ARTICLE 8. Ship's manifests shall show the weight of each consignment, and the total weight of the cargo, in kilos, and any understatement of such weights shall be punished by a fine against the vessel in an amount equal to five times the amount of the wharfage dues which would have been evaded.

ARTICLE 9. All questions arising under the application of this Order of an administrative nature, or complaints against the action of an **Interventor de Aduana** shall be referred for decision to the General Receiver of Dominican Customs. All disputes as to the correctness or legality of wharfage dues or storage charges, and the procedure in all cases of penalties and of seizures, shall be within the jurisdiction of the **Consejos de verbales**, protests, appeals and reconsiderations, as provided for customs cases in Chapter XIX of the present Law of Customs and Ports.

ARTICLE 10. The General Receiver of Dominican Customs is hereby authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by him to arrange by contract with responsible individuals or firms for the lighterage and handling of goods over the wharf or otherwise, either imported, exported or coastwise shipments, and shall fix the rates to be charged by the contractor for such services; such lighterage or handling charges shall be collected by the contractor direct from the owner or agent of the goods.

Article 11. This Order shall become effective January 1, 1921, and any Law or part of Law in conflict herewith is hereby revoked, effective on that date. The terms of this Order shall not be retroactive in any sense, and all amounts now pending collection or which may become due up to and including December 31, 1920, for wharfage, lighterage or storage charges shall be assessed and collected in accordance with the corresponding tariffs, regulations and Laws.

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

Santo Domingo City, D. R.,
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MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO

Executive Order No. 583.

TRANSFER OF MAGISTRATES

By virtue of the powers vested in the Military Government

of Santo Domingo, the following Executive Order is hereby promulgated:

Article 1. Any magistrate who performs the duties of the Ministerio Público with the Courts of First Intance or Courts of Appeals, may be transferred to another tribunal of the same rank, with the approval of the Executive Power, by order of the Secretary of Justice, either at his initiative or by suggestion of the Procurador General of the Republic, whenever in the judgment of either of these officials the transfer may be of benefit to the public interest.

Article 2. The transfer shall be ordered for a limited or unlimited period, within the term for which such officials were appointed.

Article 3. The order of transfer of the Procurador General of a Court of Appeals, to perform his duties at another Court of the same rank, and the transfer of a Fiscal from one Court or Tribunal of First Instance to perform his duties at another tribunal or court of the same rank, shall not modify the rank or the compensation of such officials.

Article 4. Whenever the transfer of the officials herein specified is made in accordance with this Order, the **Procuradores Generales** and the Fiscales, who have been the objects of such transfer shall not have to take a new oath and shall fully perform all of the functions committed to them by Law, within such jurisdiction as they may be assigned to by the order of transfer.

Article 5. Whenever any magistrate included in this Order declines to respect the order of transfer, he shall be understood as having resigned.

Article 6. Traveling expenses of the officials referred to in this Order shall be assessed and approved for payment by the Secretary of Justice, from the sum appropriated in the annual budget, for transfers and other necessary expenses of magistrates and all other judicial officials.

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See Spanish text.
(E. O. 584-585 omitted).