

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Department of Porto-Rico

SECRETARY OF JUSTICE

Porto-Rico February 20th. 1899.

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Honorable Major General

Commander in Chief of the Department.

Sir :

Your Secretary of Justice in this Department has the honor of proposing to you the approval of the following :

Judicial Order

The rule 5th, that is among the ones which at the proposal of this Secretariate you approved on the 10th. inst., directed that hereafter in the passing of sentences on criminal cases, the time, for the sake of precaution, that the accused might be imprisoned before being judge, be always discounted without exception, from the total length of the penalty imposed on him.

A principal of equity advises that this benefit be also enjoyed by those that now acquit their punishment and to whom said benefit was not granted or who only would have obtained a reduction of half of the precautious imprisonment suffered.

This last, in accordance with the 93rd. rule among those dictated to be applied to the penal Code in force.

Therefore, the Court of Justice and the Primary Court will at once proceed with haste to revise the criminal cases that correspond to prisoners who are now under sentence

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Respect to the prison
has been held in court
available, but will be
concurrent in all Peni-
tentiary cases, etc.

or who are about to enter in the penitentiary ; and these
courts will remit, within one month to this Secretariate, a
duly rectified list of reductions of penalty, so that it
may be sent to the Chiefs of prisons, and apply immediatly
the grace granted.

Very Respectfully Yours.

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Secretary of Justice .

Computation of Sentence
from date of arrest.
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