

## PROCLAMATIONS

By the Governor General of the Philippine Islands

### *Proclamation No. 12*

Whereas the undersigned has received a petition from all the banking houses, asking that the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirteen, be declared a public holiday, in order that the yearly balances may be completed before the beginning of the next calendar year; and

Whereas the banking houses signing said petition have agreed that drafts that should be payable on the thirty-first of December, nineteen hundred and thirteen, if the same were not a holiday, shall not be protested until sunset on January second, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and that they will receive moneys from the business community on said thirty-first day of December for safe-keeping, providing that such moneys shall not be taken up on the banks' accounts until the second day of January; and it appearing to the Executive that the thirtieth day of December, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and the first day of January, nineteen hundred and fourteen, are public holidays, and that said thirty-first day of December can be declared a public holiday to the great advantage of the banking and importing and exporting houses, for the purpose of completing the work of their yearly balances, and that retail establishments may keep open and transact business, should they so desire:

Now, therefore, I, Francis Burton Harrison, Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, by virtue of the authority in me vested by Act Numbered One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and there being, in my judgment, sufficient reasons therefor, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and thirteen, as a public holiday.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Government of the Philippine Islands to be affixed.

Done at the city of Manila this twenty-fourth day of December, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

[SEAL.]

FRANCIS BURTON HARRISON,

*Governor-General.*

By the Governor-General:

IGNACIO VILLAMOR, *Executive Secretary.*