

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

San Juan, Porto Rico, June 22nd, 1900.

Honorable R. H. Todd,

Member of Insular Board of Education,

San Juan, P. R.

My dear Mr. Todd:-

Your very kind letter of to-day received. It is not because I think \$600,000 enough that I only asked for it, and it is not because I believe anybody but the Legislature of Porto Rico has the right to form a budget that I asked for money at this time; but because I have discovered that there is a determination to create a budget, that I do not let the opportunity escape me of asking for all the funds it is possible to obtain at the present time under the existing condition of the Treasury of the Island. I know how much money it will take to establish a school in every barrio, and a High School in every Municipality in Porto Rico. I know how much it will take to place in school all of the 268,000 children who are now out of school. You can adopt as a battle cry, nothing that should appeal to the people more than that of "education for every child in the Island." "A school house in every barrio, a book for every child," "the right to read and think, every man for himself." I certainly wish you every success.

Very respectfully,

Georg H. Hoff

Acting Commissioner of Education.