MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 381.

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

1. Authority is hereby conferred upon
the Contador General de Hacienda;
the Director General de Rentas Internas;
each Colector de Rentas Internas;
each Inspector de Rentas Internas;
each Agente Especial de Rentas Internas; and
each Tasador del Departamento de Impuesto sobre la Propiedad,

to administer oaths in any case in which such formality may be necessary or appropriate in the exercise of their official duties. This authority to administer oaths is intended and shall be understood to cover all matter connected directly or indirectly with the administration of any of the several laws relating to

(a) the assessment and collection of taxes, duties, or revenues of whatever nature due the Dominican Government;

(b) the custody and disbursement of funds of the Dominican Government;

(c) the printing, custody, sale and use of Internal Revenue and postage stamps of the Dominican Government;

(d) the purchases, custody, use and disposition of materials, supplies and property belonging to the Dominican Government, including lands and buildings and titles thereto; and

(e) the accounts and records relating to any of the above mentioned matters.

2. For the purpose of investigating frauds attempted or perpetrated to the prejudice of the Dominican Govrnment, the officers above mentioned are authorized to require the attendance of and examine witnesses under oath and to require the presentation of documentary evidence, whether contained in public or private documents or other real evidence when pertinent to the matter under investigation.

3. It shall be the duty of every person in the Dominican Republic to appear when summoned by the officers above mentioned, make declarations under oath, answer the questions propounded, and present the documents or evidence called for, and any person who, when so required shall refuse to do any or all of the acts above mentioned shall be denounced by such officer to any judge, tribunal or court having jurisdiction, whereupon it shall become the duty of such judge, tribunal or court, as the case may be, to issue an order in a proper case in the form provided for in the Law of Criminal Procedure and subsequent modifications thereof, to compel the witness to attend and testify, to compel the production of the documents of evidence called for or a search of premises to discover them if it should be necessary. Payment or advance of fees and expenses of witnesses summoned by courts in this manner shall be made as prescribed by Law.

Witnesses obeying the summons of the officers above mentioned shall receive the same fees and expenses as provided for in the Tarifa de Costas Judiciales as now in force. Payment thereof shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Orden Ejecutiva No. 302, except the voucher of the witness certified to be correct by the Executive Order.

5. Any person who shall make any false statement under oath before any of the officers mentioned in Paragraph 1 hereof shall be guilty of perjury, and shall, upon conviction before any court having criminal jurisdiction, be punished as provided in Executive Order No. 202, dated August 28, 1918.

6. No fee shall be collected by any of the officers above mentioned for administering an oath or for legalizing a sworn

declaration, but any such declaration when made voluntarily and not for the exclusive benefit of the Dominican Government shall be subject to the payment of the corresponding internal revenue tax on documents unless specifically exempted therefrom by the terms of Executive Order No. 197, dated August 19, 1918.

7. Nothing contained in this Order shall be construed to deprive any person of the right not to be compelled to testify against himself.

8. This Order shall become effective on and after the date of its publication and any Laws or parts of Laws in conflict with the terms hereof, are hereby revoked.

THOMAS SNOWDEN,
Rear-Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo City, D. R.,
7 January, 1920.

(E. O. 382-383 omitted).
See Spanish text.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 384.

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

1. The Executive Power is hereby invested with the authority to grant pardons, reprieves, respites and commutations; remit fines and forfeitures, and restore civil and political rights, all either absolutely or upon condition.

2. Clemency so granted is effective regardless of consent of the recipient.

THOMAS SNOWDEN,
Rear-Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo City, D. R.,
14 January, 1920.