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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

The Vice Chairman remarked: A draft of a resolution has been handed in, it reads as follows: The Vice Chairman read the Resolution, which is as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 16.

4th Council, First Session, 1923-1924.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Colonial Council in session assembled:

That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized after conference, with the consent of the Municipal Committee to exchange a plot or the whole of Old Hospital Ground with the owner of Estate "R. Covery Hill" and a plot of the parcel of land belonging to Peter's Farm with the owners of Estate "Hermon Hill" for the purpose of obtaining a watershed capable of furnishing the town of Christiansted with an adequate supply of water for public use.

D. C. CANEGATA,

2nd Member for Christiansted Town and Suburbs.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Resolution be furthered and passed at one discussion.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr.

Vice Chairman. The only objection I have to the resolution is to the word "Adequate", it should be stricken because there is no guarantee that we are going to have an adequate water supply.

No one requesting the word the Vice Chairman closed the discussion, the resolution was read, put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Vice Chairman remarked: The Resolution is adopted and goes to Government.

The Vice Chairman then brought up the following Interpellations and Resolution introduced by 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg):

INTERPELLATIONS:

1. The Chairman of the Colonial Council is kindly requested to advise disposition of the Municipal Committee's pending Memorial to Congress.
2. Information is desired as to whether the Ordinance providing for loans to squatters and parcelists can be construed as considering also individual landowners who may desire loans for extending cane cultivation.

H. BERG,

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District.

RESOLUTION:

That a sum of \$50.00 be appropriated from public funds not already obligated to be expended for the purpose of clearing the wharf and adjoining public land in Christiansted of rubbish and other unsightly encumbrances now lying there at variance with existing Police Regulations.

H. BERG,

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I think we are rushing matters too much. Time should be given for consideration.

The Vice Chairman remarked: I will take the vote as to whether these matters should come up for discussion today.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Resolution come up for discussion today.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. For some time now the wharf in Christiansted has been made a dumping ground for unsightly old iron and other rubbish. When compared with the wharf in Frederiksted it is a disgrace. The American Fleet is expect-

ed in these waters and a Commission from Washington is coming here soon and the wharf in this state will not tend to make a good impression.

The Police Regulations provide that the wharf shall be kept tidy and clean. Once we had 100 poles on the wharf and we were asked to remove them within four days in order to comply with the Police Regulations. There is an old engine on the wharf, that should be removed. There are some guns lying there also, these too, should be removed. I understand since the introduction of this resolution that their removal has been contemplated. The landing place is used by the inhabitants as a promenade when the band is playing and we would like to have it kept clean.

There is also a monument erect there. I don't think the Council ever gave its consent to place it there. It was put there in memory of one Miss Helen Winslow. I don't think any one here knows who she was. I advocate that the monument be dug up and removed. I make these suggestions because hundreds of persons in this town have made comments as regards conditions on the wharf.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I think the Honorable Member who offered this resolution did not consider it before he introduced it. First because a resolution cannot contain a money bill, and second because I don't think this Council should pass a money bill to put in order what should be taken care of by the Police Department.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The Honorable 3rd Member for Christiansted Town and myself are thankful to the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District for this Resolution. I thought of bringing in something of the sort to have the wharf cleared up. I can say that during the past Administration such a condition did not exist on the wharf. I do not know who has charge of the wharf today, but under the former Administration the former Controller of Customs had charge of it. I am given to understand that it will take three thousand dollars to remove the guns from the wharf.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked:—Mr.

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