

*Year of 1872
File number 17.
Overseas Ministry
Government and Development Bureau Section
Affair
Island of Cuba*



*Ministry of Overseas Cuba
Section 1.*

2nd Bureau Number 1.

The General Civil Government in letter number 514 of June 26, [18]72 sends a copy of an official letter addressed to it by the Royal Economic Society of Havana requesting that the use of the medal awarded to the Economic Societies of the Peninsula be extended to her.

It is said that the history of this Society is written in the conscience of all the inhabitants of the Island, because wherever a monument is erected, a school shines, or an establishment of public interest opens its arms to industry, one sees throbbing the fecund genius of the Illustrious Corporation that neither profits nor treasures anything for itself, and pours out all its intellectual forces on the fronts and destinies of others, its preferential object being the promotion of agriculture, industry, Commerce, Science, letters and the Fine Arts, for which he believes the petition to be natural and fair and does not hesitate to give it his full support.

The Society in the cited official letter says that through its correspondent partner in Madrid it has learned that His Majesty has deigned to grant various Economic Societies of the Kingdom the use of a medal of distinction for its members, and enthusiastically welcoming the news, agreed to raise a reverent plea to superiority in order to obtain the same concession, based on the fact that the services she has rendered and her never denied loyalty make her worthy of obtaining the badge that she requests for her associates, and concludes by pleading to raise it up to Your Majesty.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. de la Peña", with a long, flowing underline.

Note.

The Bureau believes it is appropriate to grant the Economic Society of Friends of the Country of The Havana [Sociedad Económica de Amigos del País de La Habana] the badge it requests, since its brothers in the Peninsula already have it. Therefore, it must be authorized so that, prior to the design that the Corporation adopts, a silver or gold medal is made, hanging from a blue and silver cord, colors of the great Carlos III in whose reign and thanks to the patriotism of Jovellanos, it was inaugurated the Matritense.

Madrid October 21, 1872.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Manuel Pardo", with a long, flowing underline.A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Juan María", with a long, flowing underline.

Cuba

He [sic] sends an official letter from the Royal Economic Society asking that the medal awarded to Societies of the same class in the Peninsula be extended to it.

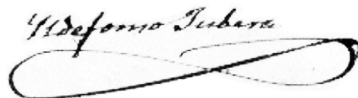
The Bureau: to be granted the use of a medal in the manner indicated. –

16 24 September With the note

Date (Number 2)

Number 3 - The Governor General of Cuba in letter number 927 dated December 14 of last year sends a copy of the medal that the Economic Society of that Capital has adopted as a distinctive by virtue of the authorization granted to it by Royal Order of September 24, 1872.

Madrid March 14, 1876.

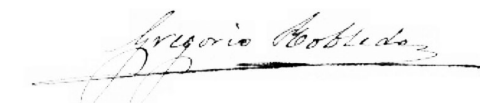


Note

Presented a copy of the design of the silver medal that individuals of the Royal Economic Society of Havana must use as a badge, complying with the provisions of the Royal Order of September 24, 1872; It is appropriate for the Bureau to approve said model confirming the authorization granted for the use of said distinctive.

Your Grace, however, will resolve.

March 23, 1876



28 Marzo
conforme
lineas



Cuba

Approving the medal model for individuals of the Economic Society and conforming the authorization for its use.³



³ National Historical Archive, ULTRAMAR,94,Exp.5, page 1. “*Concesión de medalla a la Sociedad Económica de La Habana*” [Concession of medal to the Economic Society of Havana] ” The Economic Society of Havana requests that the medal awarded to the Economic Societies of the Peninsula be extended to this corporation. Granted by Royal Order of September 24, 1872. <http://pares.mcu.es/ParesBusquedas20/catalogo/description/1334909?nm>

Number 514

Governance and Administration.

It sends a copy of an official letter from the Royal Economic Society asking that the medal awarded to the Economic Societies of the Peninsula be extended to it.

His Excellency Sir Number 1.

Attached I have the honor of submitting to Your Excellency a copy of the communication addressed to me by the Royal Economic Society of this Capital asking that the use of the medal awarded to the Economic Societies of the Peninsula be extended to it.

The history of the Royal Economic Society of The Havana [Real Sociedad Económica de la Habana] is written by the gratitude in the conscience of all the inhabitants of the Island, for which reason to reproduce it here would be to diminish it to a certain extent. Wherever a monument rises, a school shines, or an establishment of public interest opens its protective arms to industry, the fecund genius of that Illustrious Corporation can be seen throbbing, that nothing profits or treasures for himself and pours out all his intellectual forces like a beneficial rain on the foreheads and destinies of others.

The preferred object of this Royal Society is the promotion of Agriculture, Industry, Commerce, Sciences, Letters, and the Fine Arts, and natural and just, in my view, is the honorable distinction that is requested, for which I do not hesitate to give my full support to the petition. Your Excellency, however, in your superior illustration, will be pleased to adopt the resolution that you deem most convenient.

God keep Your Excellency many years. Havana June 26, 1872.

Your Excellency Sir



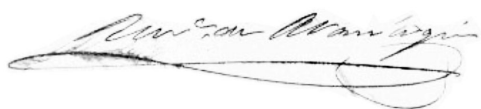
His Excellency the Minister of Overseas⁴



Royal Economic Society of Havana. = Your Excellency = Given to this Corporation with an official letter from its correspondent partner in Madrid in which His Majesty the King states that His Majesty the King has deigned to grant various Economic Societies of the Kingdom the use of a medal, as a badge, for the members of those Corporations welcoming, which I have the honor of directing, with great enthusiasm the news agreed to submit to the Superior Authority of Your Excellency in reverent supplication his desire to obtain the same concession with which he will believe himself honored. = If the history of this Illustrious Corps were not so well known to Your Excellency, I would allow myself to briefly review it here to support the patriotic solicitude with which I am distracting Your Excellency's very busy attention today. = The Economic Society

⁴ National Historical Archive, ULTRAMAR,94,Exp.5, page 2. “*Concesión de medalla a la Sociedad Económica de La Habana*” [Concession of medal to the Economic Society of Havana] ” The Economic Society of Havana requests that the medal awarded to the Economic Societies of the Peninsula be extended to this corporation. Granted by Royal Order of September 24, 1872. <http://pares.mcu.es/ParesBusquedas20/catalogo/description/1334909?nm>

of Friends of the Country of The Havana. Your Excellency believes that the services she has provided to him, and her [sic] denied loyalty make her worthy of obtaining the badge that she requests for her associates, and it is the same one that has been granted to her sisters on the Peninsula. = Your Excellency with your lofty criteria will deign to welcome and raise this claim to His Majesty and the Royal Economic Society is quite sure that with the intermediation of Your Excellency it will achieve its wishes, and in advance it is proud to record in its annals that this distinction was It owes to the enlightened Government that it has been dispensing so many benefits to the Corporation that is honored to see it appear as its honorary partner and from whom it justly expects everything. God keep Your Excellency many years. Havana and June 1872. His Excellency = The Director – Rafael R. Torices = The Secretary – Francisco Morales López. = His Excellency Senior Civil Governor. Is a copy.



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*Overseas Ministry
Section 1.
Bureau 2nd.*

number 2.

*To the Superior Civil Government of the island of Cuba.
Madrid September 24, 1872.*

Your Excellency = In view of the reasons set forth in letter number 514 of that Superior Civil Government of June 26 of this year, His Majesty the King has seen fit to authorize the Royal Economic Society of Havana so that, prior to the design that adopt it, use a silver or gold medal, a blue and silver cord earring – Of Royal Order God save.⁶

⁵ National Historical Archive, ULTRAMAR,94,Exp.5, page 3. “*Concesión de medalla a la Sociedad Económica de La Habana*” [Concession of medal to the Economic Society of Havana] ” The Economic Society of Havana requests that the medal awarded to the Economic Societies of the Peninsula be extended to this corporation. Granted by Royal Order of September 24, 1872. <http://pares.mcu.es/ParesBusquedas20/catalogo/description/1334909?nm>

⁶ National Historical Archive, ULTRAMAR,94,Exp.5, page 4. “*Concesión de medalla a la Sociedad Económica de La Habana*” [Concession of medal to the Economic Society of Havana] ” The Economic Society of Havana requests that the medal awarded to the Economic Societies of the Peninsula be extended to this corporation. Granted by Royal Order of September 24, 1872. <http://pares.mcu.es/ParesBusquedas20/catalogo/description/1334909?nm>



GOBIERNO GENERAL
DE LA
ISLA DE CUBA.
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Dirección de Administración.
Sección de Fomento.



A copy is sent of the medal that the Economic Society has adopted as distinctive.

Your Excellency Sir

I have the honor of presenting to Your Excellency the attached copy of the design of the silver medal that the Royal Economic Society of this Capital has adopted as a badge, by virtue of the authorization granted to it by Royal Order of September 24 of 1872, so that it takes effect in the file of his reason.

God keeps Your Excellency for many years. Havana December 14, 1875.

Your Excellency Sir

Buenos Aires

His Excellency the Minister of Overseas.⁷



MINISTERIO DE ULTRAMAR
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DIRECCION GENERAL
—•••—
ADMINISTRACION Y FOMENTO
—•••—
Negociado *L^o*



*To the Governor General of the Island of Cuba
Madrid March 28, 1876*

His Excellency, in view of the official letter of V.I. number 927 dated last December 24, which is accompanied by a copy of the silver medal design to be used by individuals from the Royal Economic Society of Havana; His Majesty the King (may God save) has seen fit to approve said model and confirm the authorization granted in the Royal Order of September 24, 1872 for the use of this distinction.

God saves⁸

⁷ National Historical Archive, ULTRAMAR,94,Exp.5, page 5. “*Concesión de medalla a la Sociedad Económica de La Habana*” [Concession of medal to the Economic Society of Havana] ” The Economic Society of Havana requests that the medal awarded to the Economic Societies of the Peninsula be extended to this corporation. Granted by Royal Order of September 24, 1872. <http://pares.mcu.es/ParesBusquedas20/catalogo/description/1334909?nm>

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Description: Unknown author. Graphite manuscript. The medal is oxidized silver and hangs from a blue and silver cord.
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