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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

At one o'clock p. m. Friday June 22, 1923, the Colonial Council held its first Ordinary Meeting for the present elective period.

The members present were: The Vice-Chairman (Robt. W. Skeoch), Thos. Ramsay, A. J. Blackwood, F. Andersen, M. M. Skeoch, D. Noll, D. S. Armstrong, Holger Berg, Jno. L. Curry, D. Hamilton Jackson, A. R. McIntosh, D. C. Canegata, F. Coulter and Jos. Alexander.

The Chairman (Merwin) was absent. An excuse from Member Jessen of his inability to attend the meeting was read.

Government Secretary (Gaffney), Despatching Secretary (Rappolee), Lieutenant Commander S. Zane and Lieutenant R. E. Barrett were also present.

The following prayers were offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Father Francis W. Clair:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, we acknowledge Thee as the Creator of heaven and earth and of all things, and we humbly bow down in adoration before Thy Divine Majesty.

We thank Thee for all that Thou hast bestowed upon us for both body and soul, and we resolve to prove our gratitude to Thee for Thy great gifts by using them according to Thy holy will.

Grant us, O God, grace to live in

peace with Thee and our fellow-creatures. Bless our President and all those burdened with the responsibility of public office.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallow'd be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

May the blessing of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be upon us and remain with us always. Amen.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members. As you are aware the Chairman, through illness, is absent today, and consequently, I as Vice-Chairman take the Chair.

The communications received since the last meeting of the Council were then read:

1. Letter from Despatching Secretary (Rappolee) dated June 5, 1923, to the Chairman of the Colonial Council forwarding amendment to ordinance concerning Insanity Law and requesting that same be placed on the order of the Day for the next regular meeting of the Council scheduled to occur on June 18, 1923.

2. Letter from Rev. Francis W. Clair, C. S. S. R. to Chairman of the Council reading:

June 9th, 1923.

Mr. Robert L. Merwin,
Chairman Colonial Council,
St. Croix.

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of yesterday was received notifying me of my election as chaplain to the Colonial Council. In accordance with your request I hereby give notice I accept the appointment and will fulfil all that is expected of me in that office.

Congratulating you on your re-election as chairman of the Council and wishing you a successful term,

I am,

Respectfully,

FRANCIS W. CLAIR, C.S.S.R.

3. Letter from Government dated 13 June, 1923 postponing the ordinary meeting of the Council scheduled for Monday June 18 to Friday June 22, 1923.
4. Letter from Despatching Secretary (R. E. Barrett) dated 14 June reading:

14 June, 1923.

From: Despatching Secretary.

To: The Chairman of the Colonial Council, Municipality of St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Subject: Postponement of regular meeting of the Colonial Council.

1. The following radiogram from the Governor of the Virgin Islands is quoted for your information and guidance:

"0013 Reference your zero one one three dash zero nine forty five period Postponement of regular meeting Colonial Council from eighteenth to twenty second instant authorized period Extraordinary meeting Council will be called for final action during following week period. Consult Chairman Colonial Council and recommend date for extraordinary meeting prior to the thirtieth instant period. Letter of confirmation of postponement by mail period 1505"

R. E. BARRETT.

5. Letter from Despatching Secretary (C. E. Rappolee) reading:

18th June, 1923.

From: Despatching Secretary.

To: The Chairman of the Colonial Council, Municipality of St. Croix, V. I.

Subject: Dates of appointments of Appointed Members of the Colonial Council.

1. At the meeting of the Colonial Council on the 4th instant, it was noted that the dates of the appointments of Messrs. Armstrong, and McIntosh were from 10th May 1923 instead of May 14 1923. The Governor has authorized the Despatching Secretary to make the necessary corrections so that the appointments of these two gentlemen will read 14 May 1923. The appointment of Mr. Coulter read 14 May 1923 and no correction in his case was necessary.

C. E. RAPPOLEE.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Vice-Chairman. May I say a word—Perhaps I am the member who drew attention to the fact that the appointment of the Honorable 1st Appointed Member was dated 10th May. Do I understand it is stated in the communication you have just read that the Member's appointment was dated the 14th day of May?

The Vice-Chairman: Yes.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town