

assistance in furthering the several features embodied in the resolution, I do not doubt.

As the sentiments expressed in the foregoing are equally applicable in this Municipality, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to the Honorable, The Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John, for his information.

Respectfully

PHILIP WILLIAMS.
Governor.

The *Chairman* remarked: In view of the letter just read I forwarded an invitation by radio to the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John which is as follows:

RADIO.

From: Chairman, Colonial Council, St. Croix.

To : Judge Thiele, Chairman, Colonial Council, St. Thomas.

As Chairman of Colonial Council of St. Croix I extend to you and to the Members of St. Thomas and St. John Colonial Council a most hearty invitation to sit with our Council in joint session at two o'clock Thursday afternoon for purpose of receiving and discussing and passing in joint session of the two Councils a memorial as submitted by Municipal Committee of both Council, with an object of improving economic situation in the Virgin Islands and at which also I shall invite the Chairman and Members of the Federal Commission.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

The *Chairman* remarked: I have to announce that I have received an answer by radio from the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John reciprocating in the most hearty manner. His reply is as follows:

From: Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John (Thiele).

To : Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Croix (Merwin):

On behalf of the members of the Colonial Council of Saint Thomas and Saint John I thank you for and accept your most cordial invitation to sit in joint session with your Colonial Council tomorrow Thursday afternoon for consideration of joint resolution designed to improve economic conditions in Virgin Islands. I consider this occasion a very important one both from a historic and from the benefit which it is hoped may be derived therefrom. I look forward to seeing you upon my arrival in Christiansted.

THIELE.

3. Letter from Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Croix to Honorable George H. Woodson, Chairman of Federal Commission, reading.

Christiansted,
February 6, 1924.

Hon. George H. Woodson.

Chairman of Federal Commission,
Christiansted.

My Dear Mr. Woodson:

On Thursday the 7th there will be held a joint meeting of the Colonial Councils of St. Thomas and St. John, and St. Croix in the Council Chamber, Christiansted.

I invite you, Sir, and all the members of your Honorable Commission to be present as guests of our Council and to participate as you may desire. The object of the meeting will be to receive a resolution embodying recommendations to better the economic conditions in the Virgin Islands and which has been in Committee under debate for past few months and a matter which I feel you have so sincerely at heart.

I understand there will be a buffet lunch, particularly for our hungry St. Thomas friends and at which no doubt we may have the honor of your very good company.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours faithfully,

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman, Colonial Council.

The *Chairman* remarked: The minutes of the last meeting have been published as customary and if I hear no objection I will consider them tacitly adopted.

The Chair heard no objection, the minutes as published were declared tacitly adopted.

To be continued.

LOCAL

Hydroplane, A3529 refuelled alongside the water-front here on Monday. It is of the one-pontoon model with accommodations for about eight persons. An intensely interested crowd gathered around the plane which was the first to come within such close range.

In circling over the town the day before yesterday afternoon, one of the hydroplanes, at low altitude, collided with and toppled over, a portion of the radio mast on the wharf, sustaining itself some damage to one of its wings. The plane is now hauled ashore at Gallows Bay for repairs.

Three Tortola smacks arrived here yesterday morning, the "City Belle" and "Flash", each with three head of horned cattle, and the "Clyde," with a cargo of "jacks." The transportation of cattle in small boats of this sort where the animals are practically forced into a cramped position while at

sea, is to say the least of it, barbarity refined. We had the opportunity of witnessing the unloading of some cattle brought from Tortola in this fashion: one of the poor creatures was so stiff and cramped that it could not walk when put ashore. It occurred to us that there is more than one kind of prohibition that will do this place good, for one, prohibition against importation of cattle under inhumane conditions. The police regulations as made and amended provide certain specified methods for the transportation of cattle for slaughter, and the bringing of cattle to our shores in the notorious manner they are brought, is a violation of local laws, calling for remedial attention to discourage it. Among the stock which came in yesterday was a fine looking bull for account of Mr. M. Ramon, Lowry Hill.

The U. S. S. "Teel" arrived here this morning to carry back the damaged seaplane it is understood.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Earle Williams of this town this morning and left a fine baby girl. Congratulations.

The Dreadnought football club defeated the Native Stars in a match at Holger Danske yesterday afternoon by one goal to nil.

The sloop Mizpap sailed for St. Thomas with mails this morning.

CORRECTION

In issue of Monday Feb. 11th, item re post office service, the verb *is* preceding "indicative" in sentence beginning: "the various excuses, etc." is corrected to *are*.

OFFICIAL NOTES.

Among the many persons of note who have recently been the guests of the the Commanding Officer, Captain F. D. Creamer and Mrs. Creamer at the Marine Barracks, St. Croix was Commander F. M. Perkins, Fleet Gunnery Officer with a large party which came in big Navy Sea-planes Saturday.

Commander Perkins was Gunnery Officer for Governor Phillip Williams while he commanded the Dreadnought U. S. S. Senessee, because of the Governor's interest in St. Croix he wanted Commander Perkins to visit here.

Commander Perkins has had a long and distinguished career in the Navy. It was on his ship the U. S. S. George Washington that President and Mrs. Wilson went to Europe during the war. The King and Queen of the Belgians and other famous personages were subsequently passengers on his ship.