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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

AT 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, July 2nd, 1921, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held an extraordinary meeting in the Council Hall in Christiansted, convened by request of Government.

The following members were present: The Vice-Chairman (Coulter), Robt. W. Skeoch, G. B. Fleming, F. Andersen, J. Alexander, D. C. Canegata, K. Henderson, D. Noll, M. M. Skeoch, A. J. Blackwood, D. S. Armstrong, Thos. Ramsay, and W. S. Abramson.

Absent were: The Chairman (Merwin), F. Lunney, G. Nordby and A. E. Stake-man. Furthermore the seat of the 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District was vacant.

Government Secretary (Timmons) and Despatching Secretary (Fox) attended the meeting.

After prayers had been said the Chairman (Coulter) remarked. Honorable Members since the last meeting of the Council I received the following communication from Government:

"29th June, 1921.

Sir:—I am directed by the Governor to request that you convene an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix, on Saturday, 2 July, 1921, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Respectfully,

C. W. FOX,

Despatching Secretary.

Mr. F. Coulter,

Vice-Chairman, Colonial Council,
Municipality of St. Croix, V. I."

The Chairman remarked: I have just been handed a resolution in regard to increase to travelling expenses to Mem-

bers of the Council; I will ask Members if they will agree with it.

The Chairman further remarked: As the minutes for the last meeting have not been published I will ask the Assistant to the Council to read it.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If it is not contrary to the Rules of Business I move that the reading of the proceedings for the last meeting go over until the next meeting of the Council.

The member's proposal was put to the vote and unanimously carried.

Item 1.

Colonial Council Bill No. 6.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 6, Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by Government, redeclaring and establishing the Judiciary Department and courts on St. Croix; providing for a District Court Commissioner and for additional notaries public; amending an ordinance passed by the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix, 25th May, 1920, and sanctioned and approved 25th June, 1920, and repealing Chapters one and three of said Ordinance.

Government Secretary (Timmons) remarked: Mr. Chairman. In introducing this bill Government doesn't feel it necessary to make any remark or recommendation further than that made before. Members are familiar with its contents and it is offered for your consideration.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. In view of the fact that this ordinance has been in the Council a little more than a week ago and was withdrawn for consideration with the understanding that it will not be introduced in an extraordinary meeting, the people of this island believes that something extraordinary must have

happened which warrants the bringing up of this matter in an extraordinary meeting, in practically the same shape as first introduced. There seems to be something of a legal nature involved in this matter, and may be that the Honorable 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) as a legal man, might be able to give us some explanation as to why the ordinance is brought up so hurriedly. I can not explain it myself, may be the Honorable Member can explain the reason why.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I draw attention to Par. 8 of the Rules of Business that the Council is not in order.

The Chairman remarked: I presume that the Honorable Member means that a two-thirds vote of the Council must be obtained before the ordinance can be forwarded.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) Yes.

The Chairman after looking up the paragraph referred to by the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town remarked: The Member's objection is quite in order, and it is necessary for me to take the vote as to whether this ordinance should be discussed today.

The Chairman put to the vote whether the Ordinance should be furthered today.

9 Members voted for; none against. 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I rise to state that I have an answer to make to the question asked by 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) except that this Draft of Ordinance is legally and economically sound. I am not delegated to speak on the matter.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I wish to make another motion—As far as I see from this Draft of Ordinance it is one that affects of great deal the interest of the community and with that in view we should comply with the rules that govern an Assembly. I read this Ordinance and I believe it will affect the revenues of this island to a great extent, and as this is the time we are hearing that the revenues should be guarded, I move that according to Par. 7 of the By-Law for the Municipal Committee, discussion on this matter be deferred until it is discussed by the Municipal Committee.

The Chairman: The Par. of the By-Law which the Honorable Member refers to reads as follows:

"The Municipal Committee shall be handed all recommendations and reports that are submitted by Officials and other parties to Government concerning measures in connection with the economic affairs of the island, and the Committee shall be allowed reasonable time to give its opinion on such measures, before the recommendations be