

# Assignment of Rooms to Provincial Officers

"The Provincial Treasurer is the legal custodian of all provincial buildings and pursuant to section 2089(c) of the Administrative Code, it is his duty to assign, subject to the approval of the provincial governor, rooms to provincial officers and other public officials who, by law, are entitled to office space in the provincial building. It is not incumbent upon the Provincial Board, in the exercise of its duty to provide and furnish suitable offices for provincial officers and other officials who, by law, are entitled thereto at provincial expense, under section 987 and 2102(b) of the aforesaid Code, to assign office rooms, as done in the instant case by the Provincial Board of Zambales in its Resolutions Nos. 417 and 418, current series, copies attached. The assigning of rooms of the provincial building to

the officers entitled thereto by the Provincial Board was done in excess of authority and in violation of section 2089(c) of the Administrative Code. In view hereof, this office is of the opinion that the above stated resolutions in so far as they are in conflict with the assignment of the said rooms already made by the Provincial Treasurer and approved by the Provincial Governor, should not be given due force and effect.

"It should be understood, however, that in the assignment of rooms to the various offices concerned, the suitability and adequacy thereof should be made the prime consideration."—3rd Ind., Oct. 17, 1939, of the Auditor General to the Provincial Treasurer of Zambales; G.A.O.F. 66.6 Zambales.

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