

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 424, November 04, 1977]

DISMISSING ANICETO L. DOMINGO FROM THE SERVICE AS CITY TREASURER OF CABANATUAN CITY

This is an administrative case against City Treasurer Aniceto L. Domingo of Cabanatuan City for dishonesty, violation of office rules and regulations and incurrence of overdraft.

The records show that reacting to reports of anomalies in the disbursement of City funds by Cabanatuan City between the months of October, 1974 and March, 1975 in payment of allegedly fraudulent claims of certain employees purportedly for reimbursement of transportation expenses in grossly excessive amounts, the Commission on Audit dispatched an audit team in June, 1975 to examine the accounts and financial operations of the City government of Cabanatuan. The Secretary of Finance sent special investigators to look into the same case. On the basis of the reports of the Audit team and the special investigators of the Finance Department Acting Secretary of Finance Pedro Almanzor sent the respondent a letter dated January 5, 1976 formally charging him with dishonesty, violation of office rules and regulations and incurrence of overdraft, pertinent portion of which,

"That in or about the period covering October, 1974 to March, 1975, in your capacity as City Treasurer and in the performance of your official duty, you did then and there, willfully, unlawfully, in wanton disregard of existing rules and regulations and in connivance with Mr. Ruperto Villamin, Senior Clerk in the Office of the City Auditor of Cabanatuan and Messrs. Reynaldo Diaz, Cecilio Escuadro, Fabian Soriano, Isagani Nolandez, Bonifacio Bernardo, Ernesto Ocampo, Ernesto de Guzman, Roman Mendoza, and Pablo Carpio, all personnel of the public market thereat and Messrs. Arturo Mendoza and Gabriel Nicolas, both laborers of your office performing the duty of Sand and Gravel Checkers, Mr. Regino Antonio, Janitor-Messenger, Mr. Angel Gutay, Administrative Deputy, Mr. Kamon Mateo, Bookkeeper, Mrs. Gloria R. Dias, Cashier and Mr. Bonifacio Garcia, Assistant Cashier, all of your Office, and confederating with one another, defrauded the City government of Cabanatuan in the amount of P115,763.85, more or less, which amount represents disbursements for travelling expenses, making it appear that the said market personnel and laborers actually collected reimbursements for travelling expenses incurred while performing their duties within the city limits of Cabanatuan and that they were actually entitled thereto, while in truth and in fact said market personnel and laborers have not undertaken the alleged trips; that they have not received the full amount covering the same and that they were not entitled to said reimbursements.

"To facilitate the payments of alleged reimbursements of travelling