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elecciones en la P. d.  
-MEMORANDUM.-

To His Excellency the Honorable Plenipotentiary  
States of North America, at Havana,

Greeting:

The undersigned, Dr. Horatio Diaz Pardo, Comandante en Jefe, Gobernador, Mayor of the Municipal District of Guama, Dr. Juan Gronlier y Sardinas, Congressman, Dr. Juan de los Rios, Congressman, Dr. Luis A. Betancourt and Victor de la Cruz, Mayor and Civil Governor of the Province of Matanzas, and the representatives of the LIBERAL and DEMOCRATIC NATIONALIST Party of Matanzas, have the honor to submit to your superior judgment the following matters:

We sincerely and spontaneously declare that we are guided only by a true feeling of humanity and respect for the extent of the rights of every citizen in all countries, without regard of the boundaries of civilization and justice.-

Moreover, we understand that by virtue of the American Congress on April 19th., 1898, of the Approval of the Republic, known as the Platt Amendment, addressed to the People of Cuba by that Legation, and the electoral question and lastly because of the attitude of the American Government and the American people in other parts of the American Continent, that we are in the predicament and that efforts be made to bring to evident and real the Representative of the American Government and that the hopes conceived that there would be practical in this burning problem of exercising the suffrage and the cleanliness of the elections in the Republic.

Bearing on this subject different laws have been enacted with the efficient cooperation of the Assessor General and the Electoral Code now in effect, it being the purpose that it be justly and strictly applied to which the present American Administration are equally interested, of this Code being so constant by the Officials of the present Government of Cuba, backed up by the present Government of Cuba, backed up by the present Government of Cuba, as to warrant this exposition of facts, backed up and respectfully submit.-

Coaction is being exercised in the whole Province of Matanzas Municipalities and all its suburbs in different municipalities.

BY THE MILITARY SUPERVISORS

Matanzas Province is divided into nineteen Municipalities of Local Government, ruled by the Organic Municipal Law of American Intervention in this country which revoke the Orders and Military orders which conflicted with the application and fulfillment.-



*Informe del Partido Liberal al  
Ministerio Americano sobre las  
elecciones en la P. de Matanzas*  
-MEMORANDUM.-

To His Excellency the Honorable Plenipotentiary Minister of the United States of North America, at Havana,

Greeting:

The undersigned, Dr. Horatio Diaz Pardo, Congressman, Félix Martínez Goberna, Mayor of the Municipal District of Guamacaro, Matanzas Province, Dr. Juan Gronlier y Sardiñas, Congressman, Dr. Juan J. Rodríguez Ramírez, Congressman, Dr. Luis A. Betancourt and Victor de Armas y Nodal, Proprietary Civil Governor of the Province of Matanzas, on behalf and in representation of the LIBERAL and DEMOCRATIC NATIONALIST Parties of the Province of Matanzas, have the honor to submit to your superior consideration and clear judgment the following matters:

We sincerely and spontaneously declare that on drafting this document we are guided only by a true feeling of humanity and our notion of the extent of the rights of every citizen in all countries which are not outside of the boundaries of civilization and justice.-

Moreover, we understand that by virtue of the joint resolution of the American Congress on April 19th., 1898, of the Appendix to the Constitution of the Republic, known as the Platt Amendment, also because of the Note addressed to the People of Cuba by that Legation recently, relative to the electoral question and lastly because of the attitude developed by the American Government and the American people in other countries of the Western Continent, that we are in the predicament and opportunity to ask of the Representative of the American Government and people in our country that efforts be made to bring to evident and real facts the promises made and the hopes conceived that there would be practiced a moderate actuation in this burning problem of exercising the suffrage rights of every citizen and the cleanliness of the elections in the Republic of Cuba.-

Bearing on this subject different laws have been promulgated in Cuba with the efficient cooperation of the Assesor General Enoch Crowder: lately the Electoral Code now in effect, it being the purpose of this act ~~XXXXXX~~ that it be justly and strictly applied to which end the Cuban people and the present American Administration are equally interested: the violations of this Code being so constant by the Officials and Authorities of the present Government of Cuba, ~~backed up by the proofs which we submit~~, that as to warrant this exposition of facts, backed up the proofs which we respectfully submit.-

Coaction is being exercised in the whole Province of Matanzas, in its Municipalities and all its suburbs in different manners which are as follows

BY THE MILITARY SUPERVISORS

Matanzas Province is divided into nineteen Municipal terms as refer to Local Government, ruled by the Organic Municipal Law approved by the Second American Intervention in this country which revoked all Laws, Decrees, Royal Orders and Military orders which conflicted ~~with its~~ with its application and fulfillment.-



By the terms of this Law each Municipal Town or its City Council or Municipal Body which is a delegation made up by the Aldermen popularly elected beside the neighbouring Community, that is, the Mayor of the

Among other faculties conferred upon Municipalities by the mentioned Organic Law, there is that which allows them to take the necessary measures and dictate decisions for the maintenance of public order and to apply to the Governor of the Island when their commands are not sufficient to carry out their duty. This, therefore, according to the Constitution, makes the Municipality an autonomous entity, with own faculties and created for the benefit of the common life of a nucleus of population for which it is created. Such is its legal status.-

But all this has been violated, mistified and falsified, justifying aspirations and assuming purposes of the Delegation.

The creation of the so-called Delegates of the Superior or Military Supervisors for the Police of the Island constitutes an illegality in the true sense of the word.

But in the order of Police outrages, the appointment of Military Supervisors constitutes a cause for dread, an instrument of intimidation to disturb the orderly development of the different municipalities of the Island and a means of interference by the Government, to make elections as they may see fit, without the purity of the ballot.-

The Military Supervisors appointed by the Government during the election period, obey only to a purpose which is political, which tends to politics, favoring a given political party.

As regards Matanzas Province we affirm that the Military Supervisors have only been appointed to those Municipalities whose legal substitutes are of Liberal or Democratic Nationalist extraction.

As example: In Matanzas Province there are six Municipalities whose Mayors are of Liberal extraction, such as Matanzas, Colón, Guama Caro, Union de Reyes, San Antonio and San Juan. For these six Terms, there have been appointed Military Supervisors, and without there having previously occurred at any of these Municipalities a disturbance, nor blood crimes emanating from the different Parties, Military Supervisors.- The Electoral Agents of the Conservative and Cuban Parties are the only ones for electoral purposes at the present moment.- A number of notarial certificates and accusations formulated against the Military Supervisors are clearly and conclusively demonstrating the illegality and the ultimate actuation of those instruments of the Government.

In Matanzas, in the city of Matanzas, before the appointment of the Supervisor there was not a single blood affair reported. And despite that there is a Supervisor appointed at the present instant, in one of the most central places of the Island, the Municipal Police, with the revolver which he carries, an Agent of the Authorities, kills, by shooting, a man, a family simply because he had been present on the street at the manifestation which had been celebrated in the city in the propaganda of the Liberal and Democratic Nationalist Party for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency.-Act No., 1



By the terms of this Law each Municipal Term must be represented by its City Council or Municipal Body which is a deliberating body and which is made up by the Aldermen popularly elected besides the Executive of the neighbouring Community, that is, the Mayor of the nearest Municipality.-

Among other faculties conferred upon Municipality Mayors by the mentioned Organic Law, there is that which allows them to ~~take~~ take the necessary measures and dictate decisions for the preservation of public order and to apply to the Governor of the Province when the means at their commands are not sufficient to carry out their object.- The township, is therefore, according to the Constitution and the Organic Law an autonomous entity, with own faculties and created for a special purpose of the common life of a nucleus of population formed by ties of vicinity.- Such is its legal status.-

But all this has been violated, mistified and forced by the Centralizing aspirations and assuming purposes of the Department of the Interior.-

The creation of the so-called Delegates of the Department of the Interior or Military Supervisors for the Police of the Municipalities, constitutes an illegality in the true sense of the written Law.-

But in the order of Police outrages, the appointment of Military Supervisors constitutes a cause for dread, an instrument of coercion, an opportunity to disturb the orderly development of the militant policy of the different municipalities of the Island and a means, the most efficient for the Government, to make elections as they may see fit and to mixtify the purity of the ballot.-

The Military Supervisors appointed by the Government during an election period, obey only to a purpose which is generally disturbing and which tends to politics, favoring a given political party .-

As refers to Matanzas Province we affirm that Military Supervisors have only been appointed to those Municipalities where the Mayors or their legal substitutes are of Liberal or Democratic Nationalist affiliation.-

As example: In Matanzas Province there are six Municipal terms where the Mayors are of Liberal extraction, such as Matanzas, Capital of the Province, Colón, Guanacaro, Union de Reyes, San Antonio de Cabezas and Manguito. For these six Terms, there have been appointed in full electoral period, and without there having previously occurred at any of them, the least disturbance, nor blood crimes emanating from the political propaganda of the different Parties, Military Supervisors.- The Supervisors have become Electoral Agents of the Conservative and Cuban Popular Parties, leagued for electoral purposes at the present moment.- A multitude of sworn affidavits notarial certificates and accusations formulated to the Courts of Justice, are clearly and conclusively demonstrating the present and what will be the ultimate actuation of those instruments of the Department of the Interior

In Matanzas, in the city of Matanzas, before having a Military Supervisor there was not a single blood affair reported over the political question. And despite that there ~~is~~ a Supervisor, in the evening of the third instant, in one of the most central places of the city, a member of the Municipal Police, with the revolver which he carries on account of his being an Agent of the Authorities, kills, by shooting, a young man of distinguished family simply because he had been present on the afternoon of that day, at the manifestation which had been celebrated in honor and as an act of propaganda of the Liberal and Democratic Nationalist Parties candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency.- Act No., 1, herewith attached.-



We also present Notarial Certificate No.-2, communication of the Military Supervisor of Matanzas former usurps the functions of the Mayor of that

In the Term of Colón, where there ~~was~~ was a period, the least perturbation of public order nor peace in general could possibly be disturbed in a Supervisor, Major of the National Army, Mr. Ramón laws and arbitrarily usurping prerogatives, disarming and forces its members to do duty without a weapon

Furthermore, the notarial certificate proves Colonel Commander of the Military District of Matanzas fast at the Army Headquarters with candidates and Conservative and Cuban Popular Parties, which received and also gave a public banquet in the evening at that town, which had the same result.- Notarial

At Union de Reyes, another Military Supervisor threatens them and cautions them that he is disposed realizing political labor in favor of the Liberal and Democratic Nationalist Party.- And violating the written Municipal Police by soldiers of the Army to do as we were in a state of Civil War or on the eve of Act No. 4.- Affidavit of Dr. Lgreto, Mayor.-

At Guama caro, a Military Supervisor also disallows it from duty and exhibits the lowest sentiments and one night a vagrant gets into the lodgings of to assault and murder him.- And that very Military exiles, military style, peaceful citizens forcing just because they are electors adept to the Liberalificates in hands of Military Attaché of U. S. Legation

At the Municipality of San Antonio de Cabezas Army, appointed Military Supervisor by the Department and hoisterously celebrates a banquet at which the members of the Conservative and Cuban Popular Parties purposes in that Term, are present and they proclaim Term the Liberal Party cannot possibly win.-P5- Affidavit of Mrs Garcia, Mayor. §-

And at the Municipal Term of Manguito as soon takes charge, the members of the Conservative and frenetically turn out and during the night of the a shooting fray at the village of Amarillas.- This the Municipal Judge of Amarillas and by the District Criminal Court of Matanzas.-

This is as refers to the Municipalities of Matanzas Mayors were elected in the year one thousand nine Liberal Party.-

There are in Matanzas Province three other Municipalities affiliated to the Democratic Nationalist Party, which San José de los Ramos and Perico.-





We also present Notarial Certificate No.-2, supported by an official communication of the Military Supervisor of Matanzas which proves that the former usurps the functions of the Mayor of that City.-

In the Term of Colón, where there ~~it~~ was not, during this electoral period, the least perturbation of public order nor intimations to deduct that peace in general could possibly be disturbed in all that environs, a Military Supervisor, Major of the National Army, Mr. Ramón Cordovés, violating the laws and arbitrarily usurping prerogatives, disarms the Municipal Police and forces its members to do duty without a weapon for their defence.-

Furthermore, the notarial certificate proves that in that town, the Colonel Commander of the Military District of Matanzas, celebrated a breakfast at the Army Headquarters with candidates and electoral agents of the Conservative and Cuban Popular Parties, which resulted in a political feast and also gave a public banquet in the evening at the Hotel Continental in that town, which had the same result.- Notarial Certificate No.3.-

At Union de Reyes, another Military Supervisor calls the citizens and threatens them and cautions them that he is disposed to prevent them from realizing political labor in favor of the Liberal Party nor of the Democratic Nationalist Party.- And violating the written Laws, substitutes the Municipal Police by soldiers of the Army to do patrol duty exactly as if we were in a state of Civil War or on the eve of a revolution.- Notarial Act No. 4.- Affidavit of Dr. Loredó, Mayor.-

At Guamcaro, a Military Supervisor also disarms the Police, ~~he~~ relieves it from duty and excites the lowest sentiments of the lowest social classes and one night a vagrant gets into the lodgings of the very Chief of Police to assault and murder him.- And that very Military Supervisor is the one who exiles, military style, peaceful citizens forcing them to abandon their homes just because they are electors adept to the Liberal Party.- §-Notarial Certificates in hands of Military Attaché of U. S. Legation-§-

At the Municipality of San Antonio de Cabezas, a Sergeant of the National Army, appointed Military Supervisor by the Department of Government, publicly and boisterously celebrates a banquet at which the candidates and most noted members of the Conservative and Cuban Popular Parties, united for electoral purposes in that Term, are present and they proclaim in yells, that in that Term the Liberal Party cannot possibly win.-P§- Notarial Certificate No.3, Affidavit of Mrs. Garcia, Mayor. §-

And at the Municipal Term of Manguito as soon as a Military Supervisor takes charge, the members of the Conservative and Cuban Popular Parties frenetically turn out and during the night of the 8th.- instant, ~~and~~ start a shooting fray at the village of Amarillas.- This event was denounced by the Municipal Judge of Amarillas and by the District Attorney of the Criminal Court of Matanzas.-

This is as refers to the Municipalities of Matanzas Province where the Mayors were elected in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen by the Liberal Party.-

There are in Matanzas Province three other Municipalities run by Mayors affiliated to the Democratic Nationalist Part, which are: Jaguey Grande, San José de los Ramos and Perico.-

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At the Perico Municipality the Legal order has public tranquility has been perturbed and there re the most rational dread and well founded fear.- As of this month, the candidate for Mayor of the Cons Municipality, arrived at Perico from his native land ation was given him headed by Mr. Timoteo Leiva, C Army and detailed at Jovellanos who ~~was~~ accompanied of the army who fired their ~~regulation~~ regulation and threatening all citizens adicted to the Liberal Parties.- §-Notarial Certificate No. 4-§

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In the whole Province of Matanzas there is no to the Cuban Popular Party.-

BY THE MILITARY ELEMENT.-

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At the Municipality of Cidra, the Corporal an National Army there on military duty, daily carry against the Liberal and Democratic-Nationalist Par country in the company of candidates and agents of shoot off their revolvers to intimidate the countr men on horseback, peaceful and legal, which take r consecrated by our Constitution, and with the shar ~~the~~ sever the ribbons wich serve as hold to the hold up peaceful citizens and take them to their exhort them to change their residences telling the talk liberal politics-m- Notarial Certificates Nos

At Sabanilla del Encomendador, the Lieutenant detached there, clubs citizens, threatens others, their homes and affirms that blood will run if Lil at the ballot boxes of the Electoral College on No Notarial Certificates Nos. 3 and 8.-

And at the town of Itabo, Municipal Term of I



At the Perico Municipality the Legal order has been subverted, the public tranquility has been perturbed and there reigns among the neighbours the most rational dread and well founded fear.- As a fact, on the sixth of this month, the candidate for Mayor of the Conservative Party for that Municipality, arrived at Perico from his native land, Spain, and a manifestation was given him headed by Mr. Timoteo Leiva, Captain of the National Army and detailed at Jovellanos who ~~was~~ accompanied by officers and soldiers of the army who fired their ~~revolvers~~ regulation revolvers, intimidating and threatening all citizens adicted to the Liberal or Democratic Nationalist Parties.- §-Notarial Certificate No. 4-§

There are no Military Supervisors at the other ten Municipalities as ~~in~~ their Mayors are of Conservative affiliation and were elected by the Conservative Party in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and while at Cárdenas some months ago a Military man was appointed Supervisor, it ~~is~~ a fact that the Supervisor has assumed a ~~marked~~ passivity, to such an extreme that comparing it with the Terms where prevail the Liberals or Democratic-Nationalists, it can be affirmed on the reality of the facts, that there is no such Supervisor there,-

The Municipalities where they have no Military Supervisors are: Cidra, Alacranes, Bolondrón, Sabanilla del Encomendador, Pedro Betancourt, Agramonte, Marti, Carlos Rojas, y Jovellanos, in all of which the Mayors belong to the Conservative Party.-

In the whole Province of Matanzas there is not a single Mayor attached to the Cuban Popular Party.-

BY THE MILITARY ELEMENT.-

This form or means of coaction which is being practiced in the whole of Matanzas Province, ~~the~~ consists and is made up by the ~~members~~ members of the National Army, who bend themselves to it and who make political propaganda in favor of the Conservative and Cuban Popular Parties, placing at the service of the campaign the weight of their uniforms and the enormous coaction which is carried by the fact of they being armed forces.-

At the Municipality of Cidra, the Corporal and ~~Sargent~~ Sargent of the National Army there on military duty, daily carry out acts of propaganda against the Liberal and Democratic-Nationalist Parties, they run over the country in the company of candidates and agents of the Conservative Parties, shoot off their revolvers to intimidate the country folks, stop parades of men on horseback, peaceful and legal, which take place by virtue of rights consacrated by our Constitution, and with the sharp blades of their machetes ~~cut~~ sever the ribbons wich serve as hold to the horses tails: arbitrarily hold up peaceful citizens and take them to their ~~barracks~~ barracks and exhort them to change their residences telling them that-there no one can talk liberal politics-m- Notarial Certificates Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, and 10.-

At Sabanilla del Encomendador, the Lieutenant of the National Army detached there, clubs citizens, threatens others, makes some even abandon their homes and affirms that blood will run if Liberals attempt to vote at the ballot boxes of the Electoral College on November 1st., proximo.- Notarial Certificates Nos. 3 and 8.-

And at the town of Itabo, Municipal Term of Marti, a non-Commissioned



member of the National Army, brings other citizen death threats if they continue to labor political Notarial Certificate No. 9.-

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member of the National Army, brings other citizens to the barracks and makes death threats if they continue to labor politically for the Liberals.-  
Notarial Certificate No. 9.-

At the town of Isabel, Municipal Term of ~~XXXX~~ Pedro Betancourt, ~~XXXX~~ actions and coactions occur as are stated in Notarial Certificate No. 11, herewith attached.-

And the fact is that coercion is being so generally practiced that even the permits are denied for ~~XX~~ political feasts which are desired to be celebrated by the Liberal and Democratic-Nationalist Parties.- Notarial Certificate No. 13.-

The Honorable Provincial Governor, by Legal Substitution, of Matanzas, has denounced a multitude of delinquent acts, consisting in coactions, threats, abuses and oppressions realized by the armed forces and officials of the Government, - to the Secretary of Government and to the Central Electoral Board.-

All acts related in this document have been denounced to the Courts of Justice.-

And in this manner, at all the Municipal Terms, at all the city wards or rural districts, whether or no there are Military Supervisors, the fact remains that a great number of officers and non-coms of the ~~ARMY~~ National Army ~~are~~ are following a policy of threats, violence and coercion, frightening the popular conscience, subverting the Legal order and placing their passions above the obligations contracted by the people and Government of North America by means of the Platt Amendment, also of the warnings contained in the last note addressed by that Legation to the people of Cuba and of the Electoral Code which the illustrious Mr. Crowder helped to frame.-

-THE IMPUNITY OF THE ARMY ELEMENT.-

In Cuba, the political military men, adicted to the Conservative and Cuban Popular Parties, enjoy the most complete impunity for all their acts.-

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This impunity consists in the following horror: ~~There is~~ a legislation, there is a privilege, private and exclusive ~~of~~ for military men.-

According to that privilege when the Country or Republic ~~is~~ in a state of interior revolution or at war with some outside nation, all faults or torts committed by the Army men, be they of barrack discipline or of the ones called common and which according to our General Laws come under the jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice, fall on account of these circumstances to the scope of the Court Martials or Military Courts.-

Now when faults committed are denounced <sup>As also</sup> and the violations of the Constitution and laws in general by members of the ~~XX~~ National Army, all jurisdiction of the Civil Courts of Justice is taken away and these matters submitted to the Military Courts, it being still argued officially, and this is really monstrous, that the state of war between the Republic of Cuba and the Austro-Hungarian Empire still exists, even though it is a well known fact that this empire ended sometime ago and that it has been divided up into small nations,.-



And naturally as these military politicians and Superiors, no investigation is made, no trial takes place, all the abuses to the citizens and violations to the Laws of the Republic, remaining unpunished.

THE AMNESTIES

When General Crowder came to Cuba ~~late~~ late Government of the Republic, a Law of Amnesty or Pardon was written by which the forms under which the President could exercise the high prerogative of pardon or clemency which the Constitution confers upon him, was placed.

That Law which was approved by Congress and the Executive has been made the object of the bloodiest attacks to the category of dead letter or matter without effect. In the electoral period advances, the pardons become the worst reputation are taken out of prison and that they may later fall as scourge or hounds upon the population.-

These malefactors are taken out of prison and armed with a revolver and sent to different localities to labor and terror and bringing irresolution through fright to the population.

Even more than this: The pardons granted at the time to win the coming elections.-

IN CONCLUSION

From all we have exposed, which we establish with facts and figures, with the accusations which exist before the eyes of the people, the infringements of the Laws: with real and positive evidence, we prove at any time we may be called upon to do so by the people and conclusive evidence, clear and irrefutable, we establish the truth.

That the LIBERAL and DEMOCRATIC-NATIONALIST parties will be in a disadvatageous situation: they will go even knowing that all possible coercive resources will have been combined to mistify the result of the elections and the choices of the people scoffed and unknown.-

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For this reason, with evidence, with manifest and undeniable facts, with a clear and humane and civilized, it is the duty of Your Excellency should put in practice all adequate measures ~~that~~ this coercion may cease to exist, that crime may cease to exist, that the Law be fulfilled and announced by the Government and the People of North America by means of the implantations of measures or procedures capable of modifying the existing ~~measures~~ *ambitions*

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### THE AMNESTIES

When General Crowder came to Cuba ~~late~~ lately as Assesor to the Government of the Republic, a Law of Amesty or Pardon was drafted and ~~and~~ written by which the forms under which the President of the Republic could exercise the high prerogative of pardon or remission of sentence which the Constitution confers upon him, was placed under rules. ~~xxxxxx~~

That Law which was approved by Congress and sanctioned by the National Executive has been made the object of the bloodiest mockery and has passed to the category of dead letter or matter without value ~~as~~ every day and as the electoral period advances, the pardons become larger and criminals of the worst reputation are taken out of prison and set at liberty in order that they may later fall as scourge or hounds upon the peaceful and honest population.-

These malefactors are taken out of prison and immediately armed with a revolver and sent to different localities to labor politically, imposing terror and bringing irresolution through fright to the collective conscience.

Even more than this: The pardons granted at a price in votes, are used to win the coming elections.-

### IN CONCLUSION

From all we have exposed, which we establish to-day with sworn testimonies, with the accusations which exist before the Courts of Justice of all the infringements of the Laws: with real and positive facts which we will prove at any time we may be called upon to so by means of the most exacting and conclusive evidence, clear and irrefutable, we must deduct:

That the LIBERAL and DEMOCRATIC-NATIONALIST Parties, if they go to the polls on November 1st, proximo in Matanzas Province, they will do so under a disadvantageous situation: they will go even knowing what will happen: they will go knowing that all possible coercive resources of the Public Powers, will have been combined to mistify the result of the elections and the ~~EX~~ choices of the people scoffed and unknown.-

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For this reason, with evidence, with manifest right, inspired by a high conception of ~~right~~, humane and civilized, it is that we believe that Your Excellency should put in practice all adequate means, in order that ~~that~~ this coercion may cease to exist, that crime be suppressed, that crime cease to ~~substitute~~ the right, that the Law be fulfilled and that the promises announced by the Government and the People of North America be confirmed, by means of the implantations of measures or procedures of a nature capable of modifying the existing ~~realities~~ *on this*

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