

Provisional Ordinance.

WHEREAS, Under and by virtue of Section 4 of the Colonial Law (No. 124) published at Amalienborg, April 6, 1906, it is provided among other things as follows:

"In extraordinary circumstances the Governor has authority to issue Provisional Laws or Ordinances."

AND, WHEREAS, by Section 2 of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide a temporary Government for the West Indian Islands acquired by the United States from Denmark", etc., approved by the President on the 3rd day of March, 1917, it is further provided in said Act as follows:

"That, until Congress shall otherwise provide, in so far as compatible with the changed sovereignty and not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, the laws regulating elections and the electoral franchise as set forth in the code of laws published at Amalienborg the 6th of April, 1906, and the other local laws in force and effect in said Islands on the 17th day of January, 1917, shall remain in force and effect in said Islands"

AND, WHEREAS, the rate of exchange for an American dollar into francs of the currency of the said Islands has, on October 15, 1919, suddenly advanced from \$1.04 to \$1.27-1/2.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. W. Oman, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, formerly known as the Danish West Indian Islands, under and by virtue of the aforesaid laws, considering extraordinary circumstances as now existing, in view of the increase in prices of necessities of life, incident to the aforementioned advance in the rate of exchange, hereby determine and by this proclamation do announce that it is essential, in order to provide sufficient means whereby the employees of the Government of the said Virgin Islands of the United States may obtain sufficient necessities of life under the salaries now paid to such employes in the currency of the said Islands, and in order that the public good will be promoted thereby, to add to the salaries of said employes, do hereby authorize and direct, effective immediately and until otherwise provided, that there shall be added to the salary of each employe of this Government such further amounts, in local currency, in addition to such salaries as will equal the difference between the normal rate of exchange (\$1.04) and the rate of exchange existing when such salaries are due and payable. The budgets for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and for the Municipality of St. Croix, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, are hereby increased

ed in the amounts necessary to provide for the aforesaid payments.

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 in St. Thomas, this 17th day of October, 1919, A. D.

(SEAL)

J. W. OMAN.

By The Governor

C. C. TIMMONS.

Government Secretary.

Thus duly passed and approved at the 3rd Ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council held Monday, October 20, 1919.

D. C. CANEGATA. ROBT. MERWIN.
Secretary. Chairman.

The above Provisional Ordinance is hereby sanctioned and approved.

Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States at St. Thomas the 27th day of October in the year 1919.

(SEAL.)

J. W. OMAN.
Governor.

An Ordinance

CREATING A COMMISSION TO REGULATE AND CONTROL THE PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CROIX, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in Session assembled:

1. The Governor of the Virgin Islands is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a Commission to fix and regulate the selling prices for articles of food sold in St. Croix, and to carry out the powers and duties hereinafter set forth.
2. The said Commission shall be known as the "Food Commission of St. Croix". The members of which shall be residents of St. Croix. The Governor shall name the Chairman of the Commission. The members of the Food Commission shall be appointed for a period of one year and shall continue in office thereafter until their successors are appointed and qualified.
3. The Food Commission shall have power to investigate the prices at which all articles of food are sold or purchased by importers, merchants, dealers, producers, manufacturers, or consumers, and for that purpose the books of all such shall be open to inspection by the Food Commission, and, if necessary, it may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or for the production of books or other documents, and it shall have

the power to take testimony under oath.

4. It shall have the power to determine the prices and quantities at which all or any article of food may be sold by wholesalers, retailers, producers or manufacturers, provided however, a reasonable margin of profit shall be allowed. It shall also have the power to restrict the exportation of all locally produced or manufactured articles of food, to the extent of the amount required for local consumption; provided the prices fixed for local sale of a locally produced or manufactured article of food shall not be less than the net cash amount which might be gained by exportation.
5. It shall have the power to test all weights, scales and measures and to fix standards thereof.
6. It shall have the power to make all rules and regulations necessary to efficiently carry out the powers herein granted.
7. Any person who shall refuse to appear before the Food Commission, when summoned, or who shall refuse to testify, or shall testify falsely, or shall fail to produce books or documents required or shall sell any article of food in a larger quantity or at a higher price than prescribed by the Food Commission, or shall use a weight, measure or scale prohibited by the Food Commission, or shall violate any rule or regulation promulgated by the Food Commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and on conviction thereof shall be punished by fine of not to exceed Francs 1,000:00 or by imprisonment not to exceed six months or by both such fine and imprisonment by the discretion of the Court.
8. All prosecutions or violations of this Ordinance shall be by information filed by the Government Attorney in the Ordinary Town Court.

Thus duly passed at the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council held Monday, October 20, 1919.

Christiansted, October 22, 1919.

D. C. CANEGATA, ROBT. MERMIN.
Secretary. Chairman.

The above Ordinance is hereby sanctioned and approved.

Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States at St. Thomas, the 27th day of October, in the year 1919.

(SEAL)

J. W. OMAN,
Governor.

LOST.

ONE MILLER TIRE AND TUBE WITH SPARE RIM, size 31 x 4. Any one who can give information leading to recovery will please report at this office.