

[ Act No. 1540, October 06, 1906 ]

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ATLANTIC, GULF AND PACIFIC COMPANY TO BRING SUIT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS IN THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE OF THE CITY OF MANILA TO DETERMINE THE LIABILITY OF THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES FOR DAMAGES CAUSED TO THE LUNETTA EXTENSION BY THE TYPHOON OF MAY EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIX.**

*By authority of the United States, be it enacted by the Philippine Commission, that:*

SECTION 1. Authority is hereby granted the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company, a company or corporation authorized to do business in the Philippine Islands, to institute a suit in the Court of First Instance of the city of Manila against the Government of the Philippine Islands, to determine the liability of the respective parties for damages done to the bulkhead and rock revetment of the Luneta Extension by the typhoon of May eighteenth and nineteenth, nineteen hundred and six, under the contract entered into for said work between the Government of the Philippine Islands and the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of July, nineteen hundred and five: *Provided, however,* That this Act shall in no wise be construed as a waiver in the part of the Government of the Philippine Islands of any of its rights under said contract, or as a waiver of its contention that the question of liability for such damages under the said contract is a question to be finally decided by the officer in charge of the port works, or as a waiver of any other defense which it may have at the time of the passage of this Act.

SEC. 2. The public good requiring the speedy enactment of this bill, the passage of the same is hereby expedited in accordance with section two of "An Act proscribing the order of procedure by the Commission in the enactment of laws," passed September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on its passage.

Enacted, October 6, 1906.



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