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Senor Caballero Don Harrial Ayres-

Is that impressive enough or have I left off a string of Excellenzas and Magnificences? Will you deign to speak to just common folks again or do we get the "How Dare you look at me" glare? Does a Castle in Spain go along with it.

Leaving aside (please forgive me) I do think it the very nicest thing I ever heard of for you to receive that decoration. I can't tell you how glad I am for you. It is a lovely compliment from Spain for your work in fostering the study & preservation of Spanish Colonial history, and it must have been a wonderful pleasant surprise.

I don't blame you for resenting the way people have expected you to carry on for nothing. The public certainly is selfish. People are so wrapped up in their own little affairs that they don't stop to wonder how the bigger things are done; and they certainly don't do themselves. Life today seems to be a sort of "Everyone for himself and Devil take the hindmost" sort of affair. At any rate you have accomplished a heap more than if you have been cooped up working just for yourself or some one else, and you would likely have spent the money anyhow, so don't regret having spent those ten years as you have. There is certainly something wonderful to show for it.