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EXECUTIVE MANSION.—Porto Rico

San Juan, Porto Rico, February 19th, 1901.

The twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1901, Washington's Birthday, being a public holiday, I hereby direct that on Friday February 22nd, A. D. 1901, all departments and public offices of the Government of Porto Rico, and all public schools, be closed.

CHAS. H. ALLEN.

By the Governor
William H. Hunt,
 Secretary.

La siguiente orden se promulgó ayer por el Poder Ejecutivo:

"El 22 de Febrero de 1901, aniversario de Washington, es día de fiesta pública, y por esta orden dispongo que el Viernes 22 de Febrero de 1901, todos los departamentos y oficinas del Gobierno de Puerto-Rico, y todas las Escuelas públicas permanezcan cerradas.

CARLOS H. ALLEN.

William Hunt,
 Secretario."

AN ACT

To abolish the Board of Charities of Porto Rico, to create the office of Director of Charities, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Porto Rico:

§ 1—The Board of Charities is hereby abolished, and its powers and duties are hereby transferred to a Director of Charities and the Executive Council.

§ 2—The administrative and executive control of all charitable institutions in Porto Rico supported by Insular funds shall be vested in a Director of Charities and the Executive Council.

§ 3—The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, shall appoint a Director of Charities, whose term of office shall be four years, unless sooner removed by the Governor, and his salary shall be twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400) per annum.

§ 4—The Director of Charities shall have power to prescribe the conditions of admission to and dismissal from all public insular charitable institutions, and to make all needful rules and regulations concerning such institutions and the government thereof provided all such conditions shall be first approved by the Executive Council.

§ 5—All contracts for the purchase of supplies or alterations or repairs may be made by the Director of Charities, subject always to the rules and regulations approved by the Executive Council.

§ 6—The Director of Charities, before entering upon his duties, shall give bond to the People of Porto Rico in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. Such bond shall be approved by the Auditor, and when so approved shall be filed in the office of the Treasurer.

§ 7—All superintendents, assistants, clerks, domestics and others shall be employed by the Director of Charities under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Executive Council.

§ 8—The Director of Charities shall, with the approval of the Executive Council appoint a Disbursing Officer, who shall also be the book-keeper, and shall give bond to the People of Porto Rico in such

sum as may be required by the Auditor of Porto Rico, and who shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all funds belonging to the charitable institutions of Porto Rico, and who shall only pay out moneys on vouchers approved by the Director of Charities.

§ 9—It shall be the duty of the Director of Charities, personally, or through and inspector appointed for the purpose, with one or more members of the Executive Council, to visit and inspect the institutions under his charge at least once in two months, and to make a report of the results of such visits in writing, together with any recommendations he may wish to make to the Executive Council: In making such inspections, the Director or the Councilmen shall have power to examine in detail any and all buildings, papers, documents or other property, or effects of every kind, character, and description belonging to the Island of Porto Rico, and connected with the subject under investigation, and it shall be the duty of all superintendents, matrons, teachers, physicians, book-keepers and other employees to aid in such inspections and furnish full and truthful information.

§ 10—The Director of Charities or an inspector appointed by him, shall, with the approval of the Executive Council, also inspect all charitable institutions in Porto Rico belonging to the Municipalities, villages, or towns. A written report of every such inspection shall be made to the Council, and a copy of such report shall be forwarded to the governing body of the institution inspected. It shall be the duty of any and all officers of any such institution to assist in such examination, and to furnish any and all information that may be asked concerning the same. If, as a result of such inspection, it shall satisfactorily appear to the Executive Council that the authorities or officers in charge of the institution inspected are negligent or cruel in their treatment, or incompetent to properly perform their duties, the Director of Charities is hereby empowered, after approval by the Executive Council, to suspend the officer or officers at fault, and to report his action to the Governor of Porto Rico, and if, after investigation, the Governor is satisfied that there has been such misconduct, or that the officer or officers are incompetent, he shall remove such officer or officers and appoint others in their places. Provided, however, that if the institution from which the officer or officers are dismissed are not supported by the Insular Government of Porto Rico the appointment of their successors shall be made by the authorities of the Municipality, town or village to which such institution belongs.

§ 11—It shall be the duty of all common carriers to transport any person or persons committed to their care, if attended, to any public insular institution in the island, and the cost of such transportation shall be the regular ordinary rate charged to the public in general.

§ 12—The cost of transportation of any person committed to any public charitable insular institution shall be a charge upon the Municipality wherein such person resided at the time of the order of his committal, and in case of discharge from any such institution, the cost of returning such person to the municipality from which he came shall likewise be a charge against such municipality.

§ 13—The Director of Charities, personally or through an Inspector appointed for the purpose together with the Executive Council, or any committee thereof, shall make an inspection at least once a year, and as much oftener as the Executive Council may direct, into the conduct, management, construction and general condition of any private hospital, school, asylum or other institution of charity where children or adults are cared for or confined. Written reports of the results of such inspection shall always be made to the Council, and the copies shall be furnished to the person or order or authority controlling the same.

It is hereby made the duty of the persons in charge of any such private institution to assist in such examination, and to furnish such statistics concerning the same as may be required, provided nothing herein shall be construed to authorize inquiry into the sources of income of any such institutions, or into the books or private papers of the same, or the religious teaching had in such institutions.

§ 14.—For carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400) is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the salary of the Director of Charities for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1902, being in addition to the amount provided in the Appropriation Act for said fiscal year; and the further sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the salary of the Director of Charities during the remainder of the present fiscal year.

§ 15.—All laws or orders, or parts of laws or orders in conflict with this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

§ 16 This act shall take effect from and after March, 1st, 1901.

William H. Hunt,

President of the Executive Council.

Manuel F. Rossey,

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Approved, January 31st, 1901.

CHAS. H. ALLEN,

Governor.

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para que por un Decreto se declare abolida la Junta de Beneficencia de Puerto-Rico, se cree el cargo de Director de Beneficencia y para otros fines.

DECRÉTESE por la Asamblea Legislativa de Puerto-Rico:

Sección 1.—La Junta de Beneficencia queda por la presente abolida, y traspasadas sus facultades y deberes a un Director de Beneficencia y al Consejo Ejecutivo.

Sección 2—Quedarán encargados el Director de Beneficencia y el Consejo Ejecutivo tanto de la dirección administrativa como de la ejecutiva de todas las instituciones de caridad en Puerto-Rico, sostenidas con fondos Insulares.

Sección 3.—El Gobernador con la recomendación y el beneplácito del Consejo Ejecutivo nombrará un Director de Beneficencia, cuyo cargo será por cuatro años, ó menos que de él se le renueva por el mismo Gobernador, y su sueldo será de dos mil cuatrocientos dólares anuales.

Sección 4—El Director de Beneficencia tendrá facultad para establecer las condiciones de admisión, así como las de expulsión, de todas las instituciones insulares de caridad y para dictar las reglas y los reglamentos que se necesiten referentes á dichas instituciones y para su gobierno interior; disponiéndose que dichas condiciones, reglas y reglamentos han de ser antes aprobados por el Consejo Ejecutivo.

Sección 5—Todos los contratos para la compra de efectos, así como para reparaciones ó reparaciones, podrán ser hechos por el Director de Beneficencia, pero con sujeción siempre á las reglas y reglamentos aprobados por el Consejo Ejecutivo.

Sección 6.—El Director de Beneficencia antes de asumir sus obligaciones, prestará fianza á favor del Pueblo de Puerto-Rico por la suma de cinco mil dólares, comprometiéndose con ella al fiel desempeño de sus obligaciones: dicha fianza será aprobada por el Auditor, y verificado que sea este requisito, se archivará en la oficina del Tesorero.