

NOTICE.

AMERICAN MAIL SCHOONER MYSTERY

(U. S. Contract Mail Packet.)
will be leaving Frederiksted on Saturday
7th May at 6 o'clock p. m. punctually for
St. Thomas and San Juan, P. R.

Intending passengers should apply not
later than 4 p. m. on the previous day at
the office of

THOS. RAMSAY,
Agent Frederiksted.

Voters! Voters! Voters!

Stop, Think, And Then Decide

VOTE STRAIGHT FOR

ABRAMSON AND TEYTAUD

THE FIRST AND LAST NAMES ON
THE TICKET.

Do not mind the Bluffers.

Chabert is President of the Labor
Union and Granady is with Chabert.

Alexander no good. Do not be mislead.

Fall in line, be on time, vote right and
with all your might. Vote for

ABRAMSON AND TEYTAUD.

VOTER.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

Government Secretary (Timmons) re-
marked: Mr. Chairman. With regard
to authority vested in the President I
wish to remind the Honorable Member
that the President, by Executive Order,
reserves the right to approve and set
aside laws. With reference to the Mem-
ber's proposal that the President be
vested with power to appoint the judges,
that would be superfluous, the President
has already received that power from the
Congress of the United States.

With reference to the printing of the
code, no one regrets that more than I; it
is aimed at me and I wish to explain that
it is through an oversight the section
was not sent. The original of the code
was sent instead of the copy passed, and
this error was only lately discovered.

1st Member for Christiansted Country
District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr.
Chairman. I fully agree that according
to the Organic Act the Governor is au-
thorized to appoint the officials of the
Virgin Islands. If the bill had not been
approved it would be all right to move
the section and the Council would not
have any say; but it has been passed and
approved by the Governor and become
law, therefore the President has,

through him, decided that there shall be
two judges, and that cannot be changed
unless by legislative amendment. If it
had not been made law, it would be a
different thing. You cannot make a law
today and have it changed tomorrow by
the President; no! If that is so then the
whole code would be changed. If that
section is taken out it might change the
whole code. The President could have
said he would not approve the law, but
he cannot approve it and later change a
part of it. According to my legal know-
ledge, and according to the nature of the
matter, this is a law that is in existence
and cannot be changed in that way. In
order to have it changed it must be acted
upon by the legislative body with the
approval of the President or the Govern-
or. I take up the ordinance, if it be ve-
toed, then two judges will remain.

Government Secretary (Timmons) re-
marked: Mr. Chairman. Just one word.
With regard to the Organic Act and the
Executive Order, the Act also reads:
"With the approval of the President
and under such rules and regulations as
the President may prescribe etc." The
interpretation put on that is clear; all the
legal minds agree that, that is clear. He
might not find it convenient to take action
on a law for six months or perhaps a year,
but he has vested the power in the Gov-
ernor.

1st Member for Christiansted Country
District (Stakemann): I believe the sec-
tion to which the Honorable Government
has reference begins with "Except as
hereinafter provided etc." Some words
are omitted.

Government Secretary (Timmons): May
I ask if the Honorable Member refers
to the Organic Act or the Executive
Order?

1st Member for Christiansted Country
District (Stakemann): The Organic Act.

Government Secretary (Timmons) read
the section referred to.

1st Member for Christiansted Country
District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr.
Chairman. The President has already
made use of his right, he has approved
the law, he has used his prerogative, and
after it becomes law he cannot change
it.

Government Secretary (Timmons) re-
marked: Mr. Chairman. The local Gov-
ernment maintains that the Governor
has the right to approve a law, after it
is done if it is changed by the President,
the quarrel is with the President and not
with the local Government.

1st Member for Christiansted Country
District (Stakemann): And who knows
whether the President has changed the
law?

Government Secretary (Timmons):
Again I wish to say it is law, and until
you hear otherwise it is law.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country
District (Andersen) remarked: Mr.
Chairman. I am sorry that I am not
legally trained as the last speaker, so
that I could speak with authority on this
matter, however I wish to say that I

think that the people of St. Croix spoke
strongly enough when they spoke at a
mass meeting and through the Colonial
Council a short time ago and asked for
two judges; and now for the Government
to bring in a misprinted code with that
particular section left out simultaneously
with a new proposal for but one judge,
makes me feel that matters are not car-
ried on a fair way towards us.

This is an American Island now, and
while we know that the law and the
courts are the backbone of the Ameri-
can Constitution it is intolerable for us
to go around with the feeling that our
Courts are being meddled with. We
certainly would feel safer and more
satisfied in this island if the judges were
appointed by the President. I recom-
mend that the Council vote that we have
two judges in the Virgin Islands, and
that they may be appointed by the Presi-
dent of the United States.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood):
On the road the Council had nothing to
say, but on the law Members have much
to say.

Government Secretary (Timmons): I
wish to make it clear that Government
has no objection to the President ap-
pointing the Judges.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country
District (Andersen): I cannot under-
stand then why the Government with-
draws the bill.

Government Secretary (Timmons):
Simply because of the action that has
been made clear.

1st Member for Christiansted Country
District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr.
Chairman. I appreciate the stand the
Government has taken, that is to have
the President appoint the two judges.
I do not believe the President will, in
this little matter, refuse to follow the
views of the people. The Naval Depart-
ment or some one in Washington is prob-
ably at the back of this matter. I do not
believe that for the sake of saving Four
Thousand Dollars this section of the code
was set aside.

Government Secretary (Timmons) re-
marked: Mr. Chairman. No one will
contend that the President sits up at
night reading this code; no one will con-
tend that he has never seen it or will
ever see it.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country
District (Andersen): Mr. Chairman. If
it is not inappropriate I would like to
have the Government Secretary reveal
what he knows about this matter and
what he thinks about it.

No one requesting the word further it
was put to the vote and carried that the
bill be furthered. First Discussion re-
mained open.

The Chairman then gave a recess of
20 minutes.

LOCAL.

The nomination of candidates for the
general election of representatives of
the Christiansted country district to