

FOREWORD

This manuscript has been written in compliance with Executive Order No. 486, which states among other things, that books and other publications forming the collections of the National Library were almost entirely destroyed during the battle for the liberation of the City of Manila from the Japanese. Among the documents destroyed were those manuscripts containing important data relating to the history and culture of our barrios, towns, cities and provinces. The Executive Order further states that it is for our advancement that such data be gathered and brought up to date from time to time, to serve as a source of inspiration and guidance for our future generations, as well as source materials for historians, investigators, and researchers.

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