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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to say so far as I have heard from 1st Member for Christiansted Country District [Stakemann] and 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] I am in sympathy with what they have said, and so far where I am concerned I think it would be best to have one judge for this island and if the members of the Colonial Council would always stand for their rights as they are doing today I believe we would have nothing to fear.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not care to make any remarks which might be considered uncomplimentary, I like to speak on friendly terms. It seems to me that no effort was made to influence this Council. It is all very well to quote the Congressional Commission report, but it must be taken into consideration that this Council has not the jurisdiction to create an appeal court. Let us go further than the Congressional Commission report, I have heard several speak about it, but I have not heard any one say that the moral of the people of this island is at a very low ebb, neither have I heard anything said about doing something to remedy it. The organization which is presented to this Council will give us the highest degree of efficiency with very little cost. It happens that I know the cause of the conflict, and the man who is behind it does not want a trial by jury here nor in St. Thomas. I say we should have here the courts we are having in the United States in the Virgin Islands, and one man says we should not. This Council has not the power to bring a judge from Porto Rico here to sit on appeal cases. What the people of this island want is to stay where we are, and I for one do not feel that such a condition should exist. Gentlemen I am not going to talk any more; we are offering you nothing but what you had before; we are offering you laws just as you would find from Mexico to South America; it is for you gentlemen

to decide, the Government has introduced it, and it is considered the best that could be proposed. Gentlemen are you going to accept it or are you not going to accept it? If you are going to believe the Congressional Commission in part you must believe it all together. I would agree today to pass these laws as recommended by the Congressional Commission if you would agree to spend eight thousand dollars yearly for a judiciary system. I say it again the laws which are here proposed are the best we can offer to you. If this Council had the power I would say let us create an appeal court, but we have not the power to create a judiciary system, we cannot do it, Congress can. Is it right to create a judiciary system here which will cost you eight thousand dollars yearly?

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am in sympathy with the words of the last speaker, but when it comes to the moral of the people of these islands I wish to state that the bill is now under 2nd Discussion (2nd Appointed Member Noll: We are coming to it.) Member Blackwood continuing: As far as the question of having two judges for these Islands is concerned you are better able to say.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] remarked: Mr. Chairman. I apologize if I violate the Rules of Business.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It is not possible with such a code of laws before us to confine ourselves strictly to the Rules of Business. In the meetings of the Code Commission many questions were asked and explanations were given us, but since I have looked up the laws on these questions and I find different solutions to the answers made. Coming back to the question of the laws, I know not of any man who is against having American laws here, to the contrary, we wish to have them, but I do not think it right to talk about American laws and its principles if we do not stand by that same principle. Is it American principle to have a man sit here in this Council and pass laws which will create an office for himself? I did not want to bring this up, but under the arguments adduced I am compelled to do so.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] remarked: Mr. Chairman. As a United States citizen I feel that I have a right to stand in this Council and express an honest opinion; and I also feel that the Government has the right to have some one represent them in this Colonial Council.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I think we are again confusing the issues. All that can be said for or against the organization should be said. Let us keep strictly to the ordinance before us and try to get some understanding on that.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) concur-

red in the words spoken by the last speaker.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members if there is no objection I will proceed to call out the sections. I think there has been sufficient discussion. As regards arguments as to whether there should be one or two police judges no amendment has been handed, the only amendment before me is to section 13.

Accordingly the Chairman proceeded to call out the sections with the following results:

Sections 1 to 12 No objection.

13 with amendment as proposed.

The Chairman read the amendment and said: My first duty is to place the amendment before you for a vote as to whether it should be furthered.

Accordingly the Chairman put the amendment to the vote.

4 members voted in favor of; 9 against.

The Chairman remarked: The amendment is lost.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) left the meeting.

Sections 14 to 33 no objection.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] remarked: Mr. Chairman. To Section 11 an amendment was proposed by the St. Thomas Council to which I don't see any objection.

The Chairman replying to the last speaker said.—Amendments by Government can be brought in at 3rd Discussion.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. No amendment can be brought in to a section after it was read and adopted.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) would like to know whether the Council is to give an opinion as to whether there should be one or two judges or whether Judge Noll is to bring in an amendment that there should be one judge.

[To be continued].

The S. S. Lake Ledan from New York arrived at Frederiksted on Tuesday bringing cargo and consignee mail.

The Agency of the Quebec S. S. Co. advises that the S. S. Guiana sailed from New York on Saturday last, 8th., for this island and other ports. The boat may, therefore, be looked for in Frederiksted on Saturday the 15th.

The death occurred yesterday morning at Fredensfeld of Revd. Mathias Wolter late rector of the Moravian Church at Fredensthal in this town. The burial which will take place at Fredensfeld has been fixed for 10 a. m. today.

A belated advice has just been received of the death in Canada of young Alden Schou of this town, from diphtheria. On the sad event sincere condolences are offered his mother and other bereaved ones.