

MANILA AND THE PHILIPPINES

native inhabitants of the territory ceded to the United States by the Treaty of Paris.

Thereafter, on Dec. 21, the following was given to the commander in chief of the Philippines:

In the language of our platform, authority should not be less than our responsibility, and our present responsibility is to establish our authority in every part of the islands.

Will Defend Our Title.

No government can so certainly preserve the peace, restore public order, establish law, justice and stable conditions of law, unless Congress or the Executive can establish a stable government in these islands except under our authority and under our authority and our flag. And this we are doing.

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Striking Phrases from President McKinley's Letter.

It will be noted that the (Democratic) demand is for the immediate restoration of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1. If another issue is paramount, this is immediate. It will admit of no delay and will suffer no postponement.

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