

Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized the Reverend J. P. CHRISTENSEN to perform civil religious functions in the Municipality of Saint Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, Saint Thomas 6 September, 1923.

WM. S. ZANE,
Government Secretary.

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ERIK R. STAKEMANN,

Christiansted, St. Croix, Sept. 10th 1923:

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 4.
Week Ending Sept. 7, 1923.
Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
Christiansted	Jr. High	98.71	100.00
Frederiksted	Jr. High	91.15	100.00
Frederiksted	Public	93.47	100.00
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	100.00
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	100.00
Diamond	Rural	100.00	99.20
La Princesse	Rural	97.08	98.53
Christiansted	Public	96.94	98.00
Friedensfeld	Rural	100.00	93.81

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from Saturday's Avis.)

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 3, Fourth Council, First Session.

2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 3, draft of an ordinance, introduced by Government, amending Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I have received an amendment to this Ordinance from the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District, and which I have had typewritten and circulated

RAINFALL ON ESTATES BELONGING TO WEST INDIAN SUGAR FACTORY, ST. CROIX.

Estates.	Lines of rain in Aug. 1923.	Lines of rain Jan. 1st-Aug. 31st 1923.
Adventure	18.	85.
Anguilla	15.	81.
Barren Spot	20.	89.
Bethlehem	17.	115.
Betty's Hope	8.	72.
Bonne Esperance	28.	117.
Colq. Mt. Pleasant	35.	153.
Fredensborg	17.	98.
Fountain	34.	140.
G. Grove	18.	81.
Glynn & Windsor	37.	104.
Jealousy	19.	129.
Lower Love	20.	110.
Mannings Bay	11.	73.
River	27.	162.
St. George's	10.	78.
Slob	15.	88.
Strawberry Hill	14.	75.
Two Friends	24.	128.

1 line = 3 m/m.

among members. The amendment reads as follows:

AMENDMENT

to Colonial Council Bill No. 3.
4th Council, First Session, 1923-1924.

Section 10) Amend first clause to read (from the word "The" on the first line to the word "therein" on the second line):

The duty of keeping the roads in every quarter in good and serviceable condition is incumbent upon the owners of landed properties, factories or similar establishments situated therein, provided however, that owners of 25 acres or less in any quarter be exempt from road work and that the road work incumbent on such small estates be allotted to the Municipality.

F. ANDERSEN,

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman As far as I remember this draft of ordinance is before the House on 2nd discussion and sections 8, 11 and 12 have already been adopted. The amendment before you is self explanatory. My reason for bringing it up is to make sure that the small holder roads are kept in as good condition as the others, and also to relieve them of road work. I have in my possession a survey of the road work on the island and it totals 11,483 feet. The Chairman of the Road Commission has estimated the cost of repairs to the roads to be about two and a half cents per foot or \$25.00 per thousand feet. I believe an average of \$10.00 per hundred feet can

keep the roads in order. With these remarks I recommend the amendment to the favorable consideration of the Council.

5th Appointed Member (Mc Intosh) inquired of the Vice Chairman if a man owns two lots of land under 25 acres each whether such lots will come under municipal repairs?

The Vice-Chairman in replying to the last speaker said, —I think not. To my mind he will not be exempted.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. With regard to the question raised by the Honorable 5th Appointed Member, that seems to me a very trifling matter and something that is going to cause unnecessary discussion. I saw a list myself this morning and not more than two individuals come under that. The whole road work, if this amendment goes through, will now cost the Government \$300. We could use our time to better advantage.

5th Appointed Member (Mc Intosh) remarked, Mr. Vice-Chairman. I asked the question merely to get an understanding as to whether a man owning two lots of land, twenty-five acres in one quarter and nineteen in another quarter will come under municipal repairs. I would like to know whether such a man will be exempt from road work or not?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) in reply to the last speaker said, —The duty of keeping the roads in every quarter in repair rests with the owners of properties, but according to the amendment introduced by the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District owners of less than 25 acres shall be exempted.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. Such a man will be exempted. That's a small matter.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The ordinance specifically states that "owners of 25 acres be exempt from road work." This is open to doubt. We have had many misunderstandings in the past. I would suggest that the word "so" in the sixth line of the second paragraph be changed to the word "such" so as to make the line read "the road work incumbent on such small estates be allotted to the Municipality." Government would prefer to have this matter cleared up today.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. The general idea is to do away with the small allotments of 15 and 19 feet of road work.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. According to the wording of the amendment it seems that a man owning 25 acres of land is not exempted from road work, but that only those who own less than 25 acres are exempted.