

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 69, September 03, 1948 ]**

**CREATING A COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE OF THE PROVINCES OF NUEVA VIZCAYA AND ISABELA ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 157, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 161**

WHEREAS, by virtue of Republic Act No. 236, the boundaries of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya were fixed by Executive Order No. 157, dated July 10, 1948, as amended by Executive Order No. 161, dated August 12, 1948;

WHEREAS, the boundary limits of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya in relation to the Province of Isabela were determined from technical description, by bearing and distances, prepared and furnished by the Bureau of Lands on the basis of the latest and most authoritative map of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya prepared by the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, as specifically provided by Republic Act No. 236.

WHEREAS, the provincial officials of Isabela claim that the technical description of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya set forth in Executive Order No. 157, as amended, is not based on the cadastral survey of the Provinces of Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya, which should be the basis of the latest map of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya prepared by the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable that the conflicting claims of the provinces above mentioned be looked into with a view to reaching a just and correct determination of the true location of the boundary lines separating said provinces;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create a committee to look into the conflicting claims of the Provinces of Nueva Vizcaya and Isabela, composed of the following:

1. Mr. Salvador V. Esguerra, representing the Office of the President   Chairman
2. Mr. Castor G. Lim, representing the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey  
Member
3. Mr. Ceferino Alinsod, representing the Bureau of Lands   Member

The Committee shall determine from the records of Geodetic Survey and the Bureau of Lands the authoritative map which shall serve as basis of the plan and technical description of the boundary limits of Nueva Vizcaya in relation to Isabela, and shall submit its findings and recommendations on the matter within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

Pending submittal of its report, the enforcement of Executive Order No. 157, as