

## Expenses Chargeable to the Discretionary Fund of the Provincial Governor

“With reference to Item No. 1 of the enclosed Resolution No. 176, current series, of the Provincial Board of Mountain Province, it is recommended that expenses from the discretionary fund of the Provincial Governor for the reception and entertainment of visiting officials be limited to those for the President and Vice-President of the United States, the United States Ambassador, the President and Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines, and members of the Cabinet and of the Congress of the United States on official trips.

“Department Secretaries of the Republic of the Philippines on official inspection trips should only be allowed courtesy transportation expenses in their entertainment, inasmuch as under the Travel Expense Law they are entitled to reimbursement of expenses incurred by them in connection with the said trips.

“With respect to Items 2 and 3, this Office has no objection to the use of discretionary fund of the Provincial Governor for the purposes therein stated.

“Items 4 and 5 may be paid from the regular appropriation for ‘travel and transportation,’ ‘travel expenses of persons not government employees,’ or ‘other service’ in the General Fund.

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Officers to carry on successfully the various administrative activities of the Government; for compensation of spies and informers employed to detect the whereabouts of criminals or the presence or existence of prohibited games; and those authorized expenses of representation, such as for the entertainment of high official or foreign personages, tourists, etc. No appropriation or expenditure shall be made for this purpose unless previously sanctioned by the Department Head.—*SEC. 833, Revised Manual of Instructions to Treasurers, 1939 Edition, p. 642.*

“It is understood, in this connection, that the appropriations... is (are) subject to the approval of the Honorable, the Secretary of Finance and that expenditures therefrom shall be governed by the provisions of Section 625 of the Revised Manual of Instructions to Treasurers.”—2nd Ind., April 30, 1947, of Auditor General to the Secretary of the Interior. Items 2, 3, 4 and 5, mentioned in the foregoing indorsement read as follows:

“2. Compensation of special and confidential agents of the provincial government employed by the Provincial Governor in connection with the maintenance of peace and order, particularly in the detection and/or apprehension of criminals and prevention or suppression of crimes and other forms of lawlessness within the province.

“3. Meal rations and/or other necessary and incidental expenses during meetings or conferences of tribal chieftains or village headmen called for by the Provincial Governor in the interest and conduct of the provincial administration.

“4. Expenditures of official delegations in representation of the province in any national celebrations or occasions upon instructions from superior offices.

“5. Such other emergency and extraordinary expenses not covered by any prescribed classification in the budget, such as (a) subscriptions on periodicals, magazines, newspapers; (b) printed matters and/or special issues or supplements of any publication, periodicals, magazines, newspapers provided that same contain subject or subjects of public and special interest concerning the Mountain Province in particular or the nation at large.”