

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

A PROCLAMATION.

Thanksgiving Day.

WHEREAS, the last Thursday in November of each year is customarily observed in our country as a day of thanksgiving and prayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HENRY H. HOUGH, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of November, 1923, as Thanksgiving Day, and do solemnly urge that the people of these islands congregate on that day at their usual places of worship and give deep and sincere thanks to the Great Giver of All Good for the manifold blessings, both spiritual and material, enjoyed during the year which is now about to end, and to petition that they may be continued in the year before us.

In the beginning of our country our devout forefathers, who had hewed their homes out of the virgin forests and suffered great hardship and danger, paused in their work and said: "Let us set aside a day for thanksgiving for the many blessings bestowed upon us". Thus the custom was established and it has since been nationally observed yearly by the people of our country. It has come to be, perhaps, the most characteristic of our national observances, and as the season approaches for its annual recurrence, it is fitting to formally draw attention to this ancient institution of our people and to call upon them to again unite in its appropriate celebration.

The year now nearing its end has been marked in the experience of the world by a complexity of trials and triumphs, of difficulties and achievements. Great strides have been made in science and invention for the good of mankind. Realizing the suffering of the world from earthquakes, fire, tidal waves, hurricanes, starvation, disease, war and internal strife during the year, we must feel that we have indeed been fortunate in being spared from such calamities. Our conditions of health are excellent; we have been spared the inclemencies of weather that bring suffering to the poor in colder climes; and here, amid the natural beauties of our islands we may go about our tasks freely and fearlessly.

Our local problems, while real enough, are not so serious in comparison with those of many countries of the world, and are capable of solution if we work hard and cheerfully to that end. We have been blessed during the last two months with a bountiful rainfall. Therefore let the New Year bring forth the fruits of

our toil, bearing in mind that our harvest will be in proportion to the labor put into it. It is within the province of every person here to do something for the good of the Virgin Islands. Let each one strive to do his utmost not only to his individual benefit, but to the general good as well.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed.

Issued at St. Thomas, this nineteenth day of November, 1923.

HENRY H. HOUGH,
Governor.

(SEAL)

Publication

It is hereby brought to public notice that the Trade-mark shown below which was registered in the United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C., on July 24, 1923 in the name of Standard Oil Company of New York of New York, N. Y., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and Trade-mark certificate No. 170,736 issued therefor, has this date been registered in the Office of the Government Secretary of the Virgin Islands of the United States at St. Thomas, in accordance with the provisions in the regulations governing the registration of Patents and Trade-marks in the Virgin Islands, approved 30 June, 1920.



Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Thomas, 5 November 1923.

WM. S. ZANE,
Government Secretary.

FOR SALE.

FOR Roses and plants MOULD can be had from MARCUS PARK well prepared.

J. B. MARCUS.

DISEASES DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

During the month of October 1923, the following diseases of interest to the public have been reported in the Virgin Islands:

In Saint Croix.

Trachoma.....	36
Filariasis, Bancrofti.....	13
Dysentery, entamebic.....	2
Tuberculosis.....	3

In St. Thomas.—St. John.

Dengue.....	6
Tuberculosis.....	1

H. M. STENHOUSE, M. D.
Chief Sanitation Officer,
Municipality of St. Croix.

LOCAL

The Industrial Band rendered a fine program on the wharf last night. There was a large applaudive gathering.

Mr. Armstrong tells us that the owner of the St. Kitts racer has agreed to send the horse to St. Croix, so there will probably be races for Xmas.

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the wharf to-morrow night.

Football.

The Alert and Minute Boys' clubs will oppose each other in a match at Holger Danske pasture tomorrow afternoon. Game commences precisely at 3.45 o'clock.
—Com.

"SCHOOL AND TEACHER DAY"

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND THE
TEACHER.

It would be exceedingly difficult to overestimate the important part that teachers take in the development of the life of the Nation. They exercise their art, not on the materials of this world which pass away, but upon the human soul, where it will remain through all eternity. It is the teacher that makes the school, that sets its standard and determines its success or failure. Everyone is familiar with the assertion of President Garfield that Mark Hopkins, sitting on one end of a log with a student on the other, would constitute a university. He did not particularize about the student, but he was careful to provide that the head of the institution was to be Dr. Hopkins. Only a trained and tried educator could fill the requirements for the head of a seat of learning that was to be dignified by the name of a university. With such a figure occupying that