MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No 548.

WHEREAS it appears that an action has been brought against the Dominican State, in the Courts of the Dominican Republic, for the recovery of damages alleged to have been caused through the promulgation of an Executive Order of this Government; and

WHEREAS the jurisdiction of the ordinary Courts of the Republic over the Executive Orders of the Military Government is strictly limited to the interpretation of such Orders and does not embrace questions relating to their validity and incidental consequences; and

WHEREAS the recognition by this Government of the erroneous principle upon which the action above referred to is based would, after the cessation of the Military Government, tend to burden and embarrass the Government of the Republic with actions of similar character and to cause annoying and unnecessary litigation;

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

Article 1. All actions now pending in the Courts of the Dominican Republic for the recovery of damages against the Dominican State, by reason of the promulgation of any Executive Order, and all actions of the same character which may hereafter be brought before said Courts, shall, upon the motion of the corresponding Procurador Fiscal, or Procurador General, be immediately dismissed by the Court in which said actions are pending or brought.

Article 2. All claims for damages against the Dominican State, in consequence of Executive Orders issued by the Military Government shall be presented to the Military Governor through the Secretary of State of Finance and Commerce, and the decision of the Military Governor upon such claims shall be final and conclusive.

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

Santo Domingo City, D. R.,
October 5, 1920.