

## INVESTIGATION OF JUDGE RASUL ASKED BY PROMINENT MOROS

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**H**OW can a government employee with but a little over P100 a month in salary and without other visible means of income afford to live in the style of the rich—supporting an American wife and four or five other wives with children, smoking quality cigars, drinking high-priced cocktails, etc.?

The foregoing is one of the questions that a group of prominent Moro citizens will ask the higher authorities in a petition they will shortly send to the department of justice and the governor general, asking for the investigation of Gulamu Rasul, justice of the peace of Jolo, Sulu.

Young Rasul is the romantic figure of Moroland who not many years ago broke into the newspaper columns in the United States when he posed as the son of the Sultan of Sulu. He is not in any way related to the Sultan, but knowing the fascination royalty has among the Americans, he pulled that stunt to attract attention. That he succeeded was shown by the amount of newspaper space that was devoted then to his supposed colorful personality in the metropolitan dailies, and the further fact that a young American lady succumbed to his charms. Coming back to the Philippines after two years of studies in America he acted for some time as secretary to his father, Hadji Butu, former ap-

pointive senator. It was during those years that Rasul again came out in the limelight when, through clerical error, his name was included in the list of successful candidates for the bar examinations. He had actually taken the oath of a full-fledged attorney but his license was naturally revoked when the mistake was discovered. Shortly afterwards he was appointed auxiliary justice of the peace of Jolo.

According to our Jolo correspondent, there is an insistent clamor among the masses of the Jolo Moros for an investigation of Judge Rasul with the view of either removing him from his position or transferring him to another locality. The lower classes of people there have lost faith in him because of his partiality in deciding cases brought to his court for trial or amicable settlement, it is alleged. There have been cases in which he was accused to the higher authorities in Jolo for alleged graft and bribery.

"If an investigation will be ordered by the insular authorities," writes our Jolo correspondent, "plenty of sensational revelations will come out that will justify the resignation or at least the transfer of Judge Rasul. The investigator should be however from Manila as the Moro judge has the protection of the governor's office which has time and again ignored many complaints against Rasul."

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I believe that the unmasking of these social and political scoundrels will be a distinct public service, and to the measure of my capacities, I will perform this task.

The above are but a few of the things that I intend to do in this column. "With malice toward none and with charity to all", I make this initial bow to the readers of this paper.