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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey: Topographic

Field No.: __________________ Office No.: 2533

LOCALITY
State: Puerto Rico
General locality: __________________
Locality: __________________

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O. H. Tiltmann, Superintendent.

State: Porto Rico

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LOCALITY:
From the Arecibo H. H. to the Rio Guajataca.
North coast of Porto Rico

1901.

CHIEF OF PARTY:
John Nelson, 1st Ass't.
This sheet extended from the Arecibo Lighthouse to the Rio Guayama, joining sheet No. 2536 on the east and sheet No, 2534 on the west.

A notable feature on this sheet is the beginning of a high bluff of coral formation which appears on sheet No. 2534, running nearly the whole length of this sheet. The country adjoining the coast is devoted to the cultivation of tobacco, bananas, and beans - the latter being the principal subsistence of the natives. The general coast line is similar to what has been mentioned before - consisting of sand beaches and coral bluffs with numerous sand dunes in the vicinity of the sand beaches. There are numerous limestone rocks shown along the coast. The sea is continuously high so boat landing is impractical. Breakers are from 1/4 to 1/2 mile off shore.

Two Towns are shown in detail on this sheet, namely Cauney and Hatillo. No roads exist except the usual Burrito Tracks and Trails. Cauney is at the end of the Porto Rico Railroad, extending from San Juan westward. A poor road extends from Cauney to Aguadilla a distance of about twenty six
miles - the mails are carried over this road, each way, every day, and the poor old mail coach generally breaks down somewhere on the route, owing to the frightful condition of the road with its numerous chuck holes and large inclines. This road was in good condition before the hurricane of 1879 - but since the American occupation it has never been repaired.