

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES:
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, it comes my painful duty to announce to the people of the Virgin Islands of the United States, that the Chief Executive, WARREN G. HARDING, President of the United States of America, departed this life on Thursday, August 2nd, 1923;

AND WHEREAS, the President of the United States, CALVIN COOLIDGE, has directed that the Executive Departments of the Federal Government of the United States, be closed at one o'clock, post meridian, on Tuesday, August the 7th, and remain closed through Friday, August the 10th, 1923; and that a period of mourning be instituted to expire at midnight September the 3rd, 1923;

AND WHEREAS, the President of the United States has set apart Friday, August 10th, 1923, as a day of National Mourning and prayer for the late Chief Executive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HENRY H. HOUGH, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, hereby direct that all activities of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, except those necessary in the Public Welfare, be suspended between one o'clock, post meridian, on Tuesday, August the 7th, and twelve midnight on Friday, August the 10th, 1923; that all official flags be at half-mast on all public buildings, both military and civil, between eight o'clock, anti meridian, and sunset each day, through Monday, September the 3rd, 1923; that all officials, civil and military, connected with the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, wear a badge of mourning on the left arm, midway between the shoulder and the elbow, consisting of a band of black crepe, or other similar material, three inches wide; that no official entertainments by officers of the United States be held until December first, 1923; and that an official service be held at the Marine Barracks, in the town of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands of the United States, at the hour of eight thirty, anti meridian, on Friday, August 10th, 1923, which service all are urged to attend for the purpose of offering prayer for the repose of the Soul of the Great and Good President.

I do further earnestly recommend that the people of the Virgin Islands cease their daily occupations on Friday, August the 10th, 1923, to enable them to attend this official service and to congregate in their respective places of worship for such additional services as may be held therein.

After many years of labor in the ser-

vice of the people of the United States, our Chief Executive, PRESIDENT HARDING, has gone to his reward. Possibly no President since President LINCOLN, has been called upon to bear a greater burden than has PRESIDENT HARDING during the reconstruction period following the World War, the tremendous responsibilities incident to the successful prosecution of the war broke down the health of his predecessor; the equally heavy burdens which PRESIDENT HARDING has had to carry through the transition period from war to peaceful prosperity, has proven more than he could bear. As a soldier lays down his life for his country, so has PRESIDENT HARDING laid down his life in the service of the people he loved so 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, Virgin Islands of the United States, this fifth day of August, 1923.

HENRY H. HOUGH,
Governor.

NOTICE

OUR Offices in Christiansted and Frederiksted will be closed from NOON 10-DAY until SATURDAY MORNING.

The 7th August 1923.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDED AUGUST 4, 1923

Miss Catherine Brow, c.o. Antonetta Powlis,
Miss Thersa Callimore,
Mr. Alphonsus Canton,
Miss Maude Hennessey,
Miss Elsa Heywood,
Mrs. Eleasa Jacobs,
Miss Mary Juliar; Est Rattan,
Miss Elsie Phillips; No. 4 Water Gut,
Miss Viola Thomas,
Mr. Philippe Turbe,

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, August 6, 1923.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.

LOCAL

We have been asked to mention that a Memorial Service for the late President Harding will be held in Friedensthal Moravian Church at 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

Mails Close

for the Leeward and Windward Islands, Barbados and Trinidad, by s. s. Parima, at 9 a. m. tomorrow 8th.

24 lines of rain was measured at the Fort this morning.

The sloop Mizpah will sail for St. Thomas as usual this afternoon.

Baseball.

The Alert baseball team defeated the Merry Boys of Frederiksted on the Oval pasture on Sunday. The score was 25 runs to 14.

Football.

The match played on the Oval Frederiksted between the Alert and Merry Boys was won by the Alert. Score 1-0.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ottawa, Aug. 3rd.—The news of President Harding's death came as a great shock to the capital of Canada last night as it was believed here that he was on the road to recovery. The Premier, Mr. McKenzie King, is out of the City and in his absence Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance and acting Premier, expressed the deep sympathy of the people of Canada with the American public in their loss. On account of his recent visit to Canada, said Mr. Fielding, President Harding was a little nearer than usual to the people of Canada. When the first news of his serious illness came there was general sorrow here and this was followed by relief when word came that he was gaining ground. His sudden death now comes as a great shock and the sympathy of the Canadian people goes out in full measure to the American people in their loss. The Conservative Leader, Mr. Arthur Meighen, is in St. John N. B. on his way back from the campaign in Cape Breton, and in his absence Sir Henry Drayton, former Minister of Finance in the Meighen Government joined with the acting Premier in conveying the deep sympathy of the people of Canada of all parties with the people of the United States, in connection with President Harding's death. President Harding, said Sir Henry, had won the sincere respect of the Canadian people and the news of his sudden death was received here with great sorrow. On his recent visit to Canadian territory he did much to strengthen the ties binding the two countries in friendship and created an impression that will long be remembered.