

## [ Act No. 146, June 21, 1901 ]

### **AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF INSULAR PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ARCHIPELAGO, DEFINING THE DUTIES OF SUCH OFFICER, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING SAID ACT INTO EFFECT.**

*By authority of the President of the United States, be it enacted by the United States Philippine Commission, that:*

SECTION 1. In order to secure in the most economical and expeditious manner supplies for the various civil Departments and Offices, and to enable an accurate account of the expenditures in behalf of each Department or Office to be kept, there is hereby created and shall be maintained in the Government of the Philippine Archipelago the office of Insular Purchasing Agent. The duties of such officer shall be to buy such furniture, stationery, and supplies of every kind and description as may be required by the various Departments and Offices of the Insular Government, by the provincial governments, and by the government of the city of Manila in the transaction of official business, and for the purchase of which appropriations may be made by the Commission or provincial boards as the case may be.

SEC. 2. The said Purchasing Agent shall be appointed by the Philippine Commission, and shall give a bond to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive of the Islands in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties and the proper accounting for all moneys and property which may come into his hands.

SEC. 3. The sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and one, for the purchase of articles and supplies hereunder.

SEC. 4. The sum hereby appropriated shall not be chargeable with any of the expense connected with the administration of the office of the Purchasing Agent, such expense to be provided for by separate appropriation, but the necessary cost of freight and cartage and similar charges, including insurance, shall be a proper charge against this appropriation and included in the cost of such articles and supplies. All articles purchased under this Act and imported shall be admitted free of duty.

SEC. 5. Each head of a civil Department, Bureau, or Office shall submit semiannually, at the beginning and middle of each fiscal year, to the said Purchasing Agent, an estimate of articles or supplies which will probably be required for the transaction of its official business for the ensuing six months, such estimates to be used as a basis upon which the Purchasing Agent may make necessary purchases. Whenever practicable such purchases amounting to one thousand dollars or more shall be made under contract after advertisement, but in all cases wherein an emergency exists requiring immediate delivery, purchases may be made without such contract and advertisement, on the approval of the Chief Executive.

SEC. 6. Each head of a Department or Bureau of the Insular Government or the city