

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,  
EXECUTIVE BUREAU.

MANILA, *July 25, 1913.*

EXECUTIVE ORDER }  
No. 55. }

It has been brought to my attention that employees of the Civil Government believe that the privilege which they are given of having free service at the Government hospitals entitles them to be rude and overbearing to the doctors employed in those institutions. It is true that under the law officials and employees of the Government may get free service at the hospitals, and doctors are employed by the Government whose duty it is to give it to them, but there is nothing that compels the doctors to remain in a service that is disagreeable to them as many of them can make a great deal more money in private practice than they can on a salary basis with the Government. Employees are cautioned that doctors, nurses, and officials of the Government hospitals should be treated with civility and respect; that they are performing a great public service in curing infirmities and in rendering medical and surgical aid to the people; that they relieve untold amounts of suffering; that after a physician has been here a few years and learned the requirements of his position his place is difficult to fill without suffering to untold hundreds and trouble and expense to the Government.

I have sent a copy of this Executive Order to each of the doctors employed in the Insular Government with the request that he furnish me with the name of any official or employee who fails to recognize the courtesy due to a man in his position, and all such complaints that are made will be investigated and such administrative remedies applied as may seem necessary.

W. CAMERON FORBES,  
*Governor-General.*