MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 611.

SIMPLIFYING PROCEDURE IN CIVIL CASES.

O. G. No. 3203.

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

ARTICLE 1. No hearing shall be granted by any judge or court in a civil case unless notice has been given of the defenses and replications, as provided in Articles 77 and 78 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

ARTICLE 2. In the hearing of civil cases, the parties shall be confined to the reading of their conclusions, both in first instance and on appeal or cassation.

ARTICLE 3. The judge or court may allow the parties to amplify their defenses or replications, or to enter their replications; but this may be done only in writing filed with the secretary without being read. For this purpose, defendant shall be allowed a period of eight days beginning with day of hearing, and plaintif eight ways following.

ARTICLE 4. The presence of the *Ministerio Público* shall not be required at civil hearings, but the secretary, in all cases where required by law, shall place in his hands a complete record of the proceedings as soon as the case is ready for decision.

ARTICLE 5. In all cases where the *Ministerio Público* should have a record of a case, the judge or court shall fix the period within which all documents must be returned to the secretary, which period should not exceed eight days.

ARTICLE 6. After the opinion of the *Ministerio Público* or after the expiration of the periods granted in Article 3 should the case not be submitted to the *fiscal*, each party shall submit to the Judge or court a draff of sentence in accordance with his conclusions. In formulating his sentence, the judge must carry out the provisions of law under penalty of nullity.

ARTICLE 7. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed:

THOMAS SNOWDEN,
Rear-Admiral, United States Navy,
Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo, D. R.,
Mar. 11, 1921.