

MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 260

MODIFYING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 53,
DATED APRIL 23, 1948, BY CONSIDERING MR.
ESTEBAN T. BUMANGLAG AS HAVING RE-
SIGNED FROM OFFICE AS JUSTICE OF THE
PEACE OF TALIPAO AND MAIMBUNG, PROV-
INCE OF SULU, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO
REINSTATEMENT

In Administrative Order No. 53, dated April 23, 1948, Mr. Esteban T. Bumanglag was removed from office as Justice of the Peace of Talipao and Maimbung, Province of Sulu, (1) for having collected his salary corresponding to March 12 and 13, 1947, despite his absence from office on said dates and (2) for having demanded and

collected the sum of ₱60 from a person who had a case brought in his court.

Upon the petition of the respondent, the case was reinvestigated. During the reinvestigation it was established that on March 12, 1947, the respondent performed the following official acts:

1. Received from Mr. Angel Jamias, Acting Justice of the Peace of Talipao and Maimbung before respondent's appointment thereto, the records of criminal cases Nos. 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 18 pertaining to Talipao and Maimbung;

2. Issued warrants for the arrest of Moros Sabtal Jinani, Jupakal Jakaria, and Duran; and

3. A parolee named Ahkkam (Moro), a resident of Bilaan, municipal district of Talipao, reported in person to the respondent as required by existing regulations.

It was also established that the respondent performed the following official acts on March 13, 1947:

1. Issued a subpoena directing Councilor Sajidain to appear in his court at Maimbung on April 3, 1947;

2. Brought to the office of the Provincial Fiscal of Sulu, in compliance with a subpoena *duces tecum*, the record of criminal case No. 19 filed in his court; and

3. Issued warrants for the arrest of Saji Saddae, Hadjan, Amdan Amiladjad Usab, and Hussin J. Jaing.

Having performed the foregoing official acts on March 12 and 13, 1947, the respondent was justified in collecting his salary corresponding thereto.

As regards the second ground for respondent's removal from office, it was established during the reinvestigation that he did not demand, much less collect, the sum of ₱60 from Moro Ambut who had brought a case in his court. Said amount appears to have been given by Ambut to Lt. Haradji for a "blowout" for the soldiers who were responsible for the return of the former's daughter after she had been abducted.

Wherefore, and as recommended by the Secretary of Justice, Administrative Order No. 53, dated April 23, 1948, is hereby modified in the sense that Mr. Esteban T. Bumanglag is considered as having resigned from office as Justice of the Peace of Talipao and Maimbung, Province of Sulu, effective on the date of his separation from the service, without prejudice to reinstatement.

Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the eighth.

ELPIDIO QUIRINO

President of the Philippines

By the President:

MARCIANO ROQUE

Acting Executive Secretary