

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 260, December 28, 1953]

MODIFYING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 53, DATED APRIL 23, 1948, BY CONSIDERING MR. ESTEBAN T. BUMANGLAG AS HAVING RESIGNED FROM OFFICE AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OF TALIPAO AND MAIMBUNG, PROVINCE 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