

May 11th, 1922.

Hon. Jose Tous Soto,  
Ponce, P. R.

My dear friend:-

Nothing has happened since my last letter of two days ago. It is reported that the Army transport bringing General Banholdts would arrive today in New York, and that the General would come over immediately to Washington and report to the Secretary of War.

Yesterday Senator King of Utah took another shot at Reilly in the discussion of appointments made by the President for Missouri, and he reiterated his statement that Governor Reilly was unfit for the position, that he had offended the Porto Ricans from the very day he arrived in the Island, and that he ought to be removed by the President. The Senator again stated that he had introduced a bill some time ago extending self-government to the Island so as to give the natives a chance to elect their own Governors. He said that any one selected for the position as Governor of Porto Rico ought to know something about the country and the people he was going to govern.

Judge Towner is anxiously awaiting the arrival of Travieso, and he wanted me to tell him what I supposed Travieso would tell the President regarding Reilly. He suspects that Travieso will try to defend the Governor, and from what he told me, he seems to know Travieso just as well as we know him. He is at a loss to understand the reason of Travieso's coming at this time. I informed Towner that I had found out yesterday that Jones knew of Travieso's coming, as well as of the fact that General Banholdts had been sent to the Island to investigate the doings of Reilly. This, I found out through Shanton, who is very bitter against the Governor.

Speaking of the vacant position of Marshal of the U. S. Court, for which I expect that you will write me, giving me a candidate, Towner requested me that I leave this matter in abeyance until the situation is cleared up, as it might happen that Governor Reilly would be asked to recommend somebody. Both Senators from Iowa are recommending Hubbard, who held that position some time ago, and who, I believe, is also



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being recommended by Judge Odlin. It is well for you to know that Luis A. Castro, the interpreter of the Federal Court, is bothering me with letters and cablegrams, asking me to present his name for that position. He is doing this on the strength of a previous recommendation, made last year, when it was supposed that the new Administration would oust Bennett for being a Democrat. I am answering Castro that I am awaiting instructions from you as to whom I must recommend.

Judge Towner is anxious that I shall stay here as long as possible; that is to say, sufficient time to see how things are going to work out, both as to arriving at a the recall of Reily and the appointment of a successor. Of course, I cannot say at this writing whether I shall be able to stay as long as that, although I can see the importance of my staying. It will all depend on circumstances, both as to my department allowing me to stay and my resources permitting me such a long stay. In any event, Towner asked me to be here when Travieso arrives next week.

I found out yesterday in Senator Bursum's office, and both the Senator and his secretary are very well acquainted with Secretary Hull, that the latter is at present a Senator in the State of New Mexico, elected in 1920, and it is claimed that he has always been a rabid Democrat and he attacked, in his newspaper, the election of Harding very bitterly. Bursum's Secretary, who was at one time Governor of the Territory of New Mexico, cannot understand how Reily could have appointed Hull his private secretary.

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There is nothing to add today, and believe me to remain,

Very sincerely yours,