MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 425.

Whereas, Article XI of Executive Order No. 332 (Law of Import and Export Taxes) provides, with conditions, for the free export of agricultural products, and

Whereas, it appears that certain Resolutions or decrees of Congress under which certain Ayuntamientos were authorized to collect taxes on native products intended for exportation have never been expressly repealed, and

Whereas the continuance of those special privileges in favor of those Ayuntamientos would be contrary to the principle of free export established by the Executive Order No. 232,

Therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in the Military Government of Santo Domingo, the following Order is promulgated:

1. All Laws, Decrees and Resolutions which authorize the collection by Ayuntamientos of taxes upon the exportation of domestic products or manufactures are hereby repealed.

2. This Order will be effective on the first day of January 1921.

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

Santo Domingo City, D. R.,
March 12, 1920.

(E. O. 426-428 omitted).
See Spanish text.

MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 429.

WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 332 dated September 28, 1919, with the consent of the United States, a new customs tariff was placed in effect on January 1, 1920, under which the rates of duty are lower than those of the tariff of the preceding period, and it appeors that, based upon the importations of the year 1918, the tariff will give a gross revenue of approx-

imately $2,900,000, and an allowance for the expense of collection of $145,000; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the expenses of the Receivership of Customs will exceed the five percent allowed by the American-Dominican Convention of 1907, under the reduced collections, altho the same or a greater volume of imports and exports will be handled by the Receivership; and

WHEREAS, the efficient operation of the Receivership of Customs will not permit of any reduction in the expenses of the organization, which evpenses for the year 1920 are estimated at the sum of $270,000, and

WHEREAS, in this contingency it is advisable and necessary that the deficit be covered by the Dominican Government,

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in the Military Government of Santo Domingo there is hereby appropriated such sum as shall be actually necessary to supplement the collection allowance and provide for the proper expenses of the Receivership for the calendar year 1920; PROVIDED; that the total expenses of the Receivership for the Calendar year 1920 from both the five percent collection allowance and from this appropriation shall not exceed the sum of $270,000.00.

The enactment of this Order shall be taken as the agreement of the Military Government acting for the Dominican Government, to the expenditure by the Receivership of an amount exceeding the five percent allowance for the calendar year 1920.

This Order shall be forwarded to the United States Government for approval, and shall become effective upon its formal approval in writing by the United States Government in witness of the said Government's agreement to the provisions of this Order.

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

Santo Domingo City, D. R.,
March 16, 1920.

(E. O. 430-433 omitted).
See Spanish text.