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MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 227

REMOVING MR. JAIME OBLENDA FROM OFFICE AS REGISTER OF DEEDS OF
LANAO AND DARSALAN CITY.

This is an administrative case against Mr. Jaime Oblenda,
register of deeds of Lanao and Darsalan City.

It appears that in a telegram dated August 28, 1956, the Com-
missioner of Land Registration required Mr. Oblenda to explain within
72 hours why he should not be dismissed from the service for falsifi-
cation of land titles, and on August 31, 1956, he was suspended from
office pending the disposition of the administrative case against
him and effective upon receipt of the notice of suspension. On
September 4, 1956, several other administrative charges were pre-
ferred against the respondent. Earlier, on August 25, 1956, an
information for estafa through falsification of public documents had
been filed against him by the City Attorney of Darsalan City.

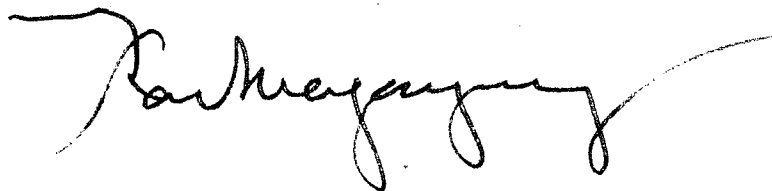
According to the Land Registration Commissioner, the above
telegram, notice of suspension and the additional charges were not
actually served upon Mr. Oblenda because the latter, without applying
for leave of absence, left his office on August 27, 1956, and since
then has not reported for duty. His present whereabouts remains
unknown. Upon verification by the City Auditor of Mr. Oblenda's
accounts, a shortage of P1,424.07 was discovered.

Considering all the attendant circumstances, Mr. Oblenda may
be regarded as having abandoned his office, which constitutes a
sufficient reason for his removal from the service. As held by the
Secretary of Justice, abandonment of office may be deemed as con-
stituting "flagrant violation or neglect of duty" as well as "conduct
prejudicial to the best interests of the service" which, under
Civil Service rules, are sufficient cause for removal of any
person in the Philippine Civil Service (Rule VIII, par. 6, Civil
Service Rules).

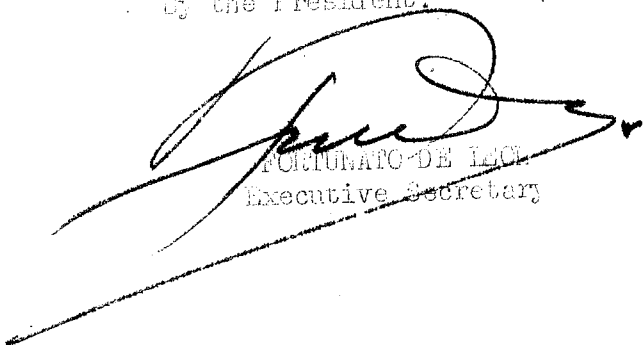
Therefore, and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of
Justice, Mr. Jaime Oblenda is hereby removed from office as register
of deeds of Lanao and Darsalan City, effective as of August 27, 1956,
with prejudice to reinstatement in the government service.

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Done in the City of Manila, this 28th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the eleventh.



By the President:



FORTUNATO DE LEON
Executive Secretary