

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

San Juan, P.R. June 20th 1899.

Major A. C. Sharpe,
The Palace, San Juan.

Dear sir:-

When the members of the Commission met this afternoon, Mr. Cuevas Aboy and Mr. Ramon Rodriguez objected to serving unless authorized to do so by the Executive Committee appointed by some of the teachers at their recent meeting in this City. The objection they raise is that they have authorized this Committee to speak for them and they do not like to re-assume an authority which they have already delegated to other persons, without the consent of those persons. This delays the organizing of the Commission until other persons satisfactory to all parties are substituted, or the Committee appointed by the teachers, authorizes those gentlemen to serve. It has occurred to me that General Davis might not care to have his nominations subjected to the approval of a private Committee, and I shall delay action until I receive your opinion upon this point. About sixty teachers attended the Meeting on Saturday, and they claim to represent the sentiment of the whole Island; but this claim is bitterly resented by teachers who belong to the opposite party. So the question of their authority as representatives of the Island, is, to say the least, in question.

For various reasons, therefore, it seems to me inadvisable that I should take any further part in pressing these nominations, unless it is the expressed wish of General Davis that I should do so. Dr. A. Rosell is Chairman of the Committee which it is claimed should approve the appointments made by General Davis, if these appointments are to be considered as representing them.

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Meantime two members of the Commission have accepted, and should receive official notice of their appointment, if their names are agreeable to General Davis and yourself. They are: Professor Eladio Vega, teacher of Superior School, Ponce, and Professor Miguel Arroyo, teacher of Elementary School, Mayaguez. Both are in this City. If the letters are sent to this office, I will deliver them to the gentlemen in person.

Very respectfully,

Victor C. C. C.

Director of Public Instruction.

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OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE,
Department of Porto Rico
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Victor S. Clarke.

Director of Education.

Regarding the Appointments of Mem-
bers on the Board of Education.