

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 379, December 10, 1941 ]**

**DECLARING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 213, DATED JULY 10, 1939, ENTITLED "ANNEXING A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAJAYJAY, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILIO, SAME PROVINCE," TO BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT**

Executive Order Numbered Two hundred and thirteen, dated July tenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "ANNEXING A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAJAYJAY, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILIO, SAME PROVINCE," was promulgated upon recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Finance on the following grounds: (1) the territory in question is much nearer to the municipality of Lilio than to the municipality of Majayjay; (2) it has already been surveyed, and its exact limits are now known and can be described with certainty and accuracy; (3) the Maimpis River which separates it from the rest of Majayjay is very much bigger than the Bungkol River which separates it from Lilio; hence, the Maimpis River is a more ideal boundary line between the two municipalities than the Bungkol River; (4) of the municipal share of the land tax corresponding to the territory in question amounting to P1,679.37, only P1,100.11 is actually being paid to Majayjay, the remaining P579.26 being paid to Lilio, so that the proposed change would reduce the average income of Majayjay, which is about P20,000.00, by only P1,100.00, and even with said reduction, Majayjay would still have a surplus of P2,800.00 of income over its expenditures; (5) even if Lilio will bear the corresponding share of the territory in question on account of the indebtedness of Majayjay to the Postal Savings Bank, Lilio would not be placed in any financial difficulty because it has an average income of P16,000.00, plus the P1,100.00 land tax corresponding to the territory in question; and (6) the proposed transfer will not affect the school organization and activities of either Lilio or Majayjay, as the children in the disputed territory attend school in Lilio rather than in Majayjay.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Finance, the effectivity of Executive Order Numbered Two hundred and thirteen was suspended by Executive Order Numbered Two hundred and nineteen, dated August thirty-first, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, pending the resolution of the petition for consideration filed by the municipality of Majayjay.

The Secretary of the Interior now recommends the revocation of Executive Order Numbered Two hundred and thirteen on the following grounds: (1) the fact that the children in the territory in question are attending the primary schools in Lilio has lost force as an argument for the annexation of the said territory to Lilio, inasmuch as under Commonwealth Act Numbered Three hundred and eighty-one, municipalities are relieved of the obligation of providing for primary instruction which has been assumed by the National Government, so that it will not be unjust to Lilio if those