

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 37, March 10, 1945]

ABOLISHING THE COURT OF APPEALS

WHEREAS, during the present emergency, it is necessary in the interest of a more speedy administration of justice that the Court of Appeals be abolished in order that cases heretofore appealable thereto may be appealed directly to the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the limited financial resources of the Commonwealth Government demand that its expenses during the present emergency be reduced to the minimum;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SERGIO OSMEÑA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, particularly Commonwealth Act No. 671, do hereby order:

- (1) That the Court of Appeals, created and established under Commonwealth Act No. 3, as amended, be abolished, as it is hereby abolished;
- (2) That all cases which have heretofore been duly appealed to the Court of Appeals shall be transmitted to the Supreme Court for final decision;
- (3) That from the date of this Order all cases which under the law are appealable to the Court of Appeals shall be appealed to the Supreme Court, which is hereby granted the jurisdiction to finally decide the same; and
- (4) All provisions of law in conflict with or contrary to this Order are hereby repealed. Done at the City of Manila, this 10th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, the tenth.

(Sgd.) **SERGIO OSMEÑA**
President of the Philippines

By the President:
(Sgd.) **JOSE S. REYES**
Secretary to the President

