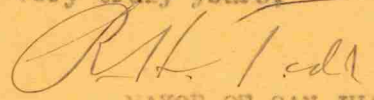
I cannot, at this writing, give the name of the portorican who may be presented for said position. I supose that the name should be formerly presented through Governor Colton, if there should be such a vacancy.

I want to request also your good offices in this regard. This, together

with the citizenship for the portoricans, would be two diserving acts of justice to the portoricans done by the Republican Administration and our people would always remember with delight that if they came under the flag with President Mc Kinley in the White House, they also became citizens of the great nation and helped in the path of self-government, by President Taft.

Thanking you beforehand, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,


MAYOR OF SAN JUAN.

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