

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 586.

FOREST RESERVE AREA LAW.

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

WHEREAS, the present forests of the country are extensive and valuable, their economic utilization and protection necessary for the future welfare and good of the country and;

WHEREAS, the conuco system of land clearing combined with the tendency of the people to deforest all land is devastating rapidly all of this forest area and;

WHEREAS, unrestricted burning over the grassy undergrowth of the forest areas is certain permanently to destroy the forage, ground cover and eventually the forests themselves and;

WHEREAS, the watersheds require forest protection to assist in insuring a steady and constant stream flow and in preventing floods and droughts;

THEREFORE, it is resolved, that all mountainous lands, the adjoining foothills and the subsidiary slopes, described as follows, be and are hereby designated FOREST RESERVATION AREAS in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, Executive Order 365, known as the "Dominican Forest Law";

1. The range of mountains of the Province of Samana, in the peninsula of the same name.

2. The range of mountains including the mountainous lands which extend from the northern part of the province of Pacifador westward until reaching the northern parts of the provinces of Espaillat and Santiago, to the North of the Northern Yaque River, the central part of the province of Puerto Plata and part of the province of Monte Cristy, to the North of the Northern Yaque River.

3. The central range of mountains, described as that mountainous land which is the principal topographic feature of the Dominican Republic, extending from the seacoast in the province of Seybo westward to the Republic of Haiti, located in the north central part of the province of Seybo, the province of Samana

south of the Bay of Samana, the northern, western and southwestern parts of the province of Santo Domingo, the southern part of the province of La Vega, the eastern, northeastern and northern part of the province of Azua, the southern part of the province of Santiago and the southern part of the province of Monte Cristy.

4. The southern ranges of mountains, described as the mountainous lands which are located in the province of Barahona and the southwestern part of the province of Azua.

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