

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 519.

By virtue of the powers vested in the Military Government of Santo Domingo, the following Executive Order is hereby dictated and promulgated:

1. The sending of any injurious, scurrilous or defamatory anonymous letters, or letters of such character with false signatures, or posts pasquins, or posters or any other anonymous writings of a similar nature which may be injurious or defamatory as against any person, government agency or collective entity is hereby prohibited; and any person, firm, corporation or association if persons sending any such injurious, scurrilous or defamatory anonymous letters, or letters of like nature with false signatures, or posts pasquins, or posters or other anonymous writing of a similar nature is hereby declared to be guilty of an offence punishable by imprisonment from six months to two years or by a penalty of from one dollar to five hundred dollars, or both, within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal having jurisdiction in such cases.

2.—The truth of the facts set forth in such anonymous letters, or letters with false signatures, or posts pasquins, or posters or other anonymous writings; of the fact that the statements therein contained have been copied or extracted from some foreign newspaper or any other printed writing, or that the same are notorious or generally believed cannot be alleged or pleaded as a defense to the prosecution provided for in the preceding article.

3. Jurisdiction to hear and determine such cases and to impose the corresponding penalty provided herein is hereby conferred upon the Tribunal of First Instance, and the proceedings in such cases shall be in accordance with the established methods of criminal procedure.

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Brigadier-General. U. S. M. C..

Acting Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo City, D. R.,

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(E. O. 520-521 omitted).

See Spanish text.