1922, which have or may be paid on or before December 31, 1921, provided, further, that on all taxes remaining due and unpaid after December 31, 1921, the regular surcharges shall be applied and in no case remitted.

ARTICLE 2. This Law shall not be construed in any way to modify or reduce the amount of surcharges on taxes of the years prior to the tax year of 1921-1922.

ARTICLE 3. There is hereby appropriated from funds in the Dominican Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($15.000) to cover reimbursements for surcharges collected in excess of the rate provided herein for the tax year of 1921-1922, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

ARTICLE 4. Claims for refund of surcharges paid in excess of the provisions of this Act for the tax year of 1921-1922 must be presented to the National Treasurer not later than February 28, 1922.

ARTICLE 5. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

S. S. ROBISON,
Rear-Admiral, United States Navy,
Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo, D. R.,
December 6, 1921.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.
Executive Order No. 693.
AMENDING FIDELITY FUND LAW.
O. G. No. 3283.

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

ARTICLE 1. Executive Order No. 88 is hereby amended in the following manner:

(a) Executive Order No. 88 as amended shall be entitled "Fidelity Fund Law".

(b) The enacting clause as set forth above shall be inserted at the beginning thereof.

(c) The word "Article" shall be prefixed to each numbered paragraph thereof.

(d) Paragraph numbered 1 shall read as follows:

"Article 1. Every officer or employee, who handles public funds or who is responsible for the custody and safe keeping of public property, shall have the amount of his bond for the faithful performance of his duties fixed in each case hereinafter provided".

(e) Paragraph numbered 12 shall read as follows:

"Article 12. Each bond shall be approved as to form by the Secretary of Justice, as to amount by the Treasurer, and as to sufficiency of the sureties by the Secretary of Finance, excepting as otherwise specifically provided by law".

(f) Paragraph numbered 13 shall read as follows:

"Article 13. With the approval of the Executive Power the full amount of every shortage appearing in the accounts of any officer or employee bonded under the provisions of this law shall be charged against the Fidelity Fund, notwithstanding that the total shortage may exceed the amount of the bond of such officer or employee. The Auditor of the Dominican Republic shall forward certified statements showing all shortage in accounts of bonded officers or employees to the Secretary of State of Finance and Commerce who shall make appropriate recommendation to the Executive Power. Transfers of funds in amounts approved by the Executive Power shall be made from the Dominican Fidelity Fund to the account in which the shortage occurs".

(g) The word "Treaesurer" shall be substituted for the words "Encargado de la Contaduría General de Hacienda" in paragraphs numbered 2, 6, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20; and the words "Office of the Treasurer" shall be substituted for the word "Contaduría" in paragraph numbered 3. The word "Auditor" shall be substituted for the word "Encargado de la Contaduría General de Hacienda" in paragraph numbered 11.

(h) The following Articles are added:

"Article 22. It shall not be necessary to affix internal revenue stamps to any bond issued by the Government under the provisions of this Law. This Article shall apply as well to all Fidelity Fund bonds now outstanding."

"Article 23. As of January 1st each year, each Secretary or head of department, bureau, office or other Goverment establishment, shall furnish the National Treasurer a statement showing the employees in their respective administrative jurisdiction that are holding bonded positions, and shall at the same time recommend the amount in which such employees should be bonded, basing such recommendation upon the estimated value of funds or property for which the employees are responsible. The heads of departments and others concerned shall enable such lists of bonded positions to be kept current throughout the year by informing the Treasurer from time to time of appointments, transfers or removals of employees to or from bonded positions."

ARTICLE 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions herein contained are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 3. This Order shall be effective as of October 1, 1921.

S. S. ROBISON,
Rear-Admiral, United States Navy,
Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo, D. R.,
December 9, 1921.

See Spanish text.
(E. O. 694 -- 695 omitted).

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.
Executive Order No. 696.
Correcting Spanish Text of Executive Order No. 318
as amended by Executive Order No. 689.
O. G. No. 3287.

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

ARTICLE 1. The Spanish text of Executive Order No. 318 as amended by Executive Order No. 689 is hereby corrected in the following manner:

(a) The words "no serán separados del título del terreno"