## FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,

MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK.

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Dan D. Casement, Esq.,

San Jose, Costa Rica,

Dear Sir:-

We arrived here safely on Tuesday morning, after a rather rough and disagreeable voyage. The Government here met us down the Bay with one of the Revenue Cutters in charge of Col. Carter, the Assistant Adjutant General. He had made arrangements for the whole party at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where we spent the day. On Wednesday the President and party were escorted by Col. Carter to Washington, where he was immediately called upon by President McKinley and Members of his Cabinet.

I went to Washington by request and spent a few days with them there, returning here on Friday completely tired out. The General left for Painesville on Wednesday. I just received a telegram andletter from him yesterday. He was starting for Kansas Sunday evening to meet Frank Rockefeller who is out there at the present time. I have had some interviews with Motley and others in regard to our business here, but was very much disappointed to find that the locomotive had not been shipped. In fact, it was only finished last week, but I shall get it away on the next boat, which sails Saturday. I was very much chagrinned over this delay,

and find that the Dickson people have been very negligent in regard to the matter, although they claim that there was no special order given them to hurry up the manufacture of the locomotive. The Torriss Bridge is going by piece-meal and will be there no doubt long before we are ready for it.

I hope you succeeded in getting the Tramway Engine from Mr. Keith, so as to proceed with the track laying as rapidly as possible.

I received your cablegram and will take up the matter with the President immediately, and have no doubt I will arrange the matter as was understood when I left there. Of course, I understand this change would not affect the giving of Government notes for the excess on our monthly estimate, and this would be a very importantmatter to us in connection with what we have to meet there.

However, I presume when you write me you will give me complete data in reference to the matter, and I will try and have it all satisfactorily arranged with Don Rafael before his departure for Europe.

Iam somewhat encouraged to believe that things here can be arranged satisfactorily for Costa Rica, as the President has been very warmly received here by our Government, and the conditions of the Nicaragua Canal matter are assuming a very important phase.