

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, by "An Act to readjust the boundaries of the naval reservations in Porto Rico established in pursuance of the Act of July first, nineteen hundred and two," approved March 4, 1907, the President is authorized by proclamation to cede, transfer, and convey to the government of Porto Rico, to be held and disposed of for the use and benefit of the people of said island, such portions as are not needed for naval purposes of the tract of eighty acres of public land lying along the Caguas road, city of San Juan, Porto Rico, reserved by paragraph marked one of the Executive proclamation of June twenty-six, nineteen hundred and three, for the use of the United States in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of July first, nineteen hundred and two, upon the condition that the government of Porto Rico shall, by proper authority, cede, convey, release, and transfer to the United States the following described tracts of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon:

(1) That tract or parcel of land containing about eleven (11) acres extending east from the new wireless station, between the north line of the survey heretofore made by the Navy Department and the south line of the military reservation, to the tract of four and fifty-nine one-hundredths (4.59) acres belonging to and reserved by the insular government for jail or penitentiary purposes;

Porto Rico.
Exchange of lands
with.
Preamble.
Vol. 34, p. 1410.

Vol. 33, p. 2314.

Vol. 32, p. 731.

Lands ceded to
the United States.

(2) That triangular tract or parcel of land containing seven-tenths (.7) of an acre, lying to the northward of the western portion of the present naval hospital reservation, extending to the army reservation line;

(3) All public lands of Porto Rico south of the scarp wall on the Barrio de la Puntilla; and

Whereas, the government of Porto Rico, by an act of the Legislative Assembly of said Island, entitled "An Act to authorize the Governor of Porto Rico to convey to the United States certain tracts of land," approved March 14, 1907, authorized the Governor of Porto Rico, in the name of the people of Porto Rico, to execute a deed or deeds ceding and releasing to the United States the above-described three tracts of land; and

Whereas, Regis H. Post, Governor of Porto Rico, acting for the people of Porto Rico and under the authority conferred upon him by the above-mentioned act, and Commodore Karl Rohrer, U. S. Navy, acting on behalf of the United States, did on April 27, 1908, execute a certain deed, No. 48, before Herminio Diaz Navarrio, Attorney and Notary Public at San Juan, Porto Rico, whereby (among other things) the above-described three tracts of land are ceded, renounced, and transferred by the people of Porto Rico to the United States for naval purposes;

Lands ceded to
Porto Rico.
Vol. 34, p. 1410.

Now, Therefore, I, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority in me vested, and in pursuance of said Act of Congress, approved March 4, 1907, do hereby cede, transfer, and convey to the government of Porto Rico to be held and disposed of for the use and benefit of the people of said Island, all of the said tract of eighty acres of public land lying along the Caguas road, city of San Juan, Porto Rico, heretofore, by Executive proclamation of January twenty-six, nineteen hundred and three, reserved for the use of the United States for naval purposes, EXCEPT the following described tracts of land, embraced within the said eighty acres of public land:

Lands excepted.

(1) The parcels upon which are located the Naval Hospital property and the old wireless station, about three and seven-tenths (3.7) acres;

(2) The tract containing about two and six-tenths (2.6) acres connected with the Naval Hospital site by a strip of land about twenty-two (22) feet wide, and extending eastward of the ground occupied by Asilo de Ancianos Desamparados, including said connecting strip of land but not including the four-tenths (.4) of an acre, now occupied by a Catholic church and vicarage;

(3) The land occupied by the caminero (road section) house, containing about three-tenths (.3) of an acre, adjoining the new wireless station;

(4) The parcel containing about ten (10) acres extending from the new wireless station eastward along the north side of the Caguas road, between the north line of said road and the south line of the tract belonging to the Insular Government, to the proposed site of the United States Marine Hospital, excepting therefrom a strip of land fronting sixty (60) feet on the Caguas road, and extending north along the west line of said Marine Hospital site to the lands of the Insular Government;

(5) The parcel containing about two (2) acres lying south of the Caguas road and east of the tract on which the building known as Puerta de Tierra jail is located, having a front on said road of four hundred and five and sixty-one hundredths (405.61) feet, and extending south the full width to the water front as now existing or as may hereafter be established;

(6) The strip of land containing about sixty-seven hundredths (.67) of an acre, lying to the west of the old Puerta de Tierra jail,

(now a factory of The American Tobacco Company), fronting sixty (60) feet on the Caguas road and extending the full width south to the water front, as now existing or as may hereafter be established.

All of said lands being more particularly described by metes and bounds and otherwise in the above-mentioned deed executed April 27, 1908, and in a certain report, dated December 10, 1906, concerning the public lands of Porto Rico reserved for naval purposes, submitted by Captain Sam. C. Lemly, U. S. Navy, retired, and Frank Feuille, then Attorney General of Porto Rico.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 4th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and eight,
[SEAL.] and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

By the President
ROBERT BACON
Acting Secretary of State.