MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 544.

Title: To safeguard carriage of mails.

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

ARTICLE 1. Every person entrusted with the carriage of mail from one place to another in the Republic whether as an employee of the Department of Posts, or as a contractor or his agent, is declared guilty of a delito in the following cases and upon conviction will be punished by a fine of from six dollars to one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for from six days to six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court which takes cognizance of the case:

(a) Whenever, without reasonable excuse, he fails to deliver the whole or any part of the mail entrusted to him, within the time set forth in the Regulations of the Department of Posts promulgated in accordance with Article 8 of this Order.

(b) Whenever, without reasonable excuse, the whole or any part of mail entrusted to him is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged or is exposed to loss, theft, destruction or damage, whether such results or not.

ARTICLE 2. An accomplice will receive the same penalty as that provided for the principal.

ARTICLE 3. In case of infraction of this Law, the prosecution shall be conducted only by one of the persons duly authorized by the Director General of Posts in accordance with Article 8, before the Alcalde of the Común in which the mail concerned should have been delivered.

ATICLE 4. The Alcalde, in default of bail, shall detain the accused upon documentary or testimonal evidence presented to him by the prosecutor for this purpose.

ARTICLE 5. The Alcalde shall hear any case presented under this Order and shall decide it within six days from date of prosecution. The Alcalde's decision shall be subject to appeal before the Correctional Court either by the accused or by the prosecutor within ten days from the day on which sentence is pronounced.

ARTICLE 6. The provisions of this Order apply to every driver of a vehicle and to patrones and captains of boats which carry mail and mail matter, who have been charged with such duty

ARTICLE 7. Any person who shall stop or delay a mail carrier while carrying mail, except by virtue of an order of a Court, or by lawful arrest, or by order of the Department of Posts, is declared guilty of a delito and, upon conviction, will be punished as provided in Article 1, of this Order.

ARTICLE 8. Regulations approved by the Secretary of Fomento covering the period of time required for the delivery of mail at different points in the Republic and specifying the persons authorized to prosecute under the provisions of this Order shall be published from time to time by the Department of Posts and shall be effective for the purposes of this Order.

ARTICLE 9. This Order shall not be construed in any manner to bar prosecution for robbery or other crime or for complicity therein, in accordance with Laws in force in the Republic.

ARTICLE 10. All Laws or parts of Laws in conflict with this Order are hereby revoked.

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

Santo Domingo City, D. R.,
September 18, 1920.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 545.

Title: Amendment to the Ley de Impuesto sobre la Propiedad.

By virtue of the powers vested in the Military Government of Santo Domingo, the following amendment to the Ley de Impuesto sobre la Propiedad, Executive Order No. 282, is hereby dictated and promulgated:

Article 1. The following paragraph is substituted for the present second paragraph of Article 1:

"Said taxes shall be at the following rates:

"Par. A. ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT upon the assessed value of all land, not hereinafter exempted from taxation, which may be possessed, owned, used, leased or rented, either directly or indirectly ,by a person, firm, society, estate, corporation, company or similar concern, or by any combination of interest thereof.