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ARGUMENTS AGAINST INDEPENDENCE
For PUERTO RICO

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"Do not give ballismoe too much rein...
"The strongest baths are..straw
To the fire in the blood"(Shakespeare...from memory)

IF it is put to the vote, Puerto Rico will go total independence. WHO would deny the sales appeal of a vote slogan "Vote for Liberty" with mass psychology? In 1917 I was asst. election supervisor in Mayaguez, PR when the election, local one, to end prohibition took place. The streets were full of excited voters. The emblem on the ballot for the "dry's" was a coconut, because the water of the coconut is used for refreshing drink. Drunks roamed the streets(a few of them) shouting "Que, vive EL COCO" Long live the coconut..thus sheering for the other side.

There is too much emotion involved, and legislation should be accompanied by the studied analysis of psychologists and sales promotion experts. Of course, everyone wants fair play, and also liberty or independence...but why submit to the electorate not fully educated to the degree they can carefully consider the proposition...such an emotional question?

Five years ago, there appeared in La Correspondencia de Puerto Rico, an article which took the author by surprise...however..it did appear...and since then, several persons have claimed the idea as their own....I submit PROOFS.

I most earnestly beg DISCRETION as to the use of my name on any of the above remarks, should they be used for publication.....simply say "a friend of Puerto Rico"...of course I shall sign it, as anonymous messages are not always welcome

Most sincerely,

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I regret exceedingly that Mr. Pinero has misinterpreted my attempt to assis