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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey

Topographic

Field No.

Office No.

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LOCALITY

State

Puerto Rico

General locality

Locality

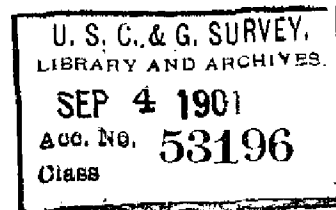
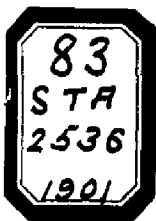
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O. H. Tittman Superintendent.

State: *Porto Rico*

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LOCALITY:

Arecibo and Vicinity
on the north coast.

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Topographic Sheet No. 2536

This sheet covers the town of Arecibo and vicinity and joins sheet no. 2532 on the east and no. 2533 on the west.

The bay or harbor of Arecibo is very small affording anchorage for small craft and it a very rough one at any season of the year on account of the heavy seas which seem to be continuous all seasons of the year - Large steamers have to lay a long distance out.

Two channels are shown in the "Rio Grande". These channels ~~are liable~~ ^{at any time} to change ~~to either of these~~ after a hard rain. The present Channel is the one the river has had since the hurricane of 1899. The river frequently, during the rainy season, breaks its way through the beach just east of the town of Arecibo, thus making a delta of the large sand flat that extends to the Point upon which the light house stands. The general character of the coast line is a sand beach. A few breakers can be seen about one mile off shore. The city of Arecibo was run out with the plane table.

About one mile west of Arecibo a series of hills running close to the coast begins and it

extends - with slight deviations all the way to
Borinquen Light House. These hills vary in height
from one hundred to about eight hundred feet, about
four miles inland - Sugar cane and Tobacco
are grown in large quantities - and in the interior
mountains, Coffee is produced to a considerable
extent. The Porto Rican Railroad from San Juan
to Camuy passes close to the town of Aricibo