## MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

### Executive Order No. 603.

### Establishing a Comittee of Republic Charities, and for other purposes.

O. G. No. 3199.

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

WHEREAS: Various properties of the Dominican People, composed of funds collected from lotteries for charitable purposes, and donated from various sources for such purposes, and property both real and personal purchased therewith as well as property of the State placed in the hands of Presbítero Francisco Xavier Billini, has been, since his death, administered and controlled by a group of persons under the name of Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini"; and

WHEREAS: Under date July 17, 1920, the President of the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini", notified the Government in accordance with paragraph No. 2 of Executive Order No. 504, that the said Junta de Caridad was unable to continue its work of charity by giving assistance to the asylums "Beneficencia" "Orfelinato" and "Manicomio"; and,

WHEREAS: The charitable work inaugurated by the philanthropist Padre Billini is of great importance to the welfare of the Dominican People and should be continued:

IT IS RESOLVED:

Article 1. There is hereby created a committee to consist of three citizens of the Dominican Republic to be designated by the Executive Power, which shall be known as "Committee of Public Charities", hereinafter termed "Committee", with all the powers and duties of a trustee of public charities. The members of the Committee shall hold office during the pleasure of the Executive Power. The Committee shall be under the administrative supervisión of the Secretary of State of Sanitation and Beneficence, and shall have a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be an officer of the Dominican Government, bonded as provided in Executive Order No. 88. The Committee shall have such clerical assistance as may be necessary.

Article 2. It shall be the duty of the Committee to take and hold for the benefit of the Dominican People such property of charitable institutions and works of charity as may by law be placed under its control. The Committee shall have the power

to take and keep possession of all such property, to receive rents or other income, to pay ascertained outgoings, and to do all and several such acts as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of the trusteeship.

Article 3. All property both real and personal possessed, controlled or administered by the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini", or by any officer or member or former officer or member thereof, is hereby placed in the possession, control and administration of the Committee. Provided, however, that the administration and control of the Hospital and Orphanage Padre Billini an the Manicomio Padre Billini shall not be affected by this Order.

The net income derived from said property, after deducting the necessary expenses of the Committee, shall be depcsited quarterly in the Treasury of the Dominican Republic. The Treasurer of the Dominican Republic shall keep separate account of such funds received, and credit them to the account of the Hospital, Orphanage and Manicomio Padre Billini, said funds to be expended in the maintenance of said institutions in accordance with the provisions of law for the maintenance of institutions designated beneficaries under the provisions of Executive Order No. 420.

Article 4. Whatever authority may have been granted to the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini" to hold, to control or to administer property of any nature, whether for charitable purposes or otherwise, is hereby cancelled, and such authorization as the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini" may have had to operate as an organization or entity is hereby revoked, execpting only to the extent necessary to complete the transfer of all property to the Committee of Public Charities. Nothing in this Law shall be construed as a recognition of any right of property or administration thereof on the part of the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini".

Article 5. The Auditor of the Dominican Republic is hereby empowered and directed to examine and audit both money and property accounts of the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini", under the Ley de Hacienda.

Article 6. Any failure on the part of any officer or member or former officer or member of the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini" to deliver to the Committee of Public Charities, on demand, any property in the possession, administration or control of the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini" or any member thereof is hereby declared to be an infraction of the law as prescribed in Articles 169 to 173 inclusive, of the Penal Code in force. For the

purposes of this Article the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini" and any member thereof, shall be considered to be included in the phrase "depositarios o agentes administrativos". A period of thirty days beginning with date of promulgation of this law shall be the maximum time allowed for the delivery, of the property herein mentioned.

Article 7. Any neglect or refusal on the part of any officer, member or former officer or member of the Junta de Caridad Padre Billini to afford free access to the Auditor of the Dominican Republic to the books of account and inventories of the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini" shall be deemed an infraction of law, and upon conviction therefor, punishable by imprisonnent of from one to six months or by a fine of from one hundred to one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the correctional court having cognizance of the case.

Article 8. Any failure to account for property of any kind on the part of any officer or member or former officer or member of the Junta de Caridad "Padre Billini" who may be chargeable therewith shall constitute an infraction of this law pusishable as provided in Article 7 hereof.

Article 9. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THOMAS SNOWDEN,
Rear-Admiral, United States Navy,
Military Governor of Santo Domingo.

Santo Domingo, D. R.,
Feb. 16, 1921.

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF SANTO DOMINGO.

Executive Order No. 604.

O. G. No. 3199.

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

There is hereby appropiated from funds not otherwise appropriated in the National Treasury the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($13,000.00) for the construction of