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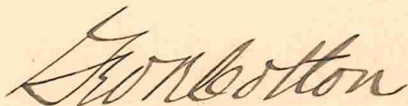
San Juan,
March 28, 1912.

My dear Mr. Todd:

You are cordially invited to attend a luncheon to be given in honor of the Secretary of State of the United States at the City Club at two o'clock p. m. Monday, April 1st, 1912.

Trusting that you will be able to attend, and requesting that you advise me of your acceptance as soon as possible after receipt of this, in order that the necessary arrangements shall not be delayed, I am

Very sincerely,



Hon. Robert H. Todd,
Mayor of San Juan,
San Juan, P. R.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

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WILLIAM F. STONE
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Baltimore, Sept. 24, 1912.

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Hon. R. H. Todd,
San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Mr. Mayor:

Perhaps it is assuming too much upon your professed friendship for me that I ask in that spirit if you will help us with a contribution towards defraying the expenses of organizing our Party in this State and City for the coming National election.

In this City there is a new registration of voters. No person unless registered this year can vote in the Presidential election. There are in this City alone, approximately 18,000 negro voters entitled to registration and a right to vote.

The Third-term Party advocates, augmented by such Democrats as George Dobbin Penniman, one of the Chief Counsel of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, N. Winslow Williams, Secretary of State during the administration of Governor Crothers, 1908-1912, Edward I. Clark, one of the leading members of the Baltimore Bar, Colonel Chas. B. Rogers, very prominent attorney and farmer of Baltimore County, besides such Republicans as Charles J. Bonaparte, former Attorney-General of the United States in the Roosevelt Cabinet, Stevenson A. Williams, Republican candidate for Governor, 1903, George R. Gaither, Republican candidate for Governor, 1907, J.

Stuart MacDonald, Naval Officer of Customs, 1906-1910, former Congressman Charles R. Schirm, and others, all energetically and enthusiastically at work not only to build up a so-called Progressive Party in this State and City, but to tear down and eliminate if possible the Republican party.

Looking to the future as well as the present, we are trying to prevent the success of the efforts of these men. Chairman Hilles told us last week in New York that he regretted but that he could not help us financially at this particular time. Our own people are helping us to some extent but not to the extent required.

Purely and solely from the viewpoint of your kind and valued personal friendship for me do I take this liberty of addressing you on these lines, and I beg to assure you that, if you can see your way clear to help us, not only I, but my friends, will very deeply and sincerely appreciate your kindness. I ask for a small contribution, because, if we get many small ones, in the aggregate they will materially aid us in the work in which we are engaged.

I trust that you will pardon me if I have over-stepped the bounds of our friendship, attributing and charging my ardor and zeal to the earnest desire that we all feel that success may come to our mutual cause.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration that you can give this, and with assurances of my personal obligation, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Stuart MacDonald, is written over the closing text. The signature is highly cursive and difficult to decipher, but it appears to start with 'S. MacDonald'.