

ANCIENT JUSTICE IN THE BISAYAS

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These are the laws which I lay at the feet of the Rajah Besar and request that they be established for the government of the Bisayas and their posterity.

Competent men, knowing the ancient ways of the Bisayas, were assembled and, after consulting and advising relative to the old usages, compiled in conformity thereto this code of Undang Undang or Institutes.

Let them be known and descend to posterity, that men may not act according to their own wills and inclinations, but that order and regularity may prevail, as well during prosperity as adversity, and that what is established be not done away.

If these laws are attended to, no one can question the authority of the datos for authority will have been conferred upon them by the Rajah Besar, the highest authority in the land, that they may administer the law in their respective towns, and whoever shall not admit this authority will offend against the law of the land.

THE BEGINNING OF MANILA'S LAST ROYAL DYNASTY SULTAN-EMPEROR NAKODA RAGAM

I am the Sultan Bulkeiah in Borneo where I rule from the city of peace, Dares Salam, on the river Brunei. In Magindanaw, and in Sulu, whence comes my incomparable wife, Empress Lela Men Chanei, men call me Rajah Baguindia. And now in Maynila I am Sultan and Emperor.

Twice have my fleets attacked Selurung, which you style Lusung, and this time I have conquered. The boastful Dato Gambang, your late ruler, lies dead, and a princess from his house shall become a wife of mine to carry on the dynasty of Pasig. Our son will be your lord, and, because you es-

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conversely physical health is hard to keep unless one is happy and contented.

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FERNANDO CALDERON—Money alone does not make life worth living. Nay, in most instances it blinds and renders him insensible to agony and suffering of his fellowmen. There can be no genuine feeling of satisfaction without the honest thought of having served faithfully and well, regardless of financial return.

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ditor or district health officer as herein fixed shall not take effect until after one-half thereof shall have been provided for in the General Appropriation Act.

Sec. 3. All acts and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are repealed.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1949.

Approved, June 10, 1949.

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SUPREME COURT

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tion to the use of the Plaza Miranda, Quiapo, for the meeting applied for, the respondent is ordered to issue the corresponding permit, as requested.

So ordered.

Moran, C.J., Pablo, Perfecto and Benzon, JJ., concur.

Paras, J., concurs in a separate opinion.

Briones, J., concurs in a separate opinion.

Hilado, J., dissents in a separate opinion.

Tuason, J., dissents in a separate opinion.

Padilla, J., takes no part.

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Youth is a blunder; Manhood a struggle; Old Age a regret.—Disraeli—

In youth the days are short and the years long; in old age the years are short and the days long.—Panin.—

board and either affirm or reverse the decision of the provincial board. (Sec. 2624(h), Adm. Code)

79. The express authorization of the provincial governor shall be necessary to alienate or constitute any lien upon any real property of the municipality, and with the prior authorization of the Secretary of the Interior, to close in whole or in part any municipal road, street, alley, park, or square, and to devote the same to any municipal purpose, or to convey the same, with or without money consideration to the province, or to the National Government for governmental purposes. (Sec. 2625(b), Adm. Code)
80. Ordinances passed under Sec. 2625(m), Adm. Code, re streets, sidewalks, plazas, parks, water supply, and special assessment shall not be valid or take effect until it shall have been approved by the provincial board and the Secretary of the Interior. (Sec. 2625 (m), Adm. Code)
81. Excess condemnation is subject to the approval of both the provincial board and the Sec. of the Int. (Sec. 2625 (n), Adm. Code)
82. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to organize municipal district governments and exercise jurisdiction over them through the provincial governors. (Sec. 2630, Adm. Code)
83. The provincial board is empowered to prescribe the tax to be collected in municipal districts subject to approval of the Sec. of the Int. (Sec. 2631, Adm. Code)
84. Allowance for disability in line of duty is subject to approval by Department Head. (Sec. 699, Adm. Code)
85. Retirement as a result of a bona fide reorganization under Act 4183 as amended is subject to approval of Sec. of the Interior.

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teem ancient lineage, know that I am descended from the great Iskander, the Alexander of far off Europe, by his queen, the daughter of Forus, most valiant of Hindus, through San Sapurba who crossed the sea to Java and whose descendant ruled in Johur whence my great-grandfather, Tuan Alak ber Tatar, stole the princes royal for his bride. And in my veins, from Hassim, runs the Arab blood of the true prophet of the merciful and compassionate God. Chinese blood, too, by a princess of Kina Balu, have I, and for five hundred years have the kings of Brunei worn the imperial yellow by recognition of Tchina's emperor. We have long had as well nobat and bells from Malacca and Menangkabaw, regalia of royalty for Hindu and for Islamite.

But prouder than of being a king am I of my well-earned title of Nakoda, for none captains better a ship than I and my praus have ridden out the storms in these stormiest of seas, and in blood I boast of being a Bisayan. Though Chinese and Arab herald appears in my court its chiefest ornament is the lengthy loin-cloth, the chawat, that forty men always bear aloft before me. When I gird up my loins with it for battle, they are well-girded and the battle is well-fought.

From Malacca to Maynila men know the name of Nakoda Ragam and dread the man, regardless of my royalty. So do you, men of the Lusung rivers, fail not in your duty to my future son, your rajah, nor forget to pay yearly a ganta of gold in Brunei, as tribute, since of old yours was the Island of Gold.

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