

S T. C R O I X A V I S

(Further extending the establishment of adequate shipping service in and deferring extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands)

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS, an Act of Congress entitled the "Merchant Marine Act of 1920," approved June 5, 1920, contains the following provisions:

"Sec. 21. That from and after February 1, 1922, the coastwise laws of the United States shall extend to the island territories and possessions of the United States not now covered thereby, and the board is directed prior to the expiration of such year to have established adequate steamship service at reasonable rates to accommodate the commerce and the passenger travel of said islands and to maintain and operate such service until it can be taken over and operated and maintained upon satisfactory terms by private capital and enterprise; Provided, That if adequate shipping service is not established by February 1, 1922, the President shall extend the period herein allowed for the establishment of such service in the case of any island Territory or possession for such time as may be necessary for the establishment of adequate shipping facilities therefor; Provided further, That until Congress shall have authorized the registry as vessels of the United States of vessels owned in the Philippine Islands, the Government of the Philippine Islands is hereby authorized to adopt, from time to time, and enforce regulations governing transportation of merchandise and passengers between ports or places in the Philippine Archipelago; And provided further, That the foregoing provisions of this section shall not take effect with reference to the Philippine Islands until the President of the United States after a full investigation of the local needs and conditions shall, by proclamation, declare that an adequate shipping service has been established as herein provided and fix a date for the going into effect of the same."

AND WHEREAS, an adequate shipping service to accommodate the commerce and passenger travel of the Virgin Islands has not been established as provided by Section 21 of the "Merchant Marine Act of 1920";

AND WHEREAS, a proclamation dated February 1, 1922, was issued by Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred on him by Section 21 of said Act of Congress, declaring that the period for the establishment of adequate shipping service of the aforesaid Virgin Islands be extended from February 1, 1922, to May 1, 1922, and that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the aforesaid Virgin Islands be deferred from February 1, 1922, to May 1, 1922;

AND WHEREAS, a second proclamation dated May 18, 1922, was issued by Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, declaring that the period for the establishment of adequate shipping service of the aforesaid Virgin Islands be extended from May 1, 1922, to November 1, 1922; and that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the aforesaid Virgin Islands be deferred from May 1, 1922 to November 1, 1922;

AND WHEREAS, a third proclamation dated October 28, 1922, was issued by Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, declaring that the period for the establishment of adequate shipping service of the aforesaid Virgin Islands be extended from November 1, 1922, to November 1, 1923, and that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the aforesaid Virgin Islands be deferred from November 1, 1922, to November 1, 1923;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States of America, acting under and by the Virtue of the authority conferred upon me by Section 21 of said Act of Congress, having issued a proclamation on October 25, 1923, declaring the period for the establishment of an adequate shipping service to the aforesaid Virgin Islands be extended from November 1, 1923, to May 1, 1924, and that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the aforesaid Virgin Islands be deferred from November 1, 1923, to May 1, 1924, do hereby declare and proclaim that the period for the establishment of adequate shipping service of the aforesaid Virgin Islands be further extended from May 1, 1924, to November 1, 1924;

AND INASMUCH as the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the aforesaid Virgin Islands, as provided in section 21 of the aforesaid act, is dependent upon the establishment of an adequate shipping service to such island possession, I do hereby further proclaim and declare that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands is deferred from May 1, 1924, to November 1, 1924.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 7th day of April in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Forty-eight.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

(SEAL)

By the President:

CHARLES E. HUGHES
Secretary of State.

(No. 1690.)

CANE PRICE.

5½ lbs. Sugar to 100 lbs. Cane 28.32.
6 " do. " 100 " do. 30.89.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 35

Week Ending May 9, 1924.

Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
Christiansted	Jr. High	99.12	99.71
Frederiksted	Jr. High	99.36	99.15
Frederiksted	Public	98.66	98.97
Christiansted	Public	99.16	98.14
Diamond	Rural	99.94	97.83
Peter's Rest	Rural	99.45	97.04
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	96.04
Friedensfeld	Rural	96.55	94.43
La Princesse	Rural	94.42	87.67

EDITORIAL.

Why are the Cemeteries in St. Croix so terribly neglected? Is it that little thought is given to the dead?

God's acre is revered in all countries and has been since the world began and it is the duty of the citizens of St. Croix to reverence their dead. It is a comforting thought for man to feel that he has done all he can do to make the last abode of his dear ones, who have gone before, as beautiful and as soothing to the eye of the living as possible.

Instead of this feeling it would seem of late that we have assigned our cemeteries as goat pastures; they may give milk but not the milk of human kindness.

In Christiansted the street inspector has charge of caring the cemetery and men are employed to do the weeding which sometimes gets beyond them in the wet season. What is a source of regrettable complaint here is that boys with catapults shoot about the sacred grounds and have actually broken the glass coverings of boxes with wreaths etc. It is understood that the guilty ones have not been identified; but a sharp lookout should be kept for such miscreants.

Lieutenant H. H. Hines, (S. C.) U. S.