AN ACT GIVING TO COURTS OF FIRST INSTANCE JURISDICTION OVER ALL OFFENSES MADE PUNISHABLE BY ACT NUMBERED EIGHT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE MORO PROVINCE, ENTITLED “AN ACT ...

Act No. 1078, March 09, 1904

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

SECTION 1. Courts of First Instance of the proper judicial districts are hereby given jurisdiction to try and determine all prosecutions for offenses against Act Numbered Eight of the legislative council of the Moro Province, entitled "An Act defining the crimes of slave holding and slave hunting and prescribing the punishment therefor," anything in existing lav to the contrary notwithstanding. All prosecutions for offenses committed under that Act shall be instituted and prosecuted in the proper Courts of First instance only: Provided, however, That the governor or secretary of a district of the Moro Province may conduct preliminary investigations of alleged offenses against said Act Numbered Eight and exercise all the powers of a justice of the peace in conducting preliminary investigations under the general laws of the Philippine islands.

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 9, 1904.

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