MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 691.

Amending the Land Registration Act.

O. G. No. 3280.

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

ARTICLE 1. The Secretary of the Supreme Court of Justice shall deliver to the Secretary of the Land Court all the indexes to the notarial archives sent to and to be found in the former court, in accordance with Articles 27 and 45, part second, of the Notarial Law, and the Secretary of the Court of Appeal of the Department of Santo Domingo shall be charged with the same duty in connection with the notarial archives sent, up to July 1, 1908, to the old Suprema Court of Justice and that have been in the Court of Appeal since the date on which the latter Court took over the archives of the former.

ARTICLE 2. The Secretary of the Land Court shall organize such indexes, after which they shall be kept in the archives of said Court.

ARTICLE 3. Such power as is granted the Superior Land Court by paragraph (b), Article 2 of Executive Order No. 647, is hereby extended to such records and notarial instrument as were executed between August 1, 1890 and December 31, 1919.

ARTICLE 4. The Land Registration Act is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph to Article 41 thereof, as amended by Executive Order No. 590:

"Whenever a notary public dies, abandons his posisiton, resigns, is removed or becomes disqualified, the *Alcalde* of the Commune shall seal the archives, first taking care that all documents belonging to the records are in their proper places. In doing such work, the *Alcalde* shall be accompanied by his Secretary. Three days thereafter the *Alcalde* and his Secretary shall proceed to make a list of all documents of which the archive is composed, and shall deliver them to the corresponding *Conservador de Hipotecas* or Registrar of Titles, as provided in the Land Registration Act."

This provision annuls paragraph (b), Article 1 of Executive Order No. 650, of July 12, 1921, and amends the first paragraph of Article 5 of the Notarial Act of June 11, 1900.

ARTICLE 5. Article 139 of the Land Registration Act, up to the word "except" in the fourth line thereof, shall read as

follows: "No erasure or alteration shall be made in the Registry Book, in a Certificate of Title, or in any note, annotation or memorandum made therein after transcription or inscription, as the case may be, has been effected by the Registrar of Titles."

ARTICLE 6. The Spanish text of subparagraph (1), paragraph (a), Article 140 of the Land Registration Act, after the word *"consistente"*, shall read: "en un original y en un duplicado, un dólar".

ARTICLE 7. Article 145 of said Law is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"Whenever in a catastral case it is, in the opinion of the Judge having jurisdiction of the case, essential to the determination of the case to have any paper or document of any kind that is filed in any court of the Republic, the said Judge may secure such paper or document or the entire record in the case, by means of an order issued to the Secretary of the Court where such documents are filed."

ARTICLE 8. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 692.

Remitting Surcharges on Real Property Tax.

O. G. No. 3280.

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

ARTICLE 1. The National Treasurer is authorized and directed to remit, and to reimburse when necessary, one-half of the surcharges provided under Article 44, Executive Order No. 282, on all property taxes corresponding to the tax year 1921-