FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,

MADISON SQUARE, NEW YORK.

January 3, 1899.

Dan. D. Casement, Esq.,

San José, Costa Rica.

My dear Dan:-

Your last letter received, and I note the trouble you are having with the Government engineer in reference to the bridge on ~~Wheeler~~ Miller work.

As this question was definitely settled between Mr. Gonzalaez and the Director General of Public Works and myself sometime before I left there, and they both stated positively that we should put in the bridge at this point, I feel that it is an outrage upon us to have it changed again to a Culvert, and I think it will be best for you to refuse his proposition and insist that we put in a bridge at this point.

We might as well make an issue of this matter first as last, and it has been agreed with the Government that there would be no further changes made on the line of the road in reference to bridges and Culvers, and as Mr. Gonzalaez has assumed to run this thing to suit himself, we are perfectly justified in making the issue now, and I think it will be well for you to notify them at once that the General will not consent to making the change which they desire.

I talked with the General over the telephone yesterday, and he agrees with me in this idea.

I also wish that you would see Demetrio and force the situation so that they will pay the amount agreed upon.

I wrote Rafael regarding the matter. also told him that the Government must take care of the paper which we have in the bank. He had agreed with me before leaving here that it should be renewed, but after receiving your former letter I wrote him saying we felt that they should take care of this paper for us and I asked him to cable the proper authorities to that effect.

The General wrote you in regard to financial matters at the bank here, and while I have several matters in prospect, still, there is nothing definite in regard to the sale of bonds, although we hope to be able to do something very soon. I am daily expecting a cablegram from Rafael saying that he has succeeded in Europe.

I saw Kuhnard & Company, and they told me that they had not received anything from Costa Rica so I presume you did not give Rhomoser & Company the amount agreed upon.

You will not have any more freight bills to pay, excepting the balance of bridge material, so that it will ease up on matters there to some extent, and I am satisfied that within a very short time things will be all right again with the Government.