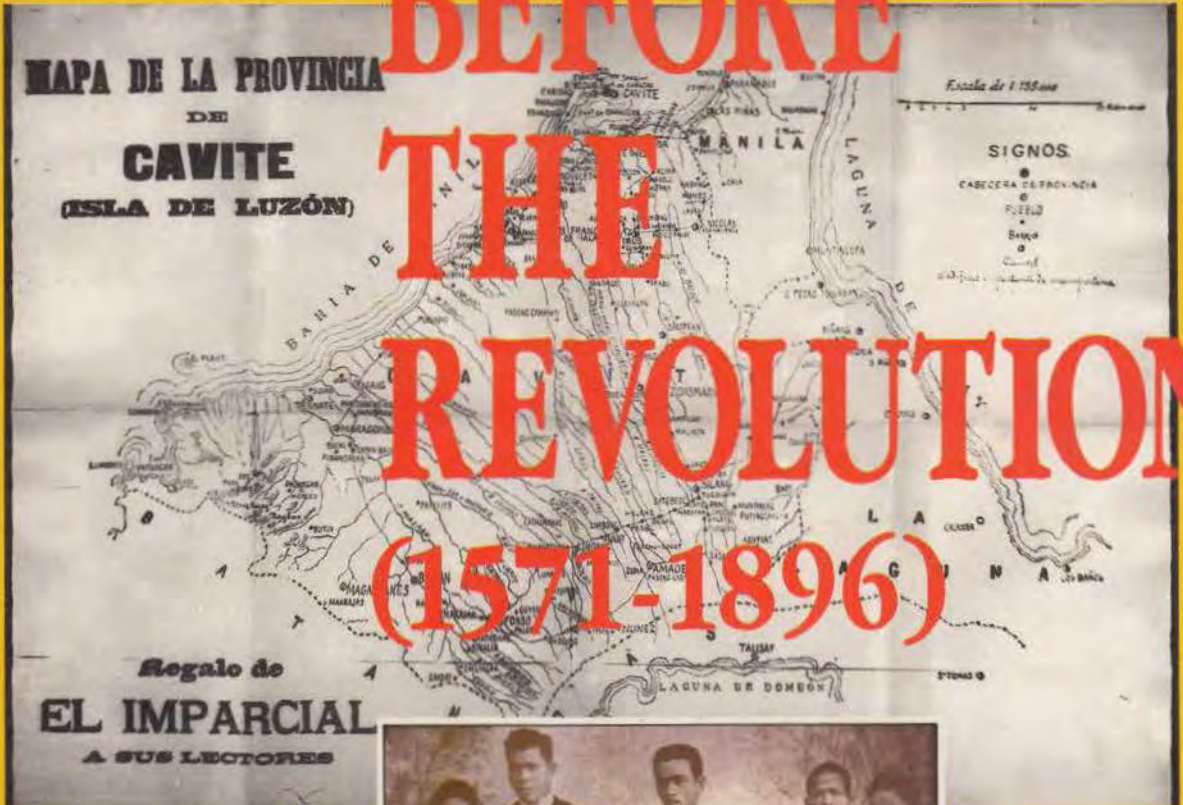


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 sa mga Bayaning Kababaihan,  
 Kalalakihan at Kabataan  
 ng Kabite na nagbuwis ng buhay sa Rebolusyong  
 1896  
 Upang maging malaya ang  
 Salinlahi Ngayon

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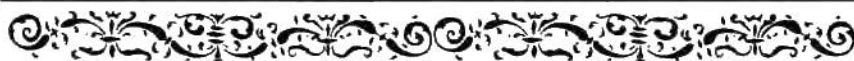
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## BBREVIATIONS USED

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A	Alfonso
AAM	Archivo del Arzobispado de Manila (San Carlos Seminary, Guadalupe, Makati, Metro-Manila)
AFIO	Archivo Franciscano Ibero-Oriental (Madrid)
AGI	Archivo General de Indias (Seville, Spain)
AHN	Archivo Histórico Nacional (Madrid)
AHSI	Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu (Jesuit Historical Archives, Rome, Italy)
Amd	Amadeo
AMU	Ateneo de Manila University
ANL	Australian National Library (Canberra)
APSN	Archivo de la Provincia de San Nicolas (Marcilla, Navarra)
APSR	Archivo de la Provincia del Santísimo Rosario (San Juan, Metro-Manila)
ARSI <u>Phil.</u>	Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu (Rome, Italy) Philippinarum
ASHM	Archivo del Servicio Histórico Militar (Madrid)
ASV	Archivo Segreto Vaticano (Rome, Italy)
AUST	Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomas (Manila)
B	Bacoor
BCTE	Beyer Collection of Tagalog Ethnography (Australian National Library, Canberra) Microfiche copy in NL, Manila
BR	Blair and Robertson, <i>The Philippine Islands</i>
C	Carmona
CC	Cavite City (formerly Cavite el Puerto, Cavite Puerto or Tangway)
D	Dasmariñas
EPC	<i>Erección de los Pueblos</i> , Cavite (PNA)
Fil.	<i>Filipinas</i> series in AGI
GT	General Trias (formerly San Francisco de Malabon)
HDP	Historical Data Papers (NL)
I	Imus
Ind	Indang
K	Kawit (formerly Cavite Viejo)
Leg.	<i>Legajo</i> (bundle)
M	Magallanes
MCF	Microfilm (UPL)
MN	Archivo del Museo Naval (Madrid)



Ms.	<i>Manuscrito</i> (Manuscript)
Mz	Mendez
N	Naic
NHI	National Historical Institute
NL	National Library (Manila)
NSL	Noceda-Sanlucar <i>Vocabulario</i>
NV	Noveleta (formerly Tierra Alta)
O.F.M.	<i>Ordinis Fratrum Minorum</i> (Franciscan)
O.P.	<i>Ordinis Praedicatorum</i> (Dominican)
O.R.S.A.	<i>Ordinis Recollectorum Sancti Augustini</i> (Recollect)
PNA	National Archives of the Philippines (Manila)
RAM	Real Academia Historia (Madrid)
S	Siláng
SCM	Santa Cruz de Malabon (now Tanza)
SFM	San Francisco de Malabon (now Gen. Trias)
S.J.	<i>Societas Jesu</i> (Jesuit)
SJBN	Blancas de San Joseph Bibliothèque Nationale (Paris, France)
SJUST	Francisco Blancas de San Jose's (?) <i>Vocabulario</i> (UST copy, Manila)
T	Tanza (formerly Santa Cruz de Malabon)
TC	Tagaytay City
TMC	Trece Mártires City
Tnt	Ternate
ts	typescript
UPL	University of the Philippines Library (Quezon City)
v.	volume/-s
VPC	<i>Varias Próvincias</i> , Cavite (PNA)



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