

by many persons who asked me to reconsider my decision and accept election. Believing I had a right to sit in this Council, according to the Treaty between Denmark and the United States, I allowed myself to be persuaded and became a member. During the 35 years in which I have sat in this Council I have never tried to persuade any one to elect me. If we look to the Treaty, we will find that in Art. 6 it is stated that:

"Danish citizens residing in said islands may remain therein or may remove therefrom at will, retaining in either event all their rights of property, including the right to sell or dispose of such property or its proceeds; in case they remain in the Islands they shall continue until otherwise provided, to enjoy all the private, municipal and religious rights and liberties secured to them by the laws now in force. If the present Laws are altered, the said inhabitants shall not thereby be placed in a less favorable position in respect to the above mentioned rights and liberties than they now enjoy".

Now gentlemen, I believe that those words are plain. I cannot see how they can be interpreted otherwise but that Danish citizens remaining in these islands retain their municipal rights and privileges, but if any one wish to say that, that Article likely has been written without due consideration being given to it, I would refer to the correspondence between the Danish Government and the United States Government on Article 6 which reads:

"With regard to these rights, i.e., property and commercial rights, Danish subjects are subject to the laws applicable to other foreigners."

The first draft was made in the United States and submitted to the Danish Government; the Danish Government changed it in the manner in which it was ultimately accepted and inserted in the Treaty. The United States Government answered that it did not see its way to accept and the draft was referred back to the Danish Government for further consideration. The Danish Government in a memorandum sent to the American Minister in Copenhagen ad, 6:

"This the only point on which the Danish Government has not been able to accept the proposals of the United States Government."

The Danish drafting is in the most exact conformity with Article 3 of the former convention of 24 January, 1902, only that the option has been curtailed to one year and that an addition has been made in respect to the declaration to be made for children under 18 years.

The reasons, which, in view of the convention not granting full American Citizenship to the inhabitants, and the reason that the Danish Government is not in possession of the necessary materials for an exact estimation as to how their position will be after the transfer makes Art. 6, viz; the United States Draft, which moreover, does not even

accord to them as favorable a position as is already accorded them by the Danish-American Treaty of 26 April, 1836--unacceptable to the Danish Government--these reasons have been so thoroughly argued during the discussions between the two Governments preceeding the convention of 24th January 1902, that it will not be necessary here to repeat them.

Without that article the Treaty would not have been accepted in the Danish Diet, the same being the case in 1902. Of course, we all know, according to the American Constitution, that a Treaty is the supreme law of the land, but the Courts have held that treaties may be changed by Congress, but the one under discussion is little stronger than a treaty in general. I consider it more of a contract between the two Governments. See also the word "convention".

The Chairman says that no reliability should be placed upon the newspapers, I do not know whether Congress overlooked the Treaty, or whether they construe it different to others, or if the intention is to set aside the Treaty. Those are questions I cannot answer. It is not pleasant for one to be feeling himself an interloper, therefore I beg to place my resignation at the disposal of the Council to be passed upon by them when the amendment is approved by the President of the United States. We are not so much interested in being members of this Council—to which no remuneration, and hardly any honor is attached. I am speaking for myself, I do not know how other members feel—so as to spend any money in getting a decision from the Courts. Rather than be fired, I prefer to resign, because I would not like to be thrown out of this Council of which I have been a member for nearly 35 years.

In now taking leave of this Council I beg to express my appreciation of the great kindness, courtesy and consideration shown me by all, especially I beg to thank our former Governor, Admiral Oman and staff; also I beg to thank the Honorable Chairman of this Council, through the Vice-Chairman, for all courtesies shown me, and his considerations on occasions when I may have overstepped the Rules of Business, I also wish to thank the Members who have worked together with me, some of them veterans of the Council, such as my old friend on the other side of the table—Captain Blackwood—who has been with me in this Council for many years, and though a United States citizen acted for many years under the Danish administration as Chairman of this Council, to the satisfaction of every one. The Member left the meeting.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL.

Movie patrons are reminded of tonight's show at which there will be commenced the famous serial "Elmo the Fearless". To see this film is to appreciate it and see it through we are told; let us give it a fair patronage.

The Raporel S. S. W.M. Tupper from

New York via St. Thomas reached Frederiksted last night. The contractor dispatched a car at 5.15 this morning to fetch the Christiansted mail, understood to consist of some 80 bags, and it is hoped that with cooperation and speed this mail could be here early this morning.

The Creole arrived here yesterday afternoon with a small mail from St. Thomas and San Juan.

It is regretted to report another burglary committed at Mr. Carl Schou's shop last night, entrance to which was effected by the yard, on which side the half of a shutter was wrenched out. So far as ascertained only some copper change left in the drawer was availed of. This is the second occurrence of the kind during a short time, and strong measures should be adopted to discourage a continuance or spread of the "disease".

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the Wharf Sunday evening, June 19th.

Department of Education
St. Croix, June 10, 1921.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL TEACHERS No. 25.

1. Owing to the congestion which usually obtains at the end of a school year Saturday, June 11, will end the Teachers' Normal School for the School Year 1920-1921.

2. The Assistant Director again commends you for the zeal, interest, and patriotism that you have shown in your work. He has met you in the classroom and found you trying to do your best; he has created extra work for you by establishing the Normal School for Saturday morning sessions, and you have accepted it in the right spirit, namely, you have come to the class with the purpose of making yourself a better and more efficient teacher in the classroom. The proof of this statement can be seen by the work on display in your classroom.

The supervisors and instructors of the Normal School will be called upon to submit grades for the student teacher, which will become a part of the efficiency report of said teacher.

The Department again congratulates you for the success of the Normal School.

ARTHUR E. LINDEORG.
Asst. Director of Education.

AMERICAN MOTOR SCHOONER

"MYSTERY"

(U. S. Contract Mail Packet)
Captain Noble

will arrive at Frederiksted on Saturdays and will leave the same day for San Juan, P. R., via St. Thomas.

Intending passengers will please apply for passage tickets not later than 4 p. m. on the previous day.

THOS RAMSAY,
Agent.

Frederiksted, St. Croix.