

My heritage comes directly from God.
This I affirm on the Bible and my Flag
- The Flag of Gushen.

We request that you share this message so that the world can hear our voices and the voices of our ancestors. We desperately need you.

In conclusion, all individuals deserve freedom for their rights. I sincerely thank you for your support and love.

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Padre Velarde, one of the missionaries to
Cuba, writes thus of the degradation of the na-
tives: "This diminution was caused greatly by the
repugnance with which they bore a foreign yoke —
lovers ever of all the latitude which their primitive
freedom permitted them — and this burden weighed
so heavily upon their honestesses, ledges, and bar-
barity, that some even sacrificed their lives in de-
spite; and some wound either purposely sterilized
themselves or cast into the waters their new-born
infants, believing them happy to die thus early,
saved from the trials of a life giddy, painful, and
miserable. In all the dominions of Spain there
is no nation more free from burdens, since they pay
no tribute to the King" — a common custom in all
nations — nor do they give to the church the fees
that are commonly given throughout Christendom;
but, as they see not what the rest suffer, they judge
that subjection is the worst misery in the world."

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soldiers and several missionaries. The governor invited the pirates to stay as many of the Indians as they conveniently might, and the visitors seem to have complied with his wishes to the best of their ability. Cowley records how his men, seizing a favorable opportunity, fired into "the thickest of them and killed a great many of their number, while the others, seeing their mates fall, ran away. Our other men which were on shore meeting them, pursued them also by making Hates in their Hides, and brought them on board, binding their hands behind them; but they had not been long there, when three of them leaped overboard into the sea, swimming away from the ship with their hands tied behind them. However, we saw the last of the three and found a strong man at the bow. Now could not penetrate their skins with a cutlass. One of them had received, in my judgement, 40 shots in his body before he died; and the last of the three that was killed, had swam a good English mile first, not only with his hands behind him, as before, but also with his Arms pinioned."

In 1898 Dempier reached Quim just as the seamen had determined to else out the almost exhausted provisions with the carcasses of himself and Captain

Guam enjoys the possession of the only good harbor in the Western Pacific. After the opening of the Panama Canal the island will lie in the main route of several steamship lines and must become an important coaling station and depot of supplies. In justice to the Chamorros, we should give them the education and training that will enable them to avail themselves of the future opportunities that will be created by this circumstance.

Our moral obligation to the Chamorros is heavier than that we owe to the people of the Philippines or those of Porto Rico. The needs of the first are greater and more urgent than those of the others.

This is a matter that deserves the immediate attention of the Federal authorities. Aside from any question of sentiment, or ethics, it is distinctly to the interests of the American Government to give the Chamorros ample educational facilities without delay. At no very distant date the requirements of the naval station on the island will demand a number of men to fill clerical positions and to perform intelligent work as mechanics and laborers. If, when that demand arises, the island can not furnish a large proportion of the needed working force, the positions can only be filled by the Government at comparatively great cost and inconvenience.

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The acquisition of the Philippines and Porto Rico was prompted in a large measure by humanitarian considerations. We went out of our way to secure Guam for purely selfish purposes and we have created a condition upon the island which is, to put it mildly, no improvement upon that in which we found it. Probably no one doubts that remedial measures will eventually be adopted for the removal of the distress and difficulty attendant upon life in Guam, but if action is much longer delayed we shall have no ground for surprise or complaint should a change take place in the present feeling of friendliness entertained by the people of this little island for America.