

# COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CUBA AND PUERTO RICO

*Exchange of notes at Madrid January 10 and 11, 1895*

*Entered into force January 11, 1895*

*Terminated April 14, 1903, by treaty of July 3, 1902<sup>1</sup>*

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*The Minister of State to the American Minister*

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF STATE  
PALACE, *January 10, 1895*

EXCELLENCY:

I have had the honor to receive your note of the 7th instant, in which you were pleased to communicate to me the favorable reception which the Government of the United States has given to the propositions of that of His Majesty for the execution of a modus vivendi which may regulate the commercial relations between the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico and the United States until such time as a definitive treaty of commerce may be concluded.

In accordance, therefore, with the declarations made to you and accepted by your Government, I have the honor to inform you that that of His Majesty is disposed to apply to the products of the United States in the islands of Cuba and Puerto Rico the duties of the second column of the tariff now in force as long as the Government of the Union concedes to the products of said islands the most-favored-nation treatment, it being understood that in no case shall American products in Cuba and Puerto Rico or Spanish products in the United States be subjected to a differential treatment in respect to those of other countries.

This modus vivendi shall remain in force until the conclusion of a definitive treaty between the parties interested, or until one of them shall give to the other three months' notice of the date upon which it is desired to terminate it.

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<sup>1</sup> TS 422, *post*, p. 628.