

AN ACT EXTENDING GENERAL ORDER NUMBER THIRTY OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR, DATED MARCH TENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED, RELATING TO CUSTOMS DUTIES IN THE JOLO ARCHIPELAGO, UNTIL DECEMBER TH...

Act No. 64, December 21, 1900

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By authority of the President of the United States, be it enacted by the United States Philippine Commission, that:

SECTION 1. Whereas the Sultan of the Jolo Archipelago and the Moro inhabitants thereof have been loyal to the United States, and have preserved peace and order in a manner unprecedented in the history of the Spanish control of that Archipelago, and

Whereas the said Moros have, during the past year, suffered severely from loss of cattle by reason of an epidemic disease, in consequence of which Major-General Otis issued General Order Number Thirty, dated March tenth, nineteen hundred, suspending until December thirty-first, nineteen hundred, the prescribed customs dues on the importation of cattle, articles of food, petroleum, tobacco, matches, clothing, and articles for use in the manufacture of the same, sewing machines, agricultural implements and machinery for use in preparing products of the soil for home consumption or export, provided such articles of consumption, trade or merchandise, were owned, imported, and handled by the native inhabitants of the said Archipelago, and that all business connected therewith in the Archipelago was conducted by and between the inhabitants thereof, and further permitting the Moro inhabitants of the Archipelago to export free of duty all products of the soil where they were solely concerned in person and interest in handling and shipping the same; and

Whereas the conditions leading to the issue of General Order Number Thirty have not improved, and the necessity for the relief therein extended continues and a somewhat wider relief is demanded:

The operation of General Order Number Thirty, of March tenth, nineteen hundred, is hereby extended to December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and one, and is enlarged so as to include within its exempting provisions, furniture, lumber, and material for the construction of houses and boats, crockery and glassware, wagons, carts, books, and stationery.

SEC. 2. In view of the emergency presented by the above conditions, and the public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act prescribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, December 21, 1900.

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