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THE mail arriving from Continental United States today brought a copy of Senate Bill No. 2786, introduced in the Senate on March 10, 1924, by Senator McLEAN of Connecticut by request. This bill is entitled: "A Bill to provide a Civil Government for the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes."

I desire to inform the people of the Virgin Islands that the Government had nothing whatever to do with this bill; was given no opportunity to comment upon it prior to its presentation to the United States Senate and, in fact, knew nothing concerning it until the printed copy was received this morning. Further, insofar as this Government is aware, the party or parties who requested Senator McLEAN to introduce this bill acted without the consent and approval of the people inasmuch as the people as represented by the two Colonial Councils have not signified a desire for a complete change in the form of government of these islands.

The danger of legislation concerning the Virgin Islands being introduced in the Federal Congress without official backing is only too apparent. Would not this bill, if enacted, endanger the Federal appropriation now made for the islands? Porto Rico, from whose Organic Act this bill is largely copied, receives no direct Federal appropriation.

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.

Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized the Reverend ALPHONSE J. WOLF, C.S.S.R., to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of Saint Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, 27 March, 1924.

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