

July 9, 1920 and approved July 12, 1920.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix:—

That to Title III, Chapter 71, of "An Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special Laws for St. Croix and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing Laws", passed by the Colonial Council July 12, 1920, there be added the following to be inserted and read as a new section:—

Section 8. Estates, wherein the value of the assets is less than three hundred dollars, may be administered in a summary manner, under such general and special rules as may be prescribed by the Judge of the District Court.

Introduced by

D. NOLL,

2nd Appointed Member.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) in introducing the Ordinance said: Mr. Vice-Chairman. This draft of Ordinance provides that estates, wherein the value of the assets is less than three hundred dollars, may be administered in a summary manner, under such general and special rules as may be prescribed by the Judge of the District Court. The reason I offer this amendment is, because we have discovered in practice that the cost of administering an estate is too burdensome for those small estates, it generally costs from forty to fifty dollars. I think it is admitted by all members of the bar that this is in order. We had a case not long ago; a man died leaving \$50 in the Bank, and to get that money out of the Bank he would have to spend more than the amount in the Bank. And anyone of the people in the country who die leaving a donkey, a horse or a cart that could be cared for by the amendment.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Government is in favor of the Ordinance as proposed by the Honorable 2nd Appointed Member (Noll). It is already law in St. Thomas and St. John. If the Council desires to pass all three discussions today Government has no objection.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) proposed that 1st Discussion be closed.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) seconded the member's motion.

The Vice-Chairman put the motion to the vote.

10 members voted for; none against.

1st Discussion closed.

(To be concluded.)

LOCAL

The s. s. Bridgetown from New York via St. Thomas and Frederiksted arrived here at noon yesterday and sailed for the southern ports at 3 00 p. m. Printed matter and parcel post mails were received, but no letters. Mails for six points were carried.

Among the passengers who embarked at this port by the Bridgetown yesterday was Rev. H. M. Pigott, the popular and much beloved rector of St. John's Episcopal church, this town, who is gone on a 6-week vacation to Antigua, B. W. I.

During the absence of Rev. Father Pigott, the parish of St. John's will be administered by the Rev. Father Geo. A. Griffiths of All Saints Episcopal church, St. Thomas.

From an official item in this issue it will be noted that His Excellency the Governor has extended an invitation to President Harding to visit the Virgin Islands. In event that this invitation is fruitful, His Excellency the President will be the first Chief Executive to thus honor the islands. It would be well if St. Croix could be included in the itinerary being the largest of the Virgin Islands, the most self-supporting of the group and the one holding in itself most possibilities of prosperity under the American flag under existing conditions as we see them.

The theatre was crowded last night. The film screened was The Last Days of Napoleon. As much was not represented of the personal activities of this man who is said to have drowned Europe in blood and tears, as was looked for—but the acting was good, and the picture interesting throughout its parts.

It is recommended to movie admirers in Frederiksted where it will be shown tonight.

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OFFICIAL NOTES.

Yesterday afternoon, His Excellency the Governor of the Virgin Islands, addressed the following invitation by radio to the President of the United States, to visit these islands on his way home:

"On behalf of the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands, I extend a cordial invitation to the President of the United States to visit the Virgin Islands during his passage through these waters. Such a visit would be, in my opinion, a concrete evidence of the interest of the Chief Executive in the latest acquisition of territory to the American flag. Signed: Governor Virgin Islands."

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Halifax, N. S., July 17th. — Announcement was made at the offices of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company here yesterday that it had been decided to place the steamer Teviot, a freighter of 3,271 tons gross, in the West Indies service, pending the designation of a suitable passenger steamer. The Teviot will take the place temporarily of the steamer "Caracquet", lost off Bermuda a few weeks ago. She will make her first sailing from St. John about August 5th and Halifax August 17th and will carry mails, but no passengers.

Bochum, July 16th. — A state of siege was again proclaimed here today in consequence of a severe explosion on Sunday in the huge depot at Weitmar, near here, where thousands of confiscated automobiles are parked. The cause of the explosion is not known, but in German quarters the opinion is expressed that it probably was due to spontaneous combustion, owing to the excessive heat. Bochum has been completely cut off from the surrounding country and severe punitive measures have been instituted.

Belgrade, July 16th. — A number of persons are reported to have been killed and others injured and considerable damage caused to buildings through the explosion yesterday of a large depot of artillery ammunition at Kraguyevatz, 60 miles southeast of Belgrade. The disaster is believed to have been due to spontaneous combustion.

Moscow, July 16th. — Russia has ordered the withdrawal of her mission to Bulgaria in consequence of the reported assassination of a member of the Russian Red Cross in Bulgaria. The Foreign Office has sent a letter to Dr. Nansen, League of Nations relief commissioner, asking him to lodge a protest.

London, July 17th. — The match between the West Indians touring cricketers and Warwickshire was concluded yesterday at Birmingham, the former winning by nine wickets. On Saturday the Warwickshire XI made 240 in their first innings, to which the West Indians yesterday replied with 321 as follows. Tarilton 8, Challenor 61, Fernandes 11, Nunes 3, Small 85, Austin 18, Browne 21, Pascall 25, Constantine 47, Dewhurst 0, Francis (not out) 19, extras 23, total 321. Warwickshire then went into bat in their second innings and were disposed of for a score of 104 as follows. Wyatt 34, Bates 1, Santall 5, Quaife 3, Calhoun 7, Croom 13, Smart 0, Clarkson 1, Hewetson 0, Jennings 35, Cross (not out) 2, extras 3, total 104. Bowling for the West Indians Francis took two wickets for 32 runs, Browne three for 28, Constantine three for 17, and Pascall two for 24. Replying, the West Indians scored 24 for the loss of one wicket, thus winning the match by nine wickets. Scores were as follows. Tarilton 0, Fernandes (not out) 8, Nunes (not out) 15, total 24.