

PETITIONS OF NATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

COPIES OF PETITIONS OF NATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, April 25, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to send you herewith copies of petitions of natives of the Philippine Islands asking the retention of United States officers and garrisons in their several localities.

The original petitions, of which the accompanying are true copies, have only been recently received in this office. General Chaffee reports that there are others of like character at the several department headquarters in the Division of the Philippines and that they will be forwarded at an early date. Upon their reaching the Department copies will be transmitted to your committee.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully,

WM. CARY SANGER,  
*Acting Secretary of War.*

Hon. H. C. LODGE,  
*Chairman Committee on the Philippines,  
United States Senate.*

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MINDANAO AND JOLO,  
*Cagayan de Misamis, P. I., February 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith a translation of a petition received from the municipal council at Davao. From my personal knowledge of the people and of Major Liggett, I know that the petition is not based on sentimental considerations, but on the situation as exists there and on the serious convictions of the petitioners.

As relevant thereto I forward also herewith Major Liggett's latest report, requesting its return to this office. It deserves the careful perusal of the major-general commanding the division.

All races in Mindanao and some from other islands are represented at Davao. It has furnished, and will continue to furnish, problems of a kind that, if not met as Major Liggett meets them, may be a source of infinite trouble and expense to the United States and that can not be met by relays of short-service troops. I therefore earnestly second the petitioners' request. Davao should, in my opinion, be ultimately held by one company of troops, preferably the latter; and I hope that it may be possible to retain Major Liggett in command. He knows nothing of the petition, nor has he ever expressed a wish to remain at Davao. He is a captain, Fifth United States Infantry.

Very respectfully,

W. A. KOBBE,

*Brigadier-General, U. S. Volunteers, Commanding.*

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES,

*Manila, P. I.*

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[Translation.]

DAVAO, MINDANAO, P. I., *January 25, 1901.*

SIR: We, the undersigned members of the municipal council of Davao, by ourselves and in the name of the municipality, do hereby request and state the following:

Having initiated in this district the means that lead to a better system of government, especially the municipality which we represent, we believe that for its continuation the commander of this district, Maj. Hunter Liggett, is indispensable, because he is the initiator of the said system, knows the country and circumstances of the inhabitants, and also has conscientiously studied their necessities.

Major Liggett is well liked and a very popular person in this town, especially among the savages who inhabit the woods. He has impressed in the hearts of all the well meaning of the benevolent American nation in such a manner that the inhabitants fraternize with the Americans, and to-day they are very sorry when they learned that the soldiers were soon to be relieved.

The opening of the roads, the formation of the municipal council, and the arranging of the numerous races of people that dwell in this district naturally need a commander as just, strict, and of the knowledge of Major Liggett.

It is unnecessary to remind you that while the work taken up by the Americans here remains unfinished it is necessary that white troops should remain here for its protection, and we hope that you will intercede for us to the proper authorities that the soldiers who are going to leave be replaced by others of equality; that is to say, whites and no others; these being preferable for their impartiality, which is necessary to exercise in a town of inferior races like these.

We earnestly request that you may consider what we have stated,

as by doing so this town will grow and we will love the nation whose starry flag shelters to-day the town of Davao.

We remain, your true servants,

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,  
D. SNARO, *Presidente*.  
TOMAS MONTEVERDE, *Vice-Presidente*.  
T. PALMA GIL, *Recorder*.  
JORJE SAAVEDRA, *Councilman*.

Name.	Race.	Name.	Race.
Atto .....	Bagabo .....	Duyan .....	Gianga.
Bitil .....	.....do .....	Diasing .....	Calogan.
Severo .....	Samal .....	Addin .....	Attas.
Masasigud .....	Moro .....	Enoc .....	Vilan.
Mangonbayon .....	Manobo .....	Sanama .....	Tagacoalo.

I hereby sign for the above races.

MELENO LOYOLA, *Secretary*.

General KOBBE.

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[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., April 15, 1901.*

Returned to the adjutant-general of the division.

Orders have been given this day for the occupation of San Narciso, Mulanay, Macalelon, and Bondo by troops, as recommended by Colonel Gardener.

BATES,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding*.

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CAPAS, *May 30.*

W. E. AYER,

*Captain, Twelfth Infantry, Commanding Station:*

Transmits a petition of the residents of O'Donnel praying for the retention at that station of Acting Asst. Surg. John L. Nicholson, handed to him this day by presidente of O'Donnel.

*Action.*—(1) June 1: Filed by commanding officer Twelfth Infantry, stating Acting Assistant Surgeon Nicholson is ordered to take station at La Paz, Abra. (4) June 5: Filed by commanding general third district, recommending that a medical officer be sent to O'Donnel for duty before the heavy rains set in; states liable to be cut off from communication by road. (5) June 7: To chief surgeon. June 8: Returned by chief surgeon. Acting Hospital Surg. Oscar C. Linguist, Hospital Corps, U. S. A., a graduate of medicine is now on duty at O'Donnel, Tarlac, and can well take care of this small detachment during the rainy season. (7) June 10: Returned to commanding general third district, Dagupan, inviting attention to sixth indorsement, which is concurred in.

[By Pedro Renioso, presidente, and 20 others.]

ALAMINOS, ZAMBALES, *May 19.*

Present petition to president Philippine Commission, requesting him to use his influence to have Capt. W. C. Wren, commanding officer of detachment in this town, retained at this station, as such is the universal desire of the inhabitants.

*Action.*—(4) July 23: Referred by adjutant-general division to commanding general Department Northern Luzon (previous indorsement transmitted without remark). (5) July 26: Referred to commanding general third district, Dagupan.

[By 16 residents of Morong.]

MORONG, *January 21, 1901.*

Petition that Captain Stafford, Forty-second Infantry, be kept on duty at Taytay in case his company is moved to another station, stating reasons.

*Action.*—(1) January 23: Referred to commanding officer, sixth district, deposito. If consistent with public service, the request of within petition may be granted by the district commander if he so desires.

CANDABA, *September 30, 1900.*

CRITTENDEN, *Captain, Twenty-second Infantry:*

Telegram from Maj. Santiago Cordero to General MacArthur states insurgents threaten to attack town and secure 20,000 pesos received from Government for damages by fire. Requests two companies for protection.

*Action.*—October 1: Respectfully referred to commanding general fifth district, Angeles, authorizing him, in his discretion, to increase the garrison at Candaba. The force there, however, will not exceed two companies. (2) October 4: Acting adjutant-general fifth district to commanding officer Candaba, who will notify presidente that all friendly natives will be protected. If necessary, more troops will be sent. (4) October 11: Captain Forty-first Infantry returns. The people seem to think when the river becomes dry it will be necessary to have four or five outposts; but, judging from past experience, I think one company will be sufficient to garrison this town. Returned to adjutant-general division for information of division commanders.

DINALUPIJAN, *June 22, 1901.*

SIR: The undersigned, being friends of peace and tranquillity, which they would like to see remain with the town in which they were born, beg to ask you that if it should be considered necessary to keep a garrison in this town that the commanding officer of the same may always be Capt. Clarence S. Nettles, who is at present in command of the garrison here, and who, besides showing remarkable talents, has always been as kind to us as a father to his family. All his acts were prompted



by kindness, impartiality, and justice, and at all times he has been anxious to further the moral and material improvement of this town. For this reason he has gained the love and the esteem of all the residents, who are always anxious to obey and respect the orders issued by the established government.

Besides, it is necessary to mention the special conduct of the captain, who, during the last part of the insurrection, by kind treatment contributed much toward the surrender of the insurgents who were then under arms in the mountains of this district, in which efforts he was efficiently assisted by the Federal committee and by the municipal council of this town, which at present is completely pacified.

Finally, we beg to inform your excellency that on this date we have forwarded a similar petition to the honorable civil commission.

Your obedient servants,

RAYMUNDO PAYUNO,  
*Municipal Presidente, etc.*

MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THESE ISLANDS.

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[By Rayumundo Reyuno, presidente, and 18 others.]

Dinalupijan. Petition civil commission that in case troops are to remain in this town, Capt. Clarence S. Nettles be allowed to continue in command of the post, which petition is a copy of one presented to military governor. Transmitted from commission through civil governor to adjutant-general division.

*Action.*—(4) July 23, 1901: Referred by adjutant-general division to commanding general Department Northern Luzon for remark. (Copy par. 10, S. O. 188, headquarters Department Northern Luzon, inclosed.) (5) July 26: Returned to adjutant-general division. Lieut. C. S. Nettles, Twentieth Infantry, was relieved from further duty with native scouts on the 11th instant, and, so far as known at these headquarters, is now present with his regiment in Department Southern Luzon. Compliance with petition not recommended.

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE OF THE CIVIL GOVERNOR  
OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,  
*Manila, P. I., August 19, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general and military governor in the Philippines, Manila, P. I.

WM. H. TAFT, *Civil Governor.*

By Beakman Winthrop, assistant executive secretary.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
OFFICE OF CIVIL AFFAIRS,  
*Manila, P. I., August 20, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general Department Northern Luzon, Manila, P. I.

By command of Major-General Chaffee.

JNO. BIDDLE PORTER,  
*Major and Judge-Advocate, U. S. A., Officer in Charge.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, August 23, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general fourth district, San Fernando, Pampanga.

The Macabebe scouts formerly at Dinalupijan have been ordered for duty elsewhere, but the department commander desires information, if it can be obtained, regarding the truth or falsity of these statements.

By command of Major-General Wheaton.

JOHN GREEN BALLANCE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT NORTHERN LUZON,  
*San Fernando, P. I., August 24, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant-General, Department of Northern Luzon.

The Sixth Company of Macabebe Scouts, which was stationed at Dinalupijan, is now on duty in the Department of Southern Luzon, and it is recommended that this communication be referred to the company commander Second Lieut. Walter Harvey, Sixteenth Infantry, for remark. Any investigation that could be made here now would be one-sided and would be merely a reiteration of the alleged occurrences set forth in this communication with such additional horrors as they are able to think up in the meantime. Lieutenant Harvey is the only person who can give any reliable information on this subject. The station of Dinalupijan has been abandoned and all other stations in the vicinity will be in a few days, so that there is not opportunity to make investigation. Investigations made of similar complaints in this district heretofore have almost invariably shown them to be either absolutely false or the greatest exaggerations.

FREDERICK FUNSTON,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, August 26, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the secretary to the military governor in the Philippines, and attention invited to foregoing fourth indorsement hereon, and with the recommendation that this paper be referred to Second Lieut. Walter Harvey, Sixteenth Infantry, commanding Sixth Company Native Scouts, on detached service in the Department of Southern Luzon.

LOYD WHEATON,  
*Major-General, Commanding.*

[By Segmudo Valasco, presidente, and councillors and principal citizens of Lubas.]

LUBAS, *June 9, 1901.*

Petition provincial governor of Pampanga that the garrison at this town be permanent and the same soldiers now there retained if possible.

*Action.*—(1) June 10: Referred by the governor Pampanga Province to secretary of military governor. June 12: Referred by assistant secretary military governor to adjutant-general division. (3) June 14: Referred by adjutant-general division to commanding general Department of Northern Luzon. (4) June 16: Referred to commanding general fourth district, San Fernando, Pampanga, for his discretionary action. It is desirable that the number of stations occupied by troops be decreased when practicable, in place of further extension. (5) June 17: Returned by commanding general fourth district. This matter has been adjusted by steps being taken to increase the number of arms for the police of Lubas. The presidente of that town expressed himself as satisfied with that arrangement. It is not deemed desirable or necessary to regarrison Lubas. June 19: Returned to adjutant-general division and attention invited to fifth indorsement hereon, from which it appears that a satisfactory arrangement has been made for the protection of the natives at Lubas.

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CABUYAO, *August 6, 1901.*

Petition of presidente and 48 prominent citizens of Cabuyao for retention on duty there of First Lieut. H. Clay Evans, A. C., it being feared his promotion will take him from their midst. He has gained through his efforts in cleaning and improving the town, providing band music, etc., and by his just treatment the plaudits of the natives.

*Action.*—August 8: Returned to presidente of Cabuyao. The department commander is much pleased to know that Lieutenant Evans has, by his wise and just administration, endeared himself to the people of Cabuyao, and regrets that the necessity of the military service will probably call him to another station. He feels confident, however, that Evans's successor will continue the good work begun by him and will sustain the amicable relations now existing.

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*Hon. Major-General of the Philippine Islands, Manila:*

The inhabitants of the town of Bongabon, province of Nueva Ecija, the undersigned, with due respect before you present themselves and depose: That there are rumors from the public that the commanding officer, Capt. A. A. Cabanniss, and his troops are going to be transferred to Humingen before the beginning of the rainy season, on account of the difficulties of rationing and clothing them, and that they will be relieved by a company of Ilocano soldiers.

For this reason the people of the town before you depose: That since the arrival at this town of the said captain, on November 11, 1900, last, and up to this date, he has been in perfect harmony with the people of the town and the people with him, through his wise methods of ruling and the fine discipline of his men; besides, he knows

how to punish with justice anyone who commits any crime. This is proof that he performed his duty with impartiality, and for this reason this town has greatly progressed in the short time of his presence here. He established public schools in the town as well as in the barrios, had the streets cleaned and repaired the houses, and his orders were well obeyed. He also caused the protection of our agriculture, and we can not do less than state that although some neighbors of the town presented some rifles, they did it voluntarily under the orders of that headquarters, dated March 1, last, reminding you that such rifles had never been used in the war, but they have been hidden for defense against outlaws; hence you will see, honorable sir, that we desire peace, as we now live peacefully in this town.

Now, if the reason of transferring the troops to another town is on account of the difficulty of transportation of rations and clothing in the rainy season, the people know how rations can be transported in bull carts from San Isidro (Nueva Ecija) to Cabanatuan and in bancas from Cabanatuan up to this town by the way of the Rio Grande, and thus can easily get here in five days, escorted by soldiers to avoid any misfortune that might happen; consequently, we beg you and humbly request that Captain Cabaniss and the soldiers of his command be kept in this town for the length of time that you consider necessary.

It is a request that we have no doubt you will grant us, whose life may God guard many years.

BONGABONG, NUEVA ECIIJA, *April 28, 1901.*

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ANDA STREET POLICE STATION,  
*Manila, P. I., May 3, 1901.*

The ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,  
*Department Northern Luzon, Manila, P. I.*

SIR: The bearers of this note are Eulalio Ylogan and Alejandro Cajucum, respectively the son-in-law and the son of the alcalde at Bongabong. I was stationed at that place from March 11 until November 12, 1900, and I am therefore well acquainted with these people, and I desire to say that I have always found them reliable. These two men are representative men of their community and go to you with a petition for the retention of American troops at their town (Company M, Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, Capt. A. A. Cabaniss, is now there), as they understand it is contemplated to make a change and station Ilocano scouts at Bongabong. Both these men speak Spanish fluently.

Very respectfully,

ALFRED S. MORGAN,  
*Captain, Thirty-fourth Infantry, U. S. Vols.,*  
*Commanding Station.*

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, May 4, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, Fourth district, San Isidro, for remark.

By command of Major-General Wheaton.

BENJ. ALVORD,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*San Isidro, N. E., May 13, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded.

The difficulties of supplying the station of Bongabong make it a most serious matter to attempt to keep there a full company of American troops through the rainy season. It is intended to send there Captain Goedecke's company of Macabebes, now at Manicling. The rice needed by these men can be purchased in the vicinity. Captain Goedecke has his men well under control and there has not been a complaint against their conduct in the past month. The natives always dislike to see American troops displaced by natives, as the former have more money and spend it more freely.

FREDERICK FUNSTON,  
*Brigadier-General.*

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[Petitions of citizens of the town of Calanan, Laguna, asking that a detachment of American troops be stationed at that place for their protection.]

Commanding general, first district. Forwards October 11. I do not deem it advisable to trust natives with transportation of supplies, and it is not practicable to supply by Government without a pack train for the purpose.

[Second indorsement.]

SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA, P. I., *October 2, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant Fifth Infantry. I have twice before recommended that a detachment of troops be sent to Calanan for the reason that it fills in a big gap of country almost surrounded by mountains which have given shelter to insurrectos in the past and which are no doubt doing so at present. There are numerous small bands of ladrones which operate in the vicinity (Calanan, San Pablo, Alaminos, Nagcarlang) and I believe that many of the best element among the natives, such as the signers of this paper, are really afraid to return to the town of Calanan for the purpose of tilling the fields. It is about a month now since I was in Calanan, but at that time the fields were not being cultivated in the vicinity.

The principal reason (military) why I recommend the putting of troops in Calanan is that the town is so inaccessible from Bay, Pilla, San Pablo, or Nagcarlang that insurgents can and do use it as a base of operations with impunity, being able to see troops from any one of the aforementioned places long before they can arrive in Calanan. It has always been impossible to surprise the town by day or night, whether the night was moonlight or dark, dry or rainy. I have tried it with complete failure about a dozen times.

E. N. JONES,  
*Captain and Quartermaster, Eighth Infantry.*



[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH INFANTRY,  
*Santa Cruz, Laguna, P. I., October 5, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant-general first district, Department Southern Luzon, with the recommendation that a platoon of the company now at Bay be sent to Calanan for temporary duty. In a former communication from the commanding officer at Bay it was stated that the natives had agreed to transport the necessary supplies if the place was garrisoned.

WM. E. DOUGHERTY,  
*Colonel Eighth Infantry, Commanding.*

*Action.*—October 17: Returned to commanding general first district. If this request is entitled to consideration or the town is considered of sufficient military importance to warrant it, request will be made for the necessary pack animals to supply such number of troops as will constitute a proper garrison. It is not, however, thought best to occupy any more towns unless there are very strong reasons for doing so.

MALABAN, PROVINCE OF MANILA, P. I.,  
*April 13, 1901.*

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

The undersigned, members of the municipal council of this pueblo, on behalf of the citizens thereof, have the honor to respectfully state:

That notice having arrived that the commanding officer of this garrison will be relieved within a short time, we, as lovers of the moral and material progress that this pueblo has made from the time that Lieutenant-Colonel Beacom has exercised his charge, which progress has gone forward with great rapidity, due to the efforts of that officer, as have been shown in the progress that has been made in a short time in the establishment of public works, public instruction, the collection of local revenues, and, above all, the tranquillity which we enjoy, we earnestly beg as a special favor that this officer be retained at this place.

Very respectfully,

LEONARDO BERNABE,  
*Presidente.*  
 (And 11 others.)

PULILAN, PROVINCE OF BULACAN,  
*January 21, 1901.*

THE MAJOR-GENERAL COMMANDING THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

The municipal officers of Pulilan, in the name and in behalf of the citizens of the same, with due respect, say:

Learning with regret that the soldiers that garrison this pueblo are to be moved to another point, while deferring with the greatest respect to your orders, we should fail in our loyalty unless we represented to you the necessity of these troops remaining here.



The officers now stationed in this pueblo, by their blameless conduct and uncommon amiability, have merited without soliciting it the approbation and good will of the people, and their departure is the cause of great surprise as well as pain. We also desire to represent that this pueblo is of great extent, and the officers now here are familiar with the country, and by their ability, notwithstanding the small number of soldiers, have been able to frustrate the intentions of those who wish to disturb the tranquillity of the neighborhood, supplying by their diligence, ability, and valor the small number of soldiers. These officers have already great confidence in their power to defend us from the attacks of those outside. We pray that it will not be necessary to remove these officers, in view of the critical situation in which we find ourselves and the peculiar state of this pueblo.

LUCAS DIZON, *Presidente*,  
(And 16 others.)

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT NORTH PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., February 12, 1902.*

SIR: In compliance with telegraphic instructions of 4.30 p. m., February 10 (received yesterday afternoon), from your headquarters, I have the honor to inclose herewith petitions for the retention of troops at Malabon, Pulilan, Bongabong, Bataan, Villasis, Dinalupijan, Apalit, Morong, Binan, Orani, and Aliaga.

I also inclose copies from the records at these headquarters relative to petitions for the retention of troops at Candaba, Dinalupijan, Lubas, Taytay, Alaminos, Cabuyao, O'Donnel, and Calanan.

Very respectfully,

LOYD WHEATON,  
*Major-General, Commanding.*

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES.

HERMOSA, *June 21, 1901.*

Major-General WHEATON,  
*Commanding General, Department Northern Luzon,*  
*Manila, P. I.:*

The undersigned, municipal presidente and other citizens of Llana Hermosa (Bataan), with due respect before you, depose: That there is a rumor in this town that our captain, commanding officer, and lieutenant of the post are going to be transferred to another place in a short time. For this reason we are forced to appeal to your honor, and to request your attention to the following facts:

We unanimously inform your honor that since the first day of our reception to the above-mentioned officers there has been firmly established the pacification and tranquillity of all the inhabitants of this town, and since then there has never occurred the least disturbance amongst the people, because these gentlemen were most particular and

precautions in the performance of their duties to those people who came in contact with them. Although we are well aware of the sacred discipline of the Army, nevertheless, and in view of the aforesaid reasons, we humbly request you to kindly let the said officers remain in this town, even for a few days longer, till our civil government is completely established, and also till our agricultural work has been commenced by all the farmers. Therefore, our honorable General, we kindly beg you to accept our above statement and grant us this petition, and may God guard your life many years.

(Signed by the presidente, Mariano Nuguic, and 17 others.)

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HERMOSA, *June 21, 1901.*

Major-General WHEATON,

*Commanding General, Department Northern Luzon, Manila, P. I.:*

We, the undersigned feminine citizens of Llana Hermosa (Bataan), with due respect, before your honor depose: That in view of the reliable news that we have heard concerning our captain, commanding officer, and lieutenant of this post, that they will be transferred to another place; for this reason we beg to remind your honor that since the arrival here in this town of the said officers they put themselves to work at once without any loss of time on behalf of the pacification of the town under their control till their desired end was obtained.

Therefore we humbly request you, if you should think proper, to permit the said commanding officers to still remain in this town for the benefit of its citizens, and also in order that the agricultural work of the unfortunate farmers may continue.

God guard your honor's life many years.

(Signed by the Maestra Teodora Tabut and 44 ladies.)

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[Translation.]

VILLASIS, *August 4, 1901.*

The GENERAL COMMANDING THIRD DISTRICT,

*Department of Northern Luzon.*

HONORABLE SIR: The undersigned, the president, municipal council, and principal inhabitants of Villasis, representing the whole town, present themselves with due respect and state: That with great satisfaction the town authorities have been able to arrest certain persons, members of that illicit association which raised up the town of Cabaruan, and they wish to call your attention to the fact that should it prove true that the military detachment is to be removed, the town will be subject to the revenge of the friends of those who have been arrested and who are now prisoners. This is the more probable, considering the reduced number of the local police and the system of armament.

We therefore wish to request that our town may be garrisoned by one company, if possible.

(Thirty-one signatures follow.)

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS THIRD DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Dagupan, P. I., August 6, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant-general, Department of Northern Luzon.

Villasis is now occupied by troops of the fourth district.

J. H. SMITH,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, August 10, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, fourth district, San Fernando, Pampanga.

By command of Major-General Wheaton:

JOHN GREEN BALLANCE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*August 17, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding officer, Rosales, P. I., for remark.

By command of Brigadier-General Funston:

T. E. MERRILL,  
*First Lieutenant, Artillery Corps, Aid-de-Camp.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

ROSALES, P. I., *August 21, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, fourth district, San Fernando, Pampanga.

My opinion is that there is no necessity for stationing troops in Villasis; that there is no special necessity.

The town treasurer is in constant fear of being robbed of his funds and I am sure that is the cause of this application.

Some good native with a fair salary ought to have charge of the native police to maintain strict discipline and see that the funds are properly guarded. I think this would serve as well as putting troops there. However, there was no trouble in stationing the detachment that was there.

E. B. GOSE,  
*Captain Twenty-fourth Infantry, Commanding.*

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I., August 25, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, Department of Northern Luzon.

The detachment at Villasis was withdrawn because of the difficulty

of communication in the rainy season between that town and the headquarters of the company at Rosales.

Pangasinan is a pacified province and has been for some months under a provincial governor. It is believed that if the civil authorities are ever going to protect the people from themselves, now is a good time to begin. It is respectfully submitted that the United States troops can not be expected to serve these people as policemen indefinitely.

FREDERICK FUNSTON,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. A., Commanding.*

[Sixth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, August 27, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, third district Dagupan, who will please refer this application to the proper civil authority in the province of Pangasinan, in order that the civil government in that province may take measures deemed advisable to preserve order at Villasis and in immediate vicinity. It is the opinion of the department commander that this is a favorable opportunity to enable a community to protect itself from the few lawless characters that may be in the vicinity.

By command of Major-General Wheaton:

LOUIS H. BASK,  
*Aid-de-Camp, Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*

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[Translation.]

BINAN, LAGUNA PROVINCE, P. I., *September 25, 1901.*

SIR: This municipality having learned of the approaching departure to other duty of Capt. C. H. Hunter, Artillery Corps, post commander at Binan, the president and counsellors of this municipality, signing as faithful interpreters of the wishes of this neighborhood, speaking in its name, have recourse to you in order to entreat from your authority that the said captain should remain in command of this detachment at least until there may have disappeared the present circumstances of war that this region of southern Luzon is passing through.

Since Captain Hunter has had command of the forces in this town, peace reigns, and the neighborhood enjoys an enviable tranquillity at the same time that it enjoys the benefits of civil government.

Such are the motives that move the inhabitants of Binan to ask that Captain Hunter be not now relieved from this garrison, and we do not doubt that the military governor will take them into account before confirming the announced relief.

Very respectfully,

(Follow signatures of president, vice-president, and counsellors.)

General CHAFFEE,

*Military Governor of the Philippine Islands.*

BINAN, LAGUNA PROVINCE, P. I., *September 27, 1901.*

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL FIRST DISTRICT,  
*Department of Southern Luzon, Batangas.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a petition to the division commander requesting my retention as commanding officer of Binan, and to request that the same be not granted, as I have been recently ordered to Manila for station. While I believe that a petition of this description is the usual civility given to departing commanding officers, I have had such pleasant relations with the citizens of Binan that I should like to keep the inclosed original as a memento of my service there, and respectfully request that it be finally returned to me.

Very respectfully,

C. H. HUNTER,  
*Captain, Artillery Corps, Commanding.*

MORONG, *April 20, 1901.*

Major-General WHEATON:

We, the undersigned, citizens and members of the Federal committee of Morong, before you, with due respect, present ourselves and say: We have heard that within a few days the American detachment in this town will be leaving, and up to the present we do not know whether they are going to be replaced with other Americans, and as the people of this town have no confidence in the Ilocanos, who will naturally take the place of the Americans, for this reason and for the reason that some people of the barrios of this town saw something done which discredited the Ilocanos, and as we are fond of all things that may bring peace and tranquillity to all the inhabitants of this town, we request you, as superior commander, and in order to fulfill our aspirations, that the leaving American detachment be replaced by Americans and the Ilocanos be transferred to another place, and in case they are to remain to be together with Americans, as it is at present.

A justice and favor that we have no doubt you will grant us, whose life may God guard many years.

(Signed by 19 persons.)

APALIT, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, P. I.,  
*October 7, 1900.*

SIR: The principal citizens, landowners, and other inhabitants of the pueblo of Apalit, province of Pampanga, whose names are subscribed below, present themselves before you with great respect and state:

That the fear of the inhabitants that the garrison which now occupies this place, under the command of Captain Butler and Lieutenant Pond, should be relieved by another company and to the end that these honorable officers should remain permanently at their present station in Apalit, the aforesaid inhabitants of this pueblo hasten to formulate this petition and to place before your high judgment their wishes, based on the following reasons:

First. That Captain Butler and Lieutenant Pond have captured the

guns that were used by the ladrones that pillaged in the immediate vicinity of this pueblo, and at the same time the principal organizers of the bands of brigands or thieves were apprehended by these officers, whose activities obtained the extinguishment of the actions of the bandits and assassins that frequently entered the barrios and places at some distance from the pueblo, and at this time the inhabitants enjoy tranquillity and freedom from injury consequent, without doubt, upon the brilliant services of these untiring and active officers.

Second. That these gentlemen have learned to obtain the good will of the inhabitants of the pueblo, have attended with justice to the smallest complaints that have been presented to them, have given good example to the troops that they command, correcting with rectitude whatever abuses their subordinates may have committed, and have never permitted the natives under their jurisdiction to be injured by anyone, defending them with all the rigor of the law.

Third. These officers, especially Lieutenant Pond, in his capacity as provost judge of the pueblo, took the most energetic interest in the pueblo, with the purpose of increasing the energies of the pueblo for its benefit, establishing primary education in all the barrios, and at the instance of Captain Butler there has been erected a public school for both sexes, paid for by the wealthier and other inhabitants, in which matters these officers have been of the greatest direct benefit to the common well-being of the pueblo.

For these reasons the subscribers believe it their duty to formulate this petition, and at the same time to entreat the governor-general that Captain Butler and Lieutenant Pond be retained in the pueblo of Apalit.

We therefore beg that because of the strong reasons on which we base our petition that Captain Butler, First Lieutenant Pond, and all their company be continued as the garrison of Apalit.

MACARIO ARUEDO,  
(And 15 others.)

THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES  
AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

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ALIAGA, *March 20, 1901.*

His Excellency the GOVERNOR-GENERAL:

The undersigned, alcalde, treasurer, and municipal counselors of the pueblo of Aliaga, have the honor to say that they have heard that Lieut. Frank A. Jernigan, commanding the detachment here, was to be transferred to another post. As he has always treated the people right, etc., we have the honor to request that he be allowed to remain here.

(The signatures follow.)

ALIAGA, NUEVA ECIJA, *March 20, 1901.*

We, the undersigned, alcaldes, treasurer, secretary, municipal counselors, and headmen of this pueblo, in the name of the inhabitants thereof, beg to state:

That this date we have learned that the commanding officer of the garrison of this place, Lieut. Frank A. Jernigan, has received a tele-



gram which orders his change of station, and as in the discharge of his duty he has observed the good treatment of the pueblo, we beg that the said gentleman be retained in this place.

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[Translation.]

PANIQUE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, P. I., *February 12, 1902.*

I certify that on or about January 7, 1902, I spoke to Lieut. Robert D. Carter, Twelfth Infantry, commanding detachment Twelfth Infantry in this pueblo, regarding a rumored change of troops which would remove him or his detachment from this pueblo. I stated I desired to present a petition, signed by the principales and myself of this pueblo, to the colonel commanding the Twelfth Infantry, or to the governor-general of the islands, requesting that Lieutenant Carter and his detachment remain at this pueblo, because of the friendly relations existing between Lieutenant Carter, Twelfth Infantry, and the inhabitants of this pueblo, and on account of the excellent conduct of the soldiers comprising his detachment while here.

Lieutenant Carter discouraged the petition, stating that he appreciated and thanked me for the sentiments conveyed, but that the petition would be of no avail, as it was contrary to the policy and customs of the United States Army to make assignments of officers or soldiers except as most convenient as a military disposition.

I would finally add that the same friendly relations between the inhabitants of this pueblo and former commanders, Colonel Bubb, Captain Clark, Major Evans, and Lieutenant Mitchell, Twelfth Infantry, have always existed, and that the conduct of all troops while in this pueblo has been excellent, inhabitants not being molested.

JUAN COLENDRINO,  
*Presidente Municipal.*

ROBERT D. CARTER,  
*Second Lieutenant, Twelfth Infantry.*

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PANIQUE, PROVINCE OF TARLAC, P. I.,  
*February 12, 1902.*

SIR: Pursuant to telegram received this day, I have the honor to forward, inclosed, a statement by the presidente of the pueblo, Juan Colendrino, to the effect that on or about January 7, 1902, in conversation with me, he stated that it was the desire of the pueblo to prepare and forward a petition requesting my retention at this pueblo as commander of the United States troops.

At the time he spoke a rumor was current that United States troops stationed here were to be withdrawn. I declined the proffered petition, stating to him it would be of no avail, and thanked him for the sentiment of the pueblo.

Also, inclosed is a copy of a petition to the colonel of the Twelfth Infantry from the pueblo of Anao, Tarlac, requesting a detachment of United States troops be stationed at Anao, which, if granted, the pueblo would supply quarters for. A detachment was stationed in Anao, fur-

nished from the company at this station. About May, 1901, owing to reduction of garrison at this station, the Anao detachment was withdrawn. A delegation of the principal men of Anao waited on Major Evans, Twelfth Infantry, then commanding this station, requesting that troops be not withdrawn from Anao. The Anao delegation had a petition to this effect, which Major Evans declined, stating it would not avail.

While troops were in Anao, quarters were erected by the town for them and the detachment received frequent presents, poultry, eggs, etc., for which the town would not accept payment. The people of Anao evinced great regret when the troops were withdrawn.

Very respectfully,

ROBT. D. CARTER,

*Second Lieut., B. Q. M. and C., Twelfth Infantry, Comdg.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,

*Manila, P. I.*

HEADQUARTERS FIRST SEPARATE BRIGADE,

*November 4, 1901.*

Acting adjutant-general Department of Northern Luzon returns letter of P. Sision, governor of Pangasinan Province, dated October 24, 1901, transmitting application from the presidente and municipal council of San Quintin, Pangasinan, for retention at that station of detachment now there.

NOVEMBER 4, 1901.

Respectfully referred to commanding officer, Humingan, for remark.

[Third indorsement.]

NOVEMBER 9, 1901.

Respectfully returned. The garrison was withdrawn October 25, 1901, being needed at Paranada. A detachment of one noncommissioned officer and five men will be kept at the town. Escorts pass through daily.

[Fourth indorsement.]

NOVEMBER 18, 1901.

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant-general Department of Northern Luzon. Concurred in.

[Eighth indorsement.]

DECEMBER 1, 1901.

Respectfully returned to the provincial governor Pangasinan, through commanding officer, Lingayen, inviting attention to third indorsement hereon.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*Dagupan, Pangasinan, P. I., February 11, 1902.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,

*Manila, P. I.*

(Through headquarters Department of North Philippines.)

SIR: In reply to your telegram of the 10th instant, one petition for retention garrison at San Quintin, Pangasinan, this paper was returned the civil provincial governor, Lingayen, having previously been to department headquarters.

All other petitions for retention of troops or officers sent forward except one herewith, which looks irregular. It is submitted herewith.  
Very respectfully,

S. S. SUMNER,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. Army, Commanding.*

[First indorsement.]

CABUGAO, ILOCOS SUR, LUZON, P. I., *June 6, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to commanding officer Company L, Native Scouts, for a statement as to the manner in which this paper was presented to the presidente here by a member of Company L, Native Scouts.

E. Z. STEEVER,  
*Major, Third Cavalry, Commanding.*

[Second indorsement.]

CABUGAO, ILOCOS SUR, P. I., *June 7, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to commanding officer Cabugao with the following statement: I have personally investigated the subject and find that this paper was presented to the presidente by First Sergt. Domingo Millare, Company L, Native Scouts. The sergeant says that while on pass at Santa Maria, on or about June 2, 1901, he was requested by Captain Green, Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, and Lieutenant Ward, Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, to deliver this paper to Enrique Serrano at Cabugao, together with other papers of the same nature, dated Santo Domingo Magsingae, and Sinait, respectively. Not finding Enrique Serrano at home he delivered the papers to the presidente of Cabugao. Corporal Arcebol, Company L, Native Scouts, who was present with Sergeant Millare at Santa Maria, substantiates the sergeant's statement.

EDWIN J. BRACKEN,  
*First Lieutenant, Thirty-fourth Infantry, U. S. Volunteers,  
Commanding Company L, Native Scouts.*

[Third indorsement.]

CABUGAO, ILOCOS SUR, LUZON, P. I.,  
*June 7, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded to adjutant, Vigan.

This paper was handed me officially by the presidente of Cabugao, with the statement that it had been given to him by one of the native scouts, with the request that he (the presidente) procure the signatures of the cabezas and principales thereto and then forward to the Commission, but not being clear in his mind as to the course to pursue, the presidente asked me for instructions. Not being in the receipt of any that would cover a case of this kind I was unable to meet the requirements, and therefore forward this for such direction in the premises as higher authority may desire shall govern.

E. Z. STEEVER,  
*Major, Third Cavalry, Commanding.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

VIGAN, SOUTH ILOCOS, LUZON, P. I.,  
*June 10, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant-general, first district, Department of Northern Luzon.

If, as seems probable, the officers named in second indorsement have originated the inclosed petition they should be admonished of the extreme impropriety of their conduct.

E. L. HUGGINS,  
*Lieutenant-Colonel Third Cavalry, Commanding.*

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT OF  
 NORTHERN LUZON, VIGAN, ILOCOS SUR, P. I.,  
*June 12, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the commanding officer, Ilocos Sur, to be referred to Captain Green and Lieutenant Ward for remark.

By command of Brigadier-General Ballance:

D. E. NOLAN,  
*First Lieutenant, Thirteenth Infantry,  
 Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Sixth indorsement.]

VIGAN, SOUTH ILOCOS, LUZON, P. I.,  
*June 13, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to Capt. J. F. Green, Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, through commanding officer, Santa Maria, P. I., for remark.

This paper will be referred by Captain Green to Lieut. J. W. Ward, Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, for remark, and by Lieutenant Ward returned through commanding officer Santa Maria to this office.

By order of Lieutenant-Colonel Huggins:

H. L. RIPLEY,  
*Captain and Adjutant Third Cavalry, Adjutant.*

[Seventh indorsement.]

SANTA MARIA, ILOCOS SUR, P. I.,  
*June 18, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to Capt. J. F. Green, Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. Volunteers.

H. P. KINGSBURY,  
*Major, Third Cavalry, Commanding.*

[Eighth indorsement.]

SANTA MARIA, ILOCOS SUR, P. I., *June 22, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to First Lieut. John W. Ward, Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, for remarks, as per sixth indorsement.

In the first place, these "petitions (unsigned)" are entirely the work of the natives of this section, who, hearing that Lieutenant Ward and myself were candidates for the positions named, met together and pre-

pared this petition, which was signed by the citizens of this place and the neighboring towns and by the Federal party. They presented them (signed) to us asking if we objected to them sending like petitions to friends in other towns, so that each town would be represented. They themselves wished to send delegates with the papers to see that they were properly signed. We said that we had no objections to them sending the papers to other towns, but we did not wish nor would we let them go to any expense of travel, messenger, or otherwise. So, when the two scouts from Cabugao were here we offered to send the papers by the scouts to one of the principal citizens of Cabugao, and they were given to the scouts to be so delivered. - The petition was not originated either by Lieutenant Ward or myself, nor did we see it until it had been written and was presented to us. In fact we stopped a native who was going to Candon and the towns south of that place, took the petitions from him, and told him not to go.

I respectfully call attention to the second indorsement, in which it was shown conclusively that the papers were not forwarded to any municipal or other officer, but to a citizen, and one would have a right in presuming that they were private until he made them public.

I can not see any reason or authority in Major Steever taking these papers and making a public and official matter of them (although there is no doubt, from the third indorsement, that they were presented to him), when from the second indorsement it is shown that they were intended for a citizen of the town; and it appears from his own indorsement that the presidente only asked his advice on the matter.

JOHN F. GREEN,  
*Captain, Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. Volunteers.*

[Ninth indorsement.]

Respectfully returned to the adjutant, Vigan, P. I., through the commanding officer, Sta. Maria, P. I.

I strongly indorse all the remarks of Captain Green in the eighth indorsement. We knew absolutely nothing of the petitions until they had been written and presented to us.

Further, I wish to resent the imputations that appear in this paper, and feel that some reparation should be made.

JOHN W. WARD,  
*First Lieutenant, Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. Volunteers.*

[Tenth indorsement.]

SANTA MARIA, P. I., *June 23, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded.

Señor Ronaldo Floresca, school-teacher, excellent character, informed me he, together with a few principales here, inaugurated the petitions, and he himself wrote them.

H. P. KINGSBURY,  
*Major, Third Cavalry, Commanding.*

[Eleventh indorsement.]

VIGAN, SOUTH ILOCOS, LUZON, P. I.,  
*June 27, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, first district, Department of Northern Luzon.

What is said in the ninth indorsement as to "imputations" probably refers to a remark in the fourth indorsement. Inasmuch as those who read the indorsement may also read the entire correspondence and form their own independent opinions, it is not believed that the indorsement will work to the injury of anyone.

If, however, the remark was hasty and unfounded, it is regretted, and is hereby withdrawn.

E. L. HUGGINS,  
*Lieutenant-Colonel Third Cavalry, Commanding.*

CARIGARA, *December 10, 1901.*

General SMITH, *Tacloban:*

The foreign merchants of Carigara having been informed that this military post is shortly to be removed, respectfully ask that you will order to be stationed in this town another detachment, no matter how small it may be, to inspire confidence and thus sustain good order, which for many reasons might be impossible without such detachment.

SMITH BELL & Co.  
 F. READ.  
 (And others.)

VILLA REAL, SAMAR, *January 20, 1902.*

The COMMANDING GENERAL:

The principals and other citizens of the pueblo of Villa Real most respectfully state that by the good and admirable qualities of the esteemed commanding officer at this station, Capt. Robert Alexander, Eleventh United States Infantry, who works truly for the pacification of the pueblo and this province, calling to them every moment to lead a law-abiding life, to which reason we attribute to him as the effect of his continued labors the immediate surrender of insurrectos from the mountains of Las Visitas, Talalora, Navatas, Tagacay, Olayan, Pongiharan, San Andres, Bangon, and Buaya, who, during the time of three former commanders and their soldiers refused to surrender to the North American authorities, were pursued by him day and night capturing and killing them and depriving them of their arms and equipments.

Considering the great benefits to this pueblo that followed the rapid pacification of the country we earnestly supplicate that in view of the foregoing that Capt. Robert Alexander be permitted to continue his valuable services to the pueblo for the complete pacification of the same and the prosperity of this province.

ELEGIO RICALVE, *Municipal Presidente.*  
 (And 65 others.)



MALIBAGO, ISLAND OF LEYTE, P. I., *July 1, 1901.*

SIR: At the instance of the municipal secretary the principales of this pueblo presented themselves to me to formulate their request that the military garrison of this place should be continued under the charge of Sergt. Jeremiah O'Keefe, band, Eleventh United States Infantry, because of the good treatment observed by him toward the natives of this pueblo, and to this request we, the undersigned, beg compliance.

JOSE LOPEZ,  
*Municipal Presidente.*  
(And the town officials.)

THE CIVIL GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE.

The presidente of the pueblo of Malibago, the municipal secretary and counselors, the lieutenants of barrios, and the principales, at a meeting held in the presidencia, commend the services of Sergeant O'Keefe in the management of the affairs of the pueblo while in charge of the detachment garrisoning the same. They beg that the sergeant be not relieved from duty here in view of his good conduct and the aid he has given in regulating the affairs of the pueblo.

MALIBAGO, *November 2, 1901.*

GUINAN, SAMAR, *December 15, 1901.*

SIR: We, the undersigned, presidente and municipal counselors of this pueblo, in the name of and representing the people thereof, respectfully state that a profound regret is being caused in the people in the notice that is beginning to spread concerning the departure of Company H, First United States Infantry, now stationed here.

We most earnestly beg you to suspend the transfer of this company and that it be permitted to remain in this pueblo. It is skilled in the military operations in these parts and has our entire confidence in being energetic and observing, and from the highest officer to the last private has so conducted itself as to merit our regard for their efforts and labors.

APOLINARIO MALABASAY.  
(And 21 others.)

THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF SAMAR AND LEYTE.

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*Tacloban, February 17, 1902.*

SIR: In reply to a telegram of the 10th instant from your office, I have the honor to transmit herewith certain petitions from various points in this brigade, praying for the retention of troops. There have been a few other petitions of a similar nature from points in the island of Leyte, but as they contained statements as to conditions existing in sundry parts of said island which is now under civil rule these petitions have invariably been referred to the civil governor, to the end that all information and aid in my power might be made available to him. These papers are therefore not now in my possession.

Owing to the haste indicated by your telegram, these papers are forwarded direct, to avoid the long delay usually resulting from forwarding through department headquarters.

Very respectfully,

J. H. SMITH,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. A., Commanding.*

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES.

BULACAN, *January 3, 1902.*

*To the United States Military Governor in the Philippines:*

Mr. Carlos Morelos, municipal president of Bulacan; Mr. Rosendo Sarmiento, president; Mr. Jacinto Ycasiano, Mr. Luis H. del Pilar, Mr. Juan Sepulvida Fernando, Mr. Ycasiano, and Mr. Julian H. del Pilar, for ourselves and in name of the town, before the general chief of United States Army in the Philippines, respectfully state:

That we heard a rumor that the American garrison stationed in this town is soon to be relieved. Ignorant of the reason for, and trusting in the liberality of the military chiefs that you represent, we allowed ourselves to make this petition, for many good reasons.

The provost-marshal, Day, has won the esteem of everybody by his fine qualities, the discipline which maintained among his command, that never allowed them to commit any acts against the sound moral and customs, and interpreted well the wishes of United States for the good of the islands.

He proceeded very nobly, so that we love him as a good father, and that if he go away will cause an emptiness that never can be filled in the society of Bulacan, because his military activity was and is the terror of a band of robbers who were around this vicinity, and we have tranquillity since he took charge of this military post.

His activity in the construction of seven bridges; public markets, one with iron roof and the other with mixed materials; embankments, and repair of the plaza of this town that the Spanish, being here many years, never made any repairs of this kind.

Taking this into consideration, we request of the United States general military chief that, in honor of all stated, our own will not be deprived of such a good and popular officer, loved by all habitants of Bulacan.

CARLOS MORELOS.  
(And 6 others.)

[Translation.]

BULACAN, *January 3, 1902.*

*To the United States military governor in the Philippines:*

The undersigned, members of the municipal council of Bulacan, state that they have heard a rumor that the American garrison stationed in their town is soon to be relieved, and desire to state that Provost-Marshal Day has won the esteem of everybody by his fine qualities, the discipline which he maintained among his command, his energetic work in pursuing evil doers, and his activity in the construction of seven bridges, embankments, and other public works.

The undersigned respectfully request that their loyal town be not deprived of such a good and popular officer.

CARLOS MORELOS, etc.

MALABON, RIZAL, *February 12.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, SECOND BRIGADE,  
*San Fernando, P. I.:*

Written petition from natives of Obando and Bulacan for retention of United States troops have been forwarded you in mail to-day. The insurrecto element put in by the Federal party is now in office under the civil government and would doubtless be glad to see troops withdrawn, but commanding officer of Santa Maria and former commanding officer, Polo, report that natives friendly to Americans have verbally expressed to them hope that American troops would not be withdrawn. The same sentiments have been expressed to me by prominent natives of Malabon, and I believe that sentiment generally on part of all native lovers of peace and good order, but they have not the initiative or courage to make formal petition.

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*Colonel Commanding Third Infantry.*

MALABON, RIZAL, *February 12.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, SECOND SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*San Fernando:*

Since report, this a. m., commanding officer, San Miguel, wires that some time in September or October last presidente, council, justice of peace, also Pablo Tecson, Fortunicio Buencannue and others, spoke to commanding officer of advisability of petitioning for retention of troops in San Miguel. He thinks one and probably two such petitions were forwarded but not through commanding officer.

PAGE,  
*Commanding Third Infantry.*

MARIVALES, BATAAN, *February 14.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, SECOND SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*San Fernando, Pampanga:*

At Corregidor, P. I., November, 1899, natives made verbal request to me that I make written request for retention of officers and men of Company I, Thirteenth Infantry, at that station. Dagupan, November, 1900, written request by presidente and council was made to brigade commander for retention of officers and men of Company I, Thirteenth Infantry. At Dagupan, Balungao, and Asingan, P. I., protests were made by presidente at the time troops were removed from these towns. The people of Asingan and Balungao who had been friendly to Americans feared assassination by ladrones.

BUCK,  
*Captain Commanding Thirteenth Infantry.*

IBA, ZAMBALES, *February 12, 1902.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, SECOND SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*San Fernando, Pampanga:*

Compliance with wire your office yesterday I report that no petitions are on file at any station of the regiment for retention of troops.

At time San Fernando, Zamb., was abandoned by native troops (Eighteenth Company Ilocanos), the governor of province made verbal request to me that troops would be sent to occupy that station.

BRUSH,  
*Major Commanding Twenty-fifth Infantry.*

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SAN JOSE, N. E., *February 11.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL SECOND SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*San Fernando:*

About two months ago there was a rumor that this station would be abandoned by American troops, and the presidente and secretary came to me and stated that they desired to put in a petition to retain American troops here, and I told them to prepare petitions and I would forward, but this petition was never forwarded. The presidente and secretary have been to see me again to-day, and stated that the presidente and all the town officials desired to forward a petition for the retention of American troops here.

NELSON,  
*Captain, Commanding Company G, Twenty-fourth Infantry.*

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CABANATUAN, N. E., *February 11.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL SECOND SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*San Fernando:*

Referring to your telegram even date, presidente Aliaga, N. E., at request of citizens of that pueblo, petitioned by telegram, December 30, 1901, to brigade headquarters for retention at that place of Twenty-second Company Native Scouts (Ilocanos). This petition was sent direct to petitioners, no record of petitions having been received at this station for retention of any command.

KENNEDY,  
*Lieutenant, Commanding Twenty-second Company  
Native Scouts (Ilocanos).*

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HEADQUARTERS TWELFTH U. S. INFANTRY,  
*Tarlac, Tarlac Province, P. I., February 12, 1902.*

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL SECOND SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*Department of North Philippines.*

SIR: In reply to your wire of yesterday, I have the honor to state that the only stations vacated during the past year in the district occupied by the Twelfth Infantry were Capas, La Paz, O'Donnell, Concepcion, and Murcia, Tarlac Province. No formal applications in writing for the retention of troops at these stations were received, but in each case strong verbal appeals were made by the presidentes to have the troops remain. The municipal officers were assured that frequent patrols would be made, and that in case of any local disorder or annoyance by ladrones prompt assistance would be rendered by the military.

No report of misconduct of troops toward natives has been made in

the district occupied by this regiment. On the contrary, I believe that the natives, especially the common classes, regard the military as their best friends in this country.

Very respectfully,

JNO. W. BUBB,  
*Colonel Twelfth Infantry, Commanding.*

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HEADQUARTERS TWENTY-FIFTH INFANTRY,  
*Iba, Zambales, P. I., February 13, 1902.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, SECOND SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I.*

SIR: The following telegram received from Commanding Officer Dasol, Zambales, P. I.:

SAN ISIDRO, ZAMBALES, P. I.,  
*February 12, 1902.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, SECOND SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*San Fernando, Pampanga, P. I.*

(Through Adjutant Iba.)

Ask authority to move troops 3 miles south of Dasol. Natives desire to move away from Dasol entirely on the ground that it is very unhealthy and is 3 miles up a river which can not be entered by large boats. Change of site is about 3 miles south of Dasol, right on the sea near the main road to Santa Cruz. There is a good view of entire harbor. Should garrison remain at Dasol, necessary to spend much money on convent. Quartermaster can not make repairs on church buildings. Question should be decided by wire. Natives otherwise will not have time to begin barracks before planting season begins.

Garrison at Dasol now have no way of knowing whether suspicious vessels are in the bay. Natives have offered to build barracks for troops if detachment will move there. Move need not be made unless barracks are suitable. Steamers can get near the new site and would save 3-mile trip up river, which is what causes delay at Dasol. Dasol is commercially such a poor situation that very few people still remain here.

BATES, Lieutenant.

Approved.

BUSH, Captain, Commanding First Battalion.

The above recommendation is approved if Dasol is to be garrisoned for any considerable length of time. Attention is invited to statement above that barracks will be constructed by natives.

Very respectfully,

DANIEL H. BRUSH,  
*Major Twenty-fifth Infantry, Commanding Regiment.*

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[Translation.]

Colonel PAGE,  
*Commanding Third U. S. Infantry, Malabon:*

The undersigned presidente, headmen, and members of the Federal party of Obando, Bulacan, P. I., have heard it rumored that the detachment of American troops stationed in this town and Polo are to be withdrawn by orders of the military authorities of the United States Government of these islands.

If this rumor is true the town will go back to its former state. The town of Obando is not in condition to be left without United States troops and left to a very small body of police, armed only with revolvers that were turned over for their use by the captain of Polo.

If these (the United States troops) are withdrawn from here we all ask to be relieved from our duties.

We beseech you to inform the authorities about this and to consider this and for the good of this town to do what you can to have the troops retained here until the police are organized completely.

OBANDO, *August 13, 1901.*

(Signed by the presidente, officers of the Federal party, and municipal officials.)

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MANILA, P. I., *January 7, 1901.*

Major-General BATES,

*Commanding Department of Southern Luzon:*

The subscribers, the alcalde and municipal counselors of the pueblo of Pateros, province of Manila, most respectfully state—

That it has come to our knowledge that the company stationed at Taguig, commanded by Captain Parke, will be relieved during this week to be stationed in another pueblo, we most respectfully supplicate that if convenient the order referred to be suspended, not only because of its being of disadvantage to the inhabitants, but also that Captain Parke is very kind to the people and knows them very well.

NAZARIO TAASON.  
(And 9 others.)

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TAGUIG, *January 7, 1901.*

Major-General BATES:

The municipal council of the pueblo of Taguig, province of Manila, composed of the alcalde and the other counselors, whose names are subscribed below, most respectfully state that we have observed the good procedure toward the pueblo of Captain Parke, the commanding officer of this place, as well as that of all his company, which has tended to preserve and increase the tranquillity and good order that is to-day observed in this locality, for the said officer by the good use of his authority has obtained the desire of all the people for a tranquil and peaceful life and the extinguishment of nefarious and improper conduct. Having heard that the company has received orders to move from this locality to another point, out of our regard for Captain Parke we beg that you will be pleased to permit them to remain here.

FELICIANO PAGE, *Alcalde.*  
(And 9 others.)

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SAN ANTONIO, LAGUNA PROVINCE, P. I.,  
*January 18, 1902.*

SIR: The undersigned, the municipal president, and members of the council of this town of San Antonio (Laguna, P. I.), in the name of the people of this town respectfully state: That knowing by indication of Capt. Charles Crawford, and his officers of the Twentieth Infantry, commanding troops in Paete, P. I., and the adjoining districts, they will leave within the present month for United States or as soon as other troops arrive here to relieve them. They will thus leave this



and the other well-governed towns which the military so peacefully govern by means of their just qualities, for which this province of Laguna, since the surrender of General Cailles, has observed a remarkable tranquillity due to upright judgment and good ideas of these officers. Therefore we are very sorry for the departure of said officials. The people of this town want to atone their pacificators and worthy heroes of the United States Government. We express it in this manner as a protest, because their means of government and protection have been very satisfactory and worthy of mention, as also their predecessors. To you we respectfully supplicate that if possible these officers remain and continue their officials. Hoping our application will receive favorable consideration, we are,

Very respectfully,

FAUSTINO LABRADER, *Presidente*,  
(And number of others.)

Gen. J. F. BELL,  
*Batangas Province, P. I.*

ORANI, *March 6, 1901.*

MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THE PHILIPPINES:

We, the principal citizens and residents of Orani (Bataan), having received notice of the near departure of Maj. Robert E. Spence for America, express our deepest regret upon hearing this sad news. Mentioned officer has been a loyal mediator between his superior authorities and ourselves, always zealous and tireless in the discharge of his duties as a soldier, which he knew how to amalgamate with a policy of attraction, as a result of which we live now in a tranquillity which is, if not the envy, the golden dream of the neighborly towns.

He is at the same time just and kind, serious and amiable, and for these qualities, which are so seldom to be found in the same person, we, the people of Orani, respect and appreciate him, regarding him as our zealous commander as well as our kind father and loyal friend.

We should be extremely grieved if our heartfelt desire to have the Major stay with us could not be realized, and as your Government could not allow this town to be so cruelly disappointed, we beg your excellency to consider this petition, a grace which we do not doubt to obtain.

God grant you many years.

ALEJANDRO VIANZON.  
PEDRO SALAVERIA, *Priest.*

ORANI, *March 7, 1901.*

SIR: Subscribed female residents of Orani, Bataan, have the honor to state the following:

Being informed that Maj. Robert E. Spence, of the Thirty-second Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, has to leave this town before long, we wish to express our deepest regret to your excellency, because during the time said officer was stationed in our town, his conduct has been brilliant and irreproachable. He has been an excellent officer, and has been a true and just judge of all who violated the established laws.

Nobody has any blame for this brave champion of our country, who always did his duty as a soldier. Since he arrived here, he has freed the posts under his command of all suspicious characters, and all the robbers have disappeared, also the insurgents who fled to the mountains of this province. Our town is at present completely quiet and peaceful, thanks to the wise administration of said officer.

We therefore request that Major Spence be stationed permanently in this town, or, if this be impossible, in these islands.

This is a favor which we do not doubt to obtain from your excellency, whom God may grant many years for the best of his servants.

ESPERANZA TONGOO.

(And 38 signatures of others.)

MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THESE ISLANDS.

PUEBLO OF LOBOO, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, P. I.,

August 15, 1901.

The COMMANDING OFFICER, *Batangas, P. I.*:

The undersigned, members of the municipal committee, the parish priest, and other inhabitants of the same pueblo, with greatest consideration and respect present to you and say:

That as peaceful inhabitants and lovers of complete tranquillity, not only of this pueblo, but of all the Philippine Archipelago, we most earnestly pray that you will be pleased to remain permanently in this pueblo, the present garrison, for because of them we enjoy this tranquillity.

PABLO DIZON,  
*Parish Priest.*  
(And 10 others).

[First indorsement.]

LOBOO, BATANGAS PROVINCE, P. I.,

August 16, 1901.

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant, Batangas, Batangas Province, P. I.

Approved and recommending that the within request be granted if possible, and if the exigencies of the service will permit, I believe it to the interest of the service that this pueblo be organized under the provisions of the civil government, and if this is done (and a permit has been granted to that effect) I believe those who declare their intentions publicly to be loyal to the United States Government and accept office under the same should be protected. If troops are withdrawn from this pueblo before the cessation of hostilities those natives who have in any way been connected with the new civil government will have to leave their houses (homes) and seek protection in towns occupied by troops or be left to the mercy of the insurgents. I believe the institution of civil government in this pueblo is a move in the right direction, and in absence of further instructions believe it my duty to assist the same in every way.

W. A. CAVANAUGH,  
*First Lieutenant, Twentieth Infantry, Commanding.*

[Telegram.]

VIRAC, CATANDUANES, *December 26, 1901.*

The MILITARY GOVERNOR,  
*Manila, Luzon, P. I.*

SIR: We, the undersigned property owners and merchants of this island, have the honor to request that the garrison withdrawn from here be returned or replaced by another, however small, for the following reasons: First, while the natives who are residents here are and always have been peaceably inclined, there is an outside element from neighboring islands that we believe but wait the opportunity to stir up strife; second, that in case of necessity we would be able to protect our lives and perhaps our property in our immediate vicinity. Our interests are so varied and scattered that it would be impossible to guard them all. Third, that being in the vicinity of provinces where the insurgents are active, it would be possible for escaping bands to come here and by a show of forces incite the natives to deeds of violence. All of this would be obviated by a small garrison, the moral effect being all that is necessary to assure quiet to this island. Fourth, the fact of our being without direct communications with any military post except by boat requiring from five to six days to send and receive a reply to a message is another reason for our point.

Very respectfully,

WALTER GILLIAN.  
W. B. ADAMS.  
BENJAMIN CAMACHO.  
JULIAN PASCUA.  
AGUSTI PASTOR.  
FELISFERO QUINTANA.  
JUAN MESA.  
GIL HERMANOS.  
J. ALEJANDRO.  
MANUEL CANAS.  
E. MOLINA.  
ANTONIO VALENCIA.  
FEDENES PEROUN.  
THOMAS T. PAGE.  
EDWIN BURKE.

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[Translation.]

ZAMBOANGA, *April 26, 1900.*

The MAJOR-GENERAL,  
*First Delegate of the American Government on the Archipelago:*

The mayors, justices of the peace, persons of signification, and land-owners of this province by themselves and representation of the towns administered by them, to you, with the greatest submission and respect, expose: That having had notice that the colonel military governor of this town has been relieved by the commander of troops of occupation of the office so honorably fulfilled by him, and in view of his worthy behavior toward the people because of the works done by him in so short a space of time, as well as because of his affable and familiar manners, we humbly request of you to deign reorder him back to this town to take charge again of the office he was so efficaciously fulfilling.

Grace which we do not doubt to reach of the magnanimous heart of you whose life may God keep many years for the good of America and this archipelago.

I. MIDEL, *Presidente*.  
DATO MANDI.

(And the 4 mayors, the 4 justices of the peace, 50 principals.)

MAY 22, 1900.

The COMMANDING GENERAL,  
*Department of Mindanao and Jolo,*  
*Zamboanga, Mindanao, P. I.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the petitions forwarded by indorsement from your headquarters the 2d instance, and request that you inform the petitioners to the effect that upon the completion of certain necessary investigations now being made it is very probable that Colonel Pettit will return to his station at Zamboanga.

Very respectfully,

M. BARBER,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTE OF THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THIS PROVINCE,  
*Zamboanga, April 26, 1900.*

I have the honor of including herein the petition the mayors, justices of the peace, persons of signification, and land owners elevate to the major-general, first delegate on this archipelago, requesting said major-general to order back here the colonel military governor of this town who, on this day, has embarked for Manila.

May God keep you many years.

I. MIDEL, *President*.

The MILITARY GOVERNOR OF THIS TOWN.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MINDANAO AND JOLO,  
*Zamboanga, P. I., May 2, 1900.*

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant-general, Division of the Philippines. I concur with petitioners that Colonel Pettit's return to this station as commanding officer of the district is desirable.

W. A. KOBBE,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. Volunteers, Commanding.*

*To His Excellency the Captain-General of these Islands:*

We, the undersigned, principal citizens of Noveleta (Cavite), respectfully state the following:

From reliable sources we have learned that Lieut. J. S. Hutton, the officer in command of the garrison at Noveleta, has been ordered

by his superiors to proceed to another station. If this notice is true we regret it very much for the following reasons:

Since the lieutenant took charge of this place we have observed the value of his services as a good soldier and for the best for the town; the thieves and bad people have disappeared, no troubles with bad people have occurred; the citizens always offer their cooperation for the apprehension of insurgents immediately after such are noticed in the vicinity of the town; almost all the inhabitants have demonstrated their desire for peace by a sworn written declaration. Several officers and soldiers of the insurgent guerrillas also surrendered, promising to live peaceably and recognize the beautiful flag of the United States, also to invite the other insurgents to do likewise.

The above-mentioned lieutenant never had the least trouble with the town, and is a model to the other commanders who preceded him here, and in order that the town may continue to improve in peace, that the people may live unmolested by bandits, and that the insurgents may be exterminated, we ask of your justice, without wishing to to be disrespectful or to interfere with military dispositions, that the above-mentioned lieutenant may be allowed to continue to exercise his functions as commanding officer of this place a few months longer.

The favor we do not doubt to obtain from the justice of your excellency, whom God grant many years.

This petition was made out in duplicate, the colonel in command of the battalion having received the other copy.

MARIANO ALVAREZ.  
(And 39 others.)

NOVELETA, *January 24, 1901.*

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HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., June 28, 1901.*

The COMMANDER IN CHIEF,  
*U. S. Naval Force on Asiatic Station, Cavite, P. I.*

SIR: Referring to communication from the citizens of Moron, province of Bataan, dated June 10, 1901, forwarded to these headquarters by your indorsement of June 15, 1901, relative to the condition of roads at that point and the establishment of a garrison there, the recommendations of Major Waller, commanding Olongapo district, were referred to the commanding general, Department of Northern Luzon, and, after consideration, the conclusion is reached that it is not expedient at the present time to withdraw any additional territory from the control of the department commander to be placed under the control of the commanding officer of Olongapo district.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR MACARTHUR,  
*Major-General, U. S. A., Commanding.*

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*The honorable American Civil Commission:*

We, the undersigned, leading citizens of the city of Moron, province of Bataan, respectfully present this to you, saying that in consequence of the fortunes of war we find ourselves in the town of Olongapo, in this province, in which station we have taken the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States of North America before Capt. H. L. Draper, at the arsenal of the aforesaid town.



Since then we have resided in these parts in the same condition—for three long months without resources of any kind—and have been obliged to abandon all our interests, which are: Rice fields, domestic animals, and timber cut for commercial purposes, as well as all the other occupations pertaining to us.

Now, honorable commissioners, is the time for agriculture work, and our fields will remain without produce this year, which would be a fatal calamity to hang over a vicinity which numbers about 4,000 souls.

We, the residents of Moron, live on the produce of our fields, which amount to a little more or less than 300 homesteads, and from the sale of timber, which we send to the capital, Manila; but to-day the exploitation of both of these products is completely paralyzed.

Many of the citizens of our town, desiring to work, had proceeded to return to the town with the exclusive object of working their fields, obliged to do so by the necessities of life, but, unhappily, they were abused by American soldiers and Macabebes stationed in the province of Bataan, who, after seizing and destroying their oaths of allegiance, shot one of the unfortunates, took possession of their carabaos, and, astly, robbed them of their effects and burned the houses in which their families dwelt.

The distance from Moron to Olongapo requires three days over a oad road, but by coasting the seashore it is simply three hours. On the other hand, to the neighboring city of Balanga, the principal town of the province with the exception of Bagao, it is necessary to journey an entire day, and that, too, among mountains.

By this exposition the honorable Commissioners will be able to appreciate the bitter misfortunes that we suffer. We live at the mercy of the present conditions, without homes, without interests, and only have life, which will be desperation if your authority will not give the necessary remedy for the evil destinies of our city.

But we petition expressly for a military detachment which will guarantee our lives, interests, and peace, in order that our agriculture may profit somewhat in the present year toward the repair of the immense damage caused by the war. Having observed the honor of the American marines stationed at Olongapo, and knowing the friendship which the people of Moron have for Capt. H. L. Draper, who has acted toward us with fidelity, we prefer that a military detachment of this distinguished corps be stationed in our city of Moron.

Never doubting your benevolence, we close our prayer, knowing that you will not omit to attend our humble petition, which is of justice and for which we implore indulgence.

Olongapo, June 10, 1901.

Very humbly,

FRANCISCO PAGINO.

(And a number of others.)

[Third indorsement.]

OFFICE MILITARY GOVERNOR IN THE PHILIPPINES,

*Manila, P. I., June 17, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the adjutant-general, Division of the Philippines.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

M. BIBBLE FOSTER,

*Major, Twenty-eighth Infantry, U. S. Volunteers,*

*Assistant Secretary.*



[Indorsement.]

Approved and respectfully forwarded to the military governor, with the request that Colonel Waller's recommendation be complied with.

F. M. RODGERS,  
Rear-Admiral, U. S. N.,  
Commander in Chief U. S. Naval Force on Asiatic Station.

[Indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST BATTALION,  
FIRST UNITED STATES MARINES,  
Olongapo, P. I., June 12, 1901.

Respectfully forwarded to the rear-admiral, commander in chief United States naval force on Asiatic Station.

1. In forwarding the inclosed petition I am aware that the district mentioned is outside of the district under my command. At the same time, for the purpose of control of this station and its approaches, it would seem advisable that the district mentioned or that portion of it specified in the petition should be surrendered to the naval authorities for the better protection of this station and its approaches.

2. As far as the detachment of the necessary number of marines for the proper protection of the people is concerned, it may be done without in any way interfering with the work at this post or Subig.

3. The petitioners seem to desire, and I gather this from conversation with them, as well as the petition itself, that Captain Draper be placed over them as civil governor, not only of the additional, but of this district also.

In this respect I can say that my short experience here has proved to me that the work done by Captain Draper has been excellent. It would seem, therefore, consistent with the best ideas of good government that he should be so appointed.

4. If, however, it should be deemed desirable to have the additional territory ceded to us and for me to remain in command of this the present and the additional territory ceded to us I shall, under the rear-admiral commander in chief's approval, have Captain Draper in charge of the government of this part of the province.

5. There are at present in the town of Olongapo natives of Moron in number about 700 men without employment.

6. In regard to the expense necessary to transport troops and furnish quarters for them at this season it would, estimated cost, be about \$2,000 Mexican. While this expense is a little more at this season than during the dry, it is my belief that it will be necessary to feed these people who now petition the governor-general and Civil Commission, through the rear-admiral commander in chief, if they are not so moved and protection given them.

LITTLETON W. T. WALLER,  
Major and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, U. S. M. C.,  
Commanding District.

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
Manila, P. I., June 21, 1901.

Respectfully referred to the commanding general Department of Northern Luzon to know if there are any objections to carrying out, temporarily, the recommendation of the commanding officer at Olon-

gapo in the premises. If not it is desired to authorize it without formal order, with the understanding that the marine authorities will not call upon the military for any assistance in carrying it into effect.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Fifth indorsement]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, June 24, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general Division of the Philippines.

In the within petition it is asserted that certain outrages have been committed by troops of this department, including Macabebe native scouts, upon the natives of Bataan. Allegations of this nature coming from Zambales have recently been the subject of investigation and found to be erroneous. All restrictions upon the cultivation of land and the prosecution of the lumber and wood traffic in Bataan and Zambales have been removed. There is no reason why the natives should not go about their proper avocations. In my opinion the people in the vicinity of the west coast of Bataan should not be allowed to become a burden through charity, nor do they need any protection from the operations of the troops of this department while they continue to be peaceful.

There is no objection to the temporary occupation of Moron by a detachment of the Marine Corps. Further than this the recommendations contained in indorsement from headquarters First Battalion, First United States Marines, are not concurred in.

LOYD WHEATON,  
*Major-General, Commanding.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*July 30, 1901.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL DIVISION:

Respectfully repeat the following from the provincial governor of Tayabas requesting reference to the civil governor, as Tayabas is a fully organized province.

ATIMONAN, *July 26, 1901.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL, *Santa Ana:*

Am holding a municipal election on Alabat Island on the 30th of this month. There are no insurgents on this island, but a large number of robbers. People have no guns to protect themselves and are in constant danger from robbers, who torture and kill well-disposed persons. I request that until civil government can arm municipal and provincial police a detachment of 25 men be sent to Alabat. The population of the island is about 2,000. There are 116 men at Mauban garrison.

GARDENER, *Governor.*

WADE,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., July 30, 1901.*

Respectfully transmitted to the Hon. W. H. Taft, civil governor of the Philippine Islands, for his information and recommendations.

ADNA R. CHAFFEE,  
*Major-General, U. S. A., Commanding.*

[Second indorsement.]

OFFICE OF THE CIVIL GOVERNOR  
OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,  
*Manila, P. I., August 10, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, U. S. A., Commanding General Division of the Philippines, recommending that if public interest permit the application of the provincial governor of Tayabas be granted.

WM. H. TAFT, *Civil Governor.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., August 15, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the Commanding General, Department of Southern Luzon, Manila, P. I.

By command of Major-General Chaffee:

J. T. KERR,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., August 20, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to commanding general, first district, for remark.

By command of Brigadier-General Wade:

ARTHUR L. WAGNER,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Santa Ana, Manila Province, P. I., August 22, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, Department of Southern Luzon.

A detachment can be sent from Mauban if necessary. I do not approve separating troops into small detachments if it can be avoided.

S. S. SUMNER,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. A., Commanding.*

[Sixth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., August 26, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the commanding general, first district, Santa Ana.

In view of the request of the civil governor, a detachment of 15 or 20 men will be sent to the island of Alabat; though the views of the district commander in regard to separating troops into small detachments are concurred in.

By command of Brigadier-General Wade:

ARTHUR L. WAGNER,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Seventh indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Santa Ana, Rizal Province, P. I., August 27, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, Department of Southern Luzon.

Commanding officer, Mauban, Tayabas, has been directed to send a detachment of 15 men to garrison Alabat.

S. S. SUMNER,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. A., Commanding.*

[Eighth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., August 30, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, Division of the Philippines, inviting attention to the sixth and seventh indorsements.

J. F. WADE,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. A., Commanding.*

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SAN PABLO, P. I., LAGUNA PROVINCE,  
*September 15, 1900.*

Volentin Espinosa and others, citizens of San Pablo, petition for retention of Major Langhorne's battalion, Thirty-ninth Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, at that station.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., September 22, 1900.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, Department of Southern Luzon, Manila, P. I.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

HENRY A. BARBER,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., September 26, 1900.*

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant-General, Division of the Philippines. The good and efficient work done by Major Langhorne and his battalion at San Pablo, and the kindly relations existing between them and the inhabitants would make his retention there a matter for consideration if it were not for the poor health of his command, which makes it more imperative, and it is for this reason that the change is to be made.

JOHN C. BATES.  
*Major-General, U. S. Volunteers.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., October 1, 1900.*

Respectfully returned to the presidente of San Pablo, Laguna, Luzon, inviting attention to second indorsement.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR,  
*Pangasinan Province, Lingayen, P. I., October 24, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to put before your superior authority for your high consideration the inclosed application from the presidente and council of the municipality of San Quentin, of this province, requesting the retention in the said municipality of the present detachment now stationed there, as they have learned of the impending transfer of the same to another place.

Very respectfully,

P. SISON,  
*Provincial Governor.*

The COMMANDING GENERAL,  
*Department of Northern Luzon, Manila, P. I.*

[Translation.]

Letter of request (signed by the presidente and nine others) for the retention of the present garrison at San Quentin. In Spanish, with English translation.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., October 30, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, Third district, Dagupan, P. I., for remark.

By command of Major-General Wheaton:

JOHN GREEN BALLANCE,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*Dagupan, P. I., November 4, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding officer, Humingan, for remark and recommendation.

By command of Brigadier-General Bell:

S. L. FAISON,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Third indorsement.]

OFFICE OF FIELD OFFICER COMMANDING  
 COMPANIES OF TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY,  
 FIRST SEPARATE BRIGADE, DEPT. OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Humingan, P. I., November 9, 1901.*

Respectfully returned.

The garrison of San Quentin, Company F, Twenty-Fourth Infantry, was withdrawn October 25, being greatly needed at Penaranda. A detachment of 1 noncommissioned officer and 5 men amply sufficient at this town, after Company E has finished its target practice at the range established there. San Quentin lies between Humingan and Tayug, each about 5 miles distant, with communication by telephone with Tayug, and escorts passing through daily. Captain Batchelor, referred to, was there but a few days in all.

A. C. MARKLEY,  
*Lieutenant-Colonel Twenty-Fourth Infantry.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*Dagupan, P. I., November 18, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the Adjutant-General, Department of Northern Luzon, attention invited to the preceding indorsement, which is fully concurred in.

J. F. BELL,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., November 20, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded to the adjutant-general Division of the Philippines, for the information of the division commander. San Quentin will be cared for in the manner set forth in the third indorsement hereon.

LOYD WHEATON,  
*Major-General, Commanding.*

[Sixth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., November 25, 1901.*

Respectfully returned through headquarters Department of Northern Luzon, Manila, P. I., to the provincial governor of Pangasinan, inviting attention to third indorsement.

By command of Major-General Chaffee:

J. T. KERR,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*



[Translation.]

LUBAO, *February 2, 1900.*

SIR: The local president, the vice-president, and the municipal secretary, for themselves and as representatives of the people of the town of Lubao, Pampanga, undersigned, respectfully state that the people of the town and barrios, upon which there are a great many woods and mango swamps, and which are contiguous to the provinces of Bataan and Bulacan, are constantly in a state of alarm, lest robbers may enter the town, as occurred on the 6th of January last, as we suppose your excellency is aware. So that they may enjoy complete tranquillity, they have decided to appeal to your excellency begging that the town be provided with a garrison, we, the undersigned, promising to assist in every possible way with all loyalty.

God guard you many years.

JULIAN VITUG.  
(And 2 others.)

The GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THESE ISLANDS.

Address: Care of the president of Guagua, province of Pampanga.

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE MILITARY GOVERNOR IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., February 6, 1900.*

Respectfully referred to Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, commanding Second Division, Eighth Army Corps, Beautista, P. I., for such action as the conditions may in his judgment require.

This paper to be returned with report of action.

By command of Major-General Otis:

H. A. GREENE,  
*Captain, Twentieth Infantry,*  
*Aid-de-Camp, Assistant Secretary.*

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION, EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,  
*Beautista, P. I., February 8, 1900.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general Second Brigade, with a view to a recommendation in the premises and a discussion of the possibility of rearranging troops in the Second Brigade so as to place a small garrison in Lubao.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

BENJAMIN ALVORD,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS SECOND BRIGADE,  
SECOND DIVISION, EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,  
*Angeles, P. I., February 10, 1900.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general Second Division.

I have directed the commanding officer at Guagua to send a detachment of 25 men to Lubao, making it a subpost of Guagua. Within ten days it is my intention to recommend the withdrawal of the com-

pany of the Thirty-second now at Porac (making Porac a subpost of Angeles), to be sent to Guagua or Lubao, for the occupation, in connection with company now at Gugua, of that place, Lubao, and Sexmon, and for work against the ladrones believed to be in the swamps. Just now the companies in Florida Blanca, Porac, and Mabalacat have large detachments out in the mountains to close up all known trails coming from Zambales during the time of the combined operations there of General Bell, Lieutenant-Colonel Wilder, and the Twenty-fifth Infantry. When that work is finished the change above noted can be made. When Wilder has returned from his scout through Bataan an effort should be made to have a combined movement on all sides of the delta of the Rio Grande against the ladrones.

F. D. GRANT,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. Volunteers, Commanding.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION, EIGHTH ARMY CORPS,  
*Beautista, P. I., February 12, 1900.*

Respectfully returned to the secretary of the military governor in the Philippines, inviting attention to preceding indorsement.

The arrangement proposed by General Grant will at the proper time be approved and carried out. Meantime the detachment of 25 men in Lubao seems to be sufficient.

ARTHUR MACARTHUR,  
*Major-General, U. S. Volunteers, Commanding.*

A true copy of the records of this office.

J. F. KERR,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

LUBAO, P. I., *June 9, 1901.*

Inhabitants of Lubao, Pampanga Province, P. I., make petition to have permanent garrison at their pueblo.

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF PAMPANGA PROVINCE,  
*Bacolor, P. I., June 10, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the secretary to the military governor of the Philippine Islands, Manila, P. I.

JOVEN,  
*Governor Pampanga Province.*

[Second indorsement.]

OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR,  
*Manila, P. I., June 12, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the adjutant-general, Division of the Philippines, Manila, P. I.

JOHN BIDDLE PORTER,  
*Major, Twenty-eighth Infantry, U. S. Volunteers,*  
*Assistant Secretary.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., June 14, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, Department of Northern Luzon.

By command of Major-General MacArthur.

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., June 16, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, fourth district, San Fernando, Pampanga, for his discretionary action. It is desirable that the number of stations occupied by troops be decreased when practicable, in place of further extension.

By command of Major-General Wheaton:

BENJAMIN ALVORD,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*San Fernando, P. I., June 17, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, Department of Northern Luzon. This matter has been adjusted by steps being taken to increase the number of arms for the police at Lubao, and in an interview with the presidente of that town he expressed himself as satisfied with that arrangement. It is not deemed desirable or necessary to regarrison Lubao.

FREDERICK FUNSTON,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[Sixth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., June 19, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general Division of the Philippines, and attention invited to fifth indorsement hereon, from which it appears that a satisfactory arrangement has been made for the protection of the natives of Lubao.

LOYD WHEATON,  
*Major-General Commanding.*

[Seventh indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., June 21, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the secretary to the United States military governor in the Philippine Islands, inviting attention to the fifth and sixth indorsements.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

A true copy of the records of this office.

J. T. KERR,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Telegrams.]

MASBATE, P. I., *September 30, 1901.*

Gen. ADNA R. CHAFFEE,  
*Military Governor of the Philippine Islands,*  
*Manila, P. I.:*

In the name of the provincial and municipal officers of this province, and also the entire population, I urgently petition you that Contract Surg. George R. Clayton be ordered to remain here after the departure of Companies G and M, Second Infantry. There is much sickness here, and as the doctor is well liked and desires himself to remain, I sincerely trust that this request will meet with your approval.

BONIFACIO SERRANO,  
*Provincial Governor.*

MASBATE, P. I., *September 30, 1901.*GENERAL GOVERNADOR MILITARY, *Manila:*

The people of this town petition that Dr. George R. Clayton be left here upon the change of the troops at this station. His staying is a great benefit to the town.

GASPAR ZURVITE,  
*Municipal Presidente.*

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., October 7, 1901.*

COMMANDING GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON:

Provincial-Governor Masbate urgently petitions that Contract Surg. George R. Clayton remain after departure of Companies G and M, Second Infantry. Division commander desires to know what troops are to remain at Masbate.

J. T. KERR,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., October 7, 1901.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I.:*

Referring to your telegram of 8.55 a. m., this date, Companies B and D, Thirtieth Infantry, remain at Masbate.

WADE,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., October 9, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general Department of Southern Luzon, Manila, P. I.

By command of Major-General Chaffee:

J. R. LINDSEY,  
*Captain, Fifteenth Cavalry, Aid-de-Camp,*  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Second indorsement.]

To the chief surgeon.

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SURGEON,  
*Manila, P. I., October 15, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general Department of Southern Luzon.

So far as known to this office there is no intention or present necessity for disturbing Contract Surg. G. R. Clayton, U. S. A., at his present station, Masbate.

P. F. HARVEY,  
*Chief Surgeon.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., October 18, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, Division of the Philippines, inviting attention to the third indorsement.

J. F. WADE,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., October 19, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the officer in charge of the office of civil affairs, these headquarters, requesting that these papers be returned to the provincial governor, Masbate. Attention invited to the third indorsement.

By command of Major-General Chaffee:

J. R. LINDSEY,  
*Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MASBATE,  
*Masbate, P. I., October 1, 1901.*

Gen. ADNA R. CHAFFEE,  
*Military Governor:*

I have the honor to inclose herewith duplicate of the telegram sent by me to you yesterday, which I earnestly hope will meet with your approval.

BONIFICIO SERRANO,  
*Provincial Governor.*

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., October 18, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, Department of Southern Luzon, Manila, P. I.

By command of Major-General Chaffee:

J. R. LINDSEY,  
*Captain, Fifteenth Cavalry, Aid-de-Camp,*  
*Acting Assistant Adjutant-General.*

MANILA, P. I., *May 24, 1901.*

The MILITARY SECRETARY, *Manila, P. I.*

SIR: The people of Barcelona, on Alabat Island, and the people of Calinag, a pueblo east of Sopee, have on several occasions asked for garrisons of United States troops. These pueblos have also asked to have municipal governments established.

Barcelona is a shipping place for copra and hemp of considerable importance, and is nearly opposite Mauban and about 8 miles distant. In my opinion a garrison of twenty men would be ample, which could probably be furnished by the company of Fifteenth Infantry at Mauban.

Very respectfully,

CORNELIUS GARDENER,  
*Major, Thirteenth Infantry,*  
*Governor of Tayabas.*

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR,  
*Manila, P. I., May 24, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the adjutant-general Division of the Philippines.

WILLIAM G. HAAN,  
*Captain, Artillery Corps, Assistant Secretary.*

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., May 28, 1901,*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general Detachment of Southern Luzon.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., June 4, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general first district, Santa Ana, Manila.

By command of Brigadier-General Wade:

ARTHUR L. WAGNER,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Santa Ana, Manila, P. I., June 6, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, Department of Southern Luzon.

It is not thought advisable to reduce the garrison which is at Mauban, which is detached from other troops and is not in telegraphic communication. Moreover, I do not approve of sending a detachment to an island at present where it can not be promptly supported until the surrender or capture of Cailles and his command.

S. S. SUMNER,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*



[Fifth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., June 7, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general of the division. Attention is invited to the fourth indorsement, in which I concur.

J. F. WADE,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[Sixth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., June 12, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the secretary to the United States military governor of the Philippine Islands, inviting attention to the fourth and fifth indorsements.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

CORREGIDOR, P. I., *January 7, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith petition of the municipal officials and residents of this town to your authority, begging that you be pleased to allow First Lieut. H. C. Clements, provost-marshal of this town, to remain here out of consideration of services which he rendered this town.

JUAN CANUY.

General MACARTHUR,  
*United States Military Governor of the Philippines.*

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR,  
*Manila, P. I., January 9, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the chief of staff, Division of Philippines, Manila, P. I.; attention invited to memorandum herewith and the reference of these papers therein directed.

E. H. CROWDER,  
*Military Secretary.*

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., January 12, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general, Department of Southern Luzon, Manila, P. I., for such action as he may consider expedient and with request to make proper answer to petitioners.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

LUCENA, TAYABAS, P. I., *June 5, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a petition from and in behalf of the people of Sampaloc asking for a small garrison in the town. Sampaloc is halfway between Lucban and Mauban and on the main highway traveled by all insurgents going north and south.

It is the open door of Tayabas Province for Cailles' forces. It is about 8 miles each from Lucban and Mauban. I would deem a garrison of 25 men ample. If this place were garrisoned it could be supplied from Mauban. There is a good road part of the way, but over a portion provisions would have to be carried on ponies. All supplies for the town, of whatever kind, are carried that way, and I think that the people with ponies who bring copra and hemp from Sampaloc to Mauban could be hired to carry stores for troops. I consider the garrisoning of this place for a short time very necessary and important.

Very respectfully,

CORNELIUS GARDENER,

*Major, Thirteenth Infantry, Governor Tayabas Province.*

THE SECRETARY TO THE MILITARY GOVERNOR,

*Manila, P. I.*

(Petition, as stated above, in Spanish.)

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,

*Manila, P. I., June 18, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general Division of the Philippines with the information that troops for this purpose can not possibly be spared at present.

J. F. WADE,

*Brigadier-General, Commanding*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,

*Manila, P. I., June 19, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the secretary to the military governor, inviting attention to the preceding indorsement.

By command of Major-General MacArthur:

S. D. STURGES,

*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

ALAMINOS, ZAMBALES, P. I., *May 19, 1901.*

SIR: The undersigned headmen of the town of Alaminos, province of Zambales, having been advised of the removal in the near future of Capt. W. C. Wren, commanding officer of the detachment in this pueblo, would respectfully request that, in view of the great harm which such removal would entail on the entire population of the district, the honorable Commission be pleased to exert its influence to prevent it. Captain Wren has not only been an upright, prudent, and industrious chief, but also a man who is loved by the entire community on account of his affable manners and perfect conduct. He is a finished

soldier, a statesman, and a man who has known how to win the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. For those reasons we petition that the order for his removal to another district be repealed and he be allowed to remain among us for our happiness and prosperity.

PEDRO REINSO,  
*Local Presidente.*  
(And 20 others.)

Hon. Judge TAFT,  
*President U. S. Philippine Commission.*

[First indorsement.]

Transmitted.

[Second indorsement.]

OFFICE CIVIL GOVERNOR OF PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,  
*Manila, P. I., July 18, 1901.*

Respectfully transmitted to the commanding general and military governor of the Philippine Islands, Manila, P. I.

WM. H. TAFT, *Civil Governor.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
OFFICE OF CIVIL AFFAIRS,  
*Manila, P. I., July 20, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the adjutant-general Division of the Philippines, Manila, P. I.

By command of Major-General Chaffee.

JOHN BIDDLE PORTER,  
*Major, Twenty-eighth Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, in Charge.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., July 23, 1901.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general Department of Northern Luzon, Manila, P. I.

By command of Major-General Chaffee.

J. T. KERR,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

A true copy of the records of this office.

J. T. KERR,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Telegram.]

GUINAYANGAN, *June 18, 1901.*

SECRETARY OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR,  
*Palace, Manila, P. I.:*

Am in Guinayangan organizing municipal government. I urge that the commanding officer here be permitted to station 15 men in Peris for protection of people against small parties of Tulisane insurgents.

Peris is 15 miles from here and 15 miles from San Narciso; has 500 inhabitants. Communication with San Narciso could be better kept up if Peris had small detachment. Small parties of insurgents of from 5 to 10 men are continually crossing to Ragay through Peris, and it is the principal insurgent line of communication to Camarines. Commanding officer here has asked twice to garrison this place. He can easily be supplied from here. There are stationed here 70 men and 6 native scouts. Commanding officer here desires to garrison Peris if permitted. People are appealing for a small detachment for the last month, and I think we should give them protection, for they are a good class of people and law abiding.

GARDENER, *Governor.*

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[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Santa Ana, P. I., June 27, 1901.*

Respectfully returned to the adjutant-general, Department of Southern Luzon.

Fifteen men have been ordered to Peris from Guinayangan, Tayabas, in accordance with the within request.

S. S. SUMNER,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

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MANILA, P. I., *August 11, 1900.*

ED. C. ANDRE,  
*Calle Hurtado 7 (anloague):*

As attorney for and on behalf of the Philippine Mineral Syndicate, Limited, requests that a detachment of soldiers be sent to Mambulao to provide adequate protection against aggression, and to afford such security as may be necessary for the resumption of mining work under directions recently received from the board of directors of this syndicate in London, who seem under the impression that the United States troops control the province of Camarines Norte, in which mines are located. Mr. F. Schneider, mining engineer of syndicate, has proceeded from Daet to Mambulao to visit the properties and to have made good the damage done by insurgents, and to restart, if possible, the workings of the mines.

[First indorsement.]

OFFICE MILITARY GOVERNOR IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,  
*Manila, P. I., August 11, 1900.*

To the Adjutant-General.

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., August 15, 1900.*

Respectfully referred to the commanding general Department of Southern Luzon, Manila, P. I.

By command of Major-General MacArthur.

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

[Third indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Manila, P. I., August 18, 1900.*

Respectfully returned disapproved.

It is not practicable to send a detachment to Mambulao at present, nor is it safe or prudent for any person friendly to the United States to go there under the present conditions.

J. C. BATES  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[Fourth indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I., August 22, 1900.*

Respectfully returned to Mr. Ed. C. Andre, No. 7 Calle Hurtado, Manila, P. I., inviting attention to third indorsement.

By command of Major-General MacArthur.

S. D. STURGIS,  
*Assistant Adjutant-General.*

DUMANJUG, CEBU, P. I., *February 1, 1901.*

The citizens of Dumanjug, Cebu, P. I., petition the military governor for the retention of Major McCoy, Forty-fourth Infantry, United States Volunteers, in that section.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DISTRICT,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE VISAYAS,  
*Cebu, P. I., February 24, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded.

The inclosed communication was sent to me with the request that I forward it. Major McCoy's service has been excellent and he has a strong hold on the affections of the people of Dumanjug, and I believe he has won the respect, at least, of the great mass of natives on the west coast of Cebu.

McCLERNAND,  
*Colonel Forty-fourth Infantry.*

[Second indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE VISAYAS,  
*Iloilo, P. I., March 2, 1901.*

Respectfully forwarded.

ROBERT P. HUGHES,  
*Brigadier-General, Commanding.*

[Third indorsement.]

MARCH 8, 1901.

To the military secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN LUZON,  
*Lucena, Tayabas, Luzon, P. I., April 1, 1901.*

SIR: Reliable information has reached me that a small party of insurgents of not more than 15 men under an officer is now in the southern part of the province collecting contributions. The insurgents are from north of Sampaloc, the most northerly town of the province, and likely constituted part of Caille's force. The towns they are visiting are Mulaney, Macalelon, Bondo, and San Narciso, situated on the southwest coast of province. These same towns were visited in October last for the same purpose, but no notice was received by me until it was too late. The inhabitants of all these towns have several times applied for small garrisons to protect them and are now doing so. The average population is about 3,000, including barrios. All of these towns desire to organize municipal governments.

There is considerable mercantile business in all these coast towns, but revenues can not be collected until they are organized, and they can not well be organized until a small garrison is placed in them. I consider a garrison of 20 men, or even 15, sufficient, provided I am authorized to employ for each of these coast towns a native police force of, say, 15 men, to be armed with shotguns. All of the country back of these coast towns is more or less infested by highway robbers (Tulisans) and other bad characters. The towns are too poor to pay said native police, which could be hired for 12 pesos each, and which amount would have to be paid out of island funds. There is a company at Guinayangan and one at Laguimanoc. The Guinayangan company has a detachment at Catanauan. The Laguimanoc company has detachments at Unisan and Pitogo. I am of opinion that the company at Guinayangan could furnish garrisons of 15 men each for San Narciso and Mulaney, and the one at Laguimanoc for Macalelon and Bondo. All of these towns are reached by the launch from here and can be rationed that way. There is much timber and many cattle in all these towns awaiting shipment, but no licenses are granted to take cargo at places not garrisoned, and as a state of anarchy or no government exists in all of them, organization is absolutely necessary.

I therefore request that these towns be garrisoned, as suggested, and to that end the garrisons now in Unisan, Pitogo, and Catanauan may be reduced to 15 or 20 men, which I consider ample. After native police have become well organized and effective the garrisons can be withdrawn. Further, that I be authorized to enlist 15 native police and teniente for each of these towns at 12 pesos each for privates and 25 pesos for teniente and that these be paid by the insular treasury. If military garrisons can not be spared for these towns, or if the method of enlisting native police, as suggested, be deemed inexpedient, I request that Captain Connolly's company of natives be sent to garrison these towns. Captain Connolly has served a year in this province and is familiar with its people and trails. Business on this entire coast is at a standstill, contributions are being levied, peaceable people in these towns are robbed by Tulisans, and they are all begging for organization and protection—and no revenue for the provincial or island government can now be collected. An early reply is requested.

Respectfully,

CORNELIUS GARDENER,  
*Major, Thirteenth Infantry.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR,  
*Manila, P. I.*



HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH SEPARATE BRIGADE,  
*Zamboanga, P. I., February 17, 1902.*

SIR: In reply to your cable of February 10, 1902, I have the honor to forward herewith inclosed copies of petitions from the presidentes and citizens of the following-named towns to have troops retained: Caraga (dated January 6, 1901), Guinablangan (dated January 6, 1901), Dapnan (dated January 6, 1901), and Baganga (dated March 21, 1901). Subsequently civil government was substituted for military in the new province of Suriago, but its limits were held by General Kobbe to extend no farther south than the eighth parallel of latitude. In September, 1901, troops were stationed at Caraga and Baganga and so continued to this date. The records of this office show that petitions for officers or troops were forwarded to division headquarters as follows: From Davao, February 9, 1900; from Oroquieta, April 22, 1901; and from Zamboanga, May 14, 1901.

There are no other petitions save a verbal one from the governor of Misamis about December 1 to have a company of infantry sent to Loculan, and one from the presidente of Cuyo (verbal) to have troops retained at Cuyo.

Very respectfully,

GEO. W. DAVIS,  
*Brigadier-General, U. S. A., Commanding.*

The ADJUTANT-GENERAL, DIVISION OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
*Manila, P. I.*

(Through adjutant-general, Department South Philippines.)

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[Translation.]

DAPNAN, MINDANAO, P. I., *January 6, 1901.*

SIR: The undersigned local presidente, junta, and the principal inhabitants met to-day and resolved that—

In accordance with the present danger which threatens this and adjacent towns, and being that the American troops are to be removed from Baganga, who protect us and keep the peace, which we have greatly enjoyed during their stay here, we request to you, our commanding general of the island, to retain some troops at that post for the protection of the towns submitted to the United States Government, because trouble is expected from the insurgent Don Prudencia Garcia and his sympathizers, who might rise in arms against the peaceful towns, and such indications being now prevalent should the said troops leave that post.

Very respectfully,

MELENO DE LOS REYES,  
*Presidente.*

The COMMANDING GENERAL, *Zamboanga, P. I.*

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[Translation.]

GUINABLANGAN, MINDANAO, P. I.,  
*January 6, 1901.*

SIR: The local presidente, junta, and principal inhabitants met to-day and resolved that—

A critical situation is expected here after the American troops now

stationed at Baganga are removed, they having protected and kept the peace, which the inhabitants have enjoyed during their stay. We request to you, who grants protection in this country to its inhabitants, that some troops remain at Baganga to protect the towns submitted to the United States Government, because trouble is expected from the insurgent Don Prudencia Garcia and his followers should all the said American troops leave the province, he having committed many outrages and abuses after the evacuation of the Spanish Government.

Very respectfully,

PORFIRIO BAUTISTA,  
*Presidente.*

The COMMANDING GENERAL, *Zamboanga, P. I.*

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[Translation.]

CARAGA, MINDANAO, P. I., *January 6, 1901.*

SIR: The local presidente, junta, and principal inhabitants met to-day and resolved thus:

Being the majority of the American troops which are now stationed at Baganga are to be removed soon, and in accordance with the situation prevailing now in this and adjacent coast towns, we request that some of the said American troops remain in the province for the protection of the towns submitted to the United States Government. This protection is needed because there are some sympathizers of the insurrecto leader Don Prudencia Garcia, who are feared might raise in arms should all of the said troops leave the province.

Very respectfully,

DALMACIO FERNANDO,  
*Presidente.*

The COMMANDING GENERAL, *Zamboanga, P. I.*

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[Translation.]

BAGANGA, MINDANAO, P. I., *March 21, 1901.*

The COLONEL OF ZAMBOANGA:

The undersigned, president and principals, respectfully to you submit: That having arrived a steamer here to-day with orders for the American troops detached in this town reembark for concentration in Zamboanga, we have to express our regret, for the reason that we owe them the peace we have enjoyed since their arrival. Their departure leaves us restless and unsafe, as we are aware that without them we will return soon to the unhappy troubles this town experienced since the insurrection began here by Patricio Garcia and his followers on the 25th of September, 1898. They committed all kinds of mischief and disturbances by force of arms against the peaceful inhabitants and against their property. Many persons have followed in their ideas of disturbing those who are faithful to the legitimate Government. We are aware that Daniel and his followers are camping in the northern town of Tandag or in its mountains, and propose themselves to fall upon these southern towns, which are now enjoying peace and submission to

the American Government. We also feel restless about the Mandayas, by whom this town could be threatened of invasion. Therefore, supported by our allegiance to the American Government in these islands, we beg the colonel to consider the above reason, and it being not possible to keep the detachment here or send its relief because of existing Government orders, to leave us at least an American officer who will guide us in complying with orders from the Government and would be the protector of the town in case of some disturbance arising.

For that it would be necessary to organize a force of the civil guard, consisting in 30 or 40 men, well disciplined and paid by the American Government, under the command of said officer, what would be, besides a protection to order and peace, an economy for the Government. If such proposition is accepted, we guarantee with our lives that of the officer, and we ask Danforth, of the Thirty-first Infantry, be detached in this town. This officer during his stay here has studied and understood the customs of the people; besides this he is a just and right man, reason why we have no doubt you will comply with our wishes, showing so your kindness and high feelings for the good of this town.

THE PRESIDENTE AND 21 PRINCIPALS.

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LUCBAN, TAYABAS, LUZON, P. I., *February 2, 1902.*

Gen. JAMES T. BELL,

*Commanding Third Separate Brigade, Batangas, P. I.:*

The municipal authorities of Lucban, province of Tayabas, in the name of all the inhabitants of that pueblo, respectfully state:

That they have learned of the proposed departure from their pueblo of Captain Wright and his company, who have merited the appreciation of the people by punishing wrongdoers and acquitting the innocent, and by protecting all good citizens, lovers of the American Government, without permitting abuses of any kind. The municipality can not do less than to represent to you his valuable service and correct treatment of the people and at the same time to beg that Captain Wright, Lieutenant Graham, and the company, for the greater tranquillity of the pueblo, be not relieved from duty at this station, especially in view of present conditions.

SIMON MADERA, *Presidente.*  
(And 111 others.)

