

AMERICAN EMBASSY,

PETROPOLIS, BRAZIL.

PRIVATE.

July 20, 1908.

My dear Dr. Graça Aranha:

Mr. Anderson this evening handed me the telegram addressed by Governor Arthur Moreira expressing the interest he takes in the appointment to be made to fill the vacancy in our Consular Agency at Maranhão caused by the death of Sr. Prado. I am sure that I need not assure you of the great pleasure it would afford me at any time to contribute, so far as in my power, to the fulfilment of your wishes. It is proper in this matter that I should advise you that neither the Embassy nor the Consulate-General at Rio de Janeiro has anything officially to do with the appointment; the nomination is made by the United States Consul at Pará directly to the Department of State, and it is possible that he may have already made a recommendation to the Department; and it is also true that by our Consular Regulations he would be required, in case there were a suitable citizen of the United States residing at Maranhão, to give him the preference over every one of another nationality.

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I mention this in order that no misapprehension may exist with reference to the course of the Consul in case he should nominate some one else than the gentleman proposed by the Governor, and I request that you will bear in mind the foregoing explanation in reading the copy of the telegram, herewith inclosed, which I have to-night sent to the Consul recommending that the preference be given which you desire.

With highest personal regard, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

James P. Dudley

Dr. J. P. Graça Aranha,
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