AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS FOR THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGO TO CLEAR VESSELS FOR PORTS NOT OPEN TO VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE COASTWISE TRADE.

Act No. 376, March 11, 1902

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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. The Collector of Customs for the Philippine Archipelago is hereby authorized to clear vessels for any port, in provinces where civil government is in force, not open to vessels engaged in the coastwise trade, and where no inspectors of customs are stationed, whenever in his judgment it is necessary to do so in order to promote and advance commerce and business: Provided, That in every case where such permission is granted, the vessel to which it is given shall report to the inspector of customs at the open port nearest the port for which it is cleared and shall deposit the ship's papers with him; and, after entering the closed port, shall return to the open port and report to the inspector of customs for clearance.

SEC. 2. 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, March 11, 1902.

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