the sum of **five hundred dollars** ($500), for the aid of those who were left destitute by the fire which occurred at Villa de Sánchez on the night of September 25, 1922.

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

Santo Domingo, R. D.,
October 16, 1922.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 813.

APPOINTING SPECIAL REFEREE.

WHEREAS, the Department of Sanitation and Beneficence occupied the premises known as No. 17 Calle Hostos during the period from June 11, 1920 to January 1, 1922, in accordance with an agreement entered into on June 8, 1920, between the owner thereof and the then Officer in Charge of the Department of Sanitation and Beneficence; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of economy, the Department of Sanitation and Beneficence vacated the said premises on January 1, 1922, although the period mentioned in the said agreement had not expired; and

WHEREAAS, by decision dated March 31, 1922 the Auditor of the Dominican Republic, acting under the authority of the Ley de Hacienda, Executive Order No. 563, as amended, rejected in full the owner's claim for damages presented on February 8, 1922, on the ground that the said agreement lacked legal validity for not having been entered into in conformity with provisions of law in force;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to secure a settlement of the above matter upon equitable grounds,

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

ARTICLE 1. Señor Manuel de J. Troncoso de la Concha is hereby designated as Special Referee with full power to determine what amount, if any, may be due from the Government to the said owner by reason of his claim of February 8, 1922, as a complete and final settlement thereof in view of the circumstances stated above.

ARTICLE 2. The said Referee is appointed for the purpose mentioned in Article 1 of the present Executive Order, and for no other, and shall serve without compensation.

ARTICLE 3. The said Referee's decision shall be final, and shall be binding on the Government of the Dominican Republic and upon the said owner, his heirs and assigns.

ARTICLE 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Santo Domingo, R. D.,
October 17, 1922.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 814.

SALARIES — LAND COURT.

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