

Oviedo, 23 Febrero 1902.

Querido D. Joaquín:

Desde que recibí su carta del 9 he tratado de reunir los trozos dispersos del informe sobre el caciquismo; pero resulta que de los periódicos no devolvieron todos los originales, entre los que había algo que no se publicó y de lo publicado Altamiro mandó á Barcelona, para un libro que tiene en prehsa, la parte suya. Imposible, pues rehacer ahora el trabajo, porque aunque quisiéramos hacer de nuevo lo que falta (á pesar de que, como le he oido decir á V. muchas veces) agua pasada no muele molino) tampoco está aquí Posada, cuya colaboración sería indispensable. Creemos, pues, lo mejor que nos envíe primeras pruebas y sobre ellas haremos las correcciones que procedan, que no serán pocas, aparte de la amplia facultad que tiene V. para hacer po sí mismo las que crea convenientes.

Por si le sirve, he buscado y le envío adjunto el artículo de Manuel Uria sobre la Administración de Justicia en Asturias" Todo lo que dice, y algo más que se calla, como lo de Villaviciosa, es cierto; pero el autor ó denunciante tiene muy poca autoridad para hablar de ello, pues él mismo es un caso de caciquismo, no mejor ni más levantado que el de los otros. Téngalo en cuenta si emite juicios respecto del asunto.

Conste que no es por exceso de trabajo, sino por imposibilidad material, por lo que no rectificamos desde ahora el informe, pues aunque de falte que hacer y las ocupaciones sean bastante heterogéneas, no puede compararse nuestra labor con la de V. ni á cien leguas de distancia, á pesar de lo cual tiene V. tiempo para todo.

Y aun teniendo fatigarme con una carta tan larga, he de aprovechar ahora la ocasión para rectificar las apreciaciones de una carta suya dirigida á Posada el verano pasado. ¿Cómo ha podido V. figurarse que ninguno de nosotros había de haber publicado en "El Progreso de Asturias" un artículo donde hubiera la menor molestia para V.? Me informé de quien era el autor y resulta que lo había escrito el mismo Director de periódico, republicano furibundo, que no sabia las relaciones en que se hallaba V. con nosotros. Ya ha rectificado, como era su deber, en un artículo posterior, que no sé si habrá V. leído, diciendo espontáneamente por cierto, lo que debía decir de V. Ahora, en aquél artículo de la "Revista política" que V. tenía la bondad de recordar, nada malo decía contra V., sino que emitia acerca de la Unión nacional juicios que, desgraciadamente ha venido á confirmar la realidad. Pero aun esto merece una explicación que entonces no le di, porque no se me figuraba que V? leyera trabajos tan insignificantes: el art. contenia, antes de juzgar la obra de la Unión nacional, una catilinaria contra Silvela y su gente que hacia pendant y mitigaba lo que se decía despuésá El Sr. España tuvo á bien quitar lo de Silvela y dejar sólo lo de la Unión, con lo cual las tintas de esta resultaban muy recargadas. ¿debilidades de hombre político ó de editos á quien importa estar bien con el Gobierno!

Recuerdos de Buylla y Altamira y un buen abrazo de su apasionado amigo,



*A. Galán*

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