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General Maximo Gomez

H A V A N A

General,

In early and ardent sympathy with the Cuban cause, I have been always and pride myself in being still one of your most sincere admirers.

I would be highly honored, should you have the kindness to authorize me to use your illustrious name for a brand of my best articles, your portrait adorning the labels whereof a proof is enclosed.

Allow me to add as an excuse for the freedom of my request, that I may not be altogether unknown to some of the survivors of the last struggle. They may still remember me as a member of Company C 6th Louisiana Volunteers, Banks Division in 1863; as representative of the 6th Ward of the city of New Orleans, at the Constitutional Convention of the State of Louisiana in 1867-68 and as a cigar manufacturer in Mobile Alabama from 1869 till 1877.

During all these years, I have been an humble but a steady contributor to the Cuban fund and many are your countrymen, the Cubans and your followers to whom I have lent a helping hand.

Born in France in 1841 I am of Haitian descent as both my father and mother were born at Gonaïves in the beginning of this century. Settled in New Orleans after the Revolution, my father, although in modest circumstances left Louisiana for France with the only object in view of raising his six sons in a country where no infamous laws or stupid prejudices could prevent them from becoming M E N .

More than many well rounded sentences these simple facts of our family history will give a fair insight into my true sentiments, and show you how deep may be my sympathy for your cause, not yet won unfortunately, but for the success of which I devoutly pray, wishing with all my heart to live to see its ultimate and lasting triumph fitly crowning your noble existence.

Should you for some unforeseen reason, choose not to grant the great favor solicited at your hands, kindly oblige me by acknowledging nevertheless receipt of this and, happen what may, believe me, General with sincere thanks,

Very devotedly Yours

E. A. Tiveaux

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en attendant l'avenir*

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