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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from Saturday's Avis.)

Government Secretary (*Timmons*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. There seems to be a slight misunderstanding in regard to the Ordinance in effect; I will read the Ordinance (the Speaker read the Ordinance) and continuing said.—The Governor, about one year ago, requested this Council to elect members for the

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various commissions, if that has not been done, it is not the fault of the Governor. To repeal this Ordinance and go back to the old custom would be considered going backwards.

With regard to the auditor, I should like to draw attention to the fact that there was an Ordinance passed by this Council providing for an auditor, and I recall it that the Council was to elect two members and the two members elected were to appoint an auditor; I remember I took the matter up with the Despatching Secretary and he advised that the appointment of an auditor has been made. Going back again to the Ordinance which is before the Council today, the Government desires to reiterate that it will not have it repealed, but is always ready and willing to have objections and criticisms.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (*Ramsay*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. With regard to the Ordinance introduced by Member Stakemann I wish it clearly understood that I do not stand in opposition of his Ordinance, but I must strenuously object to the first paragraph. Governor Oman has shown a keen interest, not only in the island, but on behalf of the poor people, the people do not know all the Governor has done for them, but I am willing to stand in the open, at any time, and tell the people what the Governor has done for them. The Honorable Member has explained how the officers in their official capacity have done wrong to the poor people, I have heard so myself and would propose an amendment to this draft of ordinance, but as I am about to retire I would leave it to the other members to bring it in. I consider it would be a backward step to vote for the bill as introduced.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Honorable Government Secretary mentioned just now something about the reorganization of the commissions, I would like to know who is the party responsible for the reorganization of the Commissions?

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Coulter*): Hear, hear, that's the vital question.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (*Ramsay*) remarked: It is the duty of the Chairman to have the Committee and commissions appointed.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Stakemann*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a few remarks in reply to what the Govern-

ment Secretary has said. He says that if the commissions shall have executive authority it would be taking away the authority of the executive officers which would be going backwards. I wish to say that we have been told many things in this Council and outside about American principles. It was always said when we oppose anything, it is American principle, it must be carried through. Well our eyes are now opened and we find that the principles which exist in one State are different in another, why then should we accept such principles if we find that they are against our wishes. Look at the laws in Louisiana, some of the French laws are still in existence in that State. There are some laws that were existing here before that were good laws and very similar to laws in some of the Southern States that could have remained, but they have been swept clean away. Among other things I find that there are executive commissions in some of the States and the Government has not absolute control. Why couldn't we not have our little commissions to make our little complaints to? Let us have the pleasure of seeing what is going on, and if we find any one acting arbitrarily then the commission will complain. The law of July 19, 1911 expressly allows the carrying around and selling of fish. The police regulations say that it is not allowed to carry around and sell fish on the streets, and now this sale is forbidden; but the police regulations cannot override the law; if we had commissions there would be some stability in the matter. The way I have brought this question up here Government and the Council will see that I am not entirely wrong. Member Ramsay is not satisfied, if he wants to amend paragraph one of the bill he is perfectly welcome to do so.

Government Secretary (*Timmons*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The ordinance says that the boards and commissions have the right to criticize and ask questions and Government do not want to divest them of that. One real objection to the ordinance proposed today is, if enacted the head of the departments would be subject to orders of the commissions, you would then be holding them responsible for the commissions and not themselves; you cannot have divided authority. With regard to Member Canegata's question, I wish to have him answer his own question, I would like to hear his views on the matter.

Member Canegata again repeated his question.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Stakemann*) remarked: If the Chairman considers that it is mandatory on him to have the commissions elected then let him do so. One other thing is we want to know whether those commissions are to function? The Commission for the Leper Asylum was elected but a Chairman was not elected; it is of