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15th April, 1921.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from Saturday's Avis.)

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) would like to know whether it is ex-President Woodrow Wilson or President Harding who has set aside Section V of the Code.

Despatching Secretary (Fox) answered:

It was done by President Wilson before his term expired on March 4th.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: In view of the interest this question created at the time the code was before this Council and the discussion which we had upon it, I propose, if it would serve all interest best, that the matter be referred to a committee.

The Chairman remarked: At the last meeting Member Stakemann took objection to referring a bill to a committee before it is fully discussed under 1st Discussion, I would like to give members a chance to express their views on this question.

3rd. Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Are we going to gain anything by discussing this matter? Mr. Wilson was President when he passed upon it, and I don't see the necessity of discussing and voting upon it. It is an executive order, and therefore it is law.

Despatching Secretary (Fox) in reply to the last speaker said,—The President did not specify that there should be one judge, he only removed the section where it is stated there shall be one judge for each municipality. I interpret his meaning that there should be one judge, taking into consideration the comparatively small population.

Member Canegata: If the Executive Order declares that there shall be one judge, why then bring this matter before this Council?

Despatching Secretary (Fox) answered: The Executive Order does not provide that there shall be but one judge. The section providing one judge in the St. Croix Code has been removed, and it is stated in the Executive Order that "Whereas, the President of the United States has, in the exercise of the right reserved to him by Executive Order No. 2777 of December 26, 1917, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of the Act approved 3 March, 1917, disapproves an set aside Section five, title one of an Ordinance providing for a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands of the United States etc.

Member Canegata would like to know what would happen if the Council reinstates the section?

Member Andersen in reply said,—The Council I understand is at liberty to reinstate the section or alter it any way it wants it.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Section 5 provides for two judges; the President has set aside Section 5; no reason is stated for his so doing. He may have set it aside because he considers that two judges are not necessary, he may have set it aside because he didn't approve the tenure of office; he may have set it aside because he didn't approve the salary. It is in the province of the President to put in a new

section, but he simply vetoed the section, and it is now left to this Council to put in a new section. He has taken a negative action and this Council can act further on this matter, at least, to advise. As I view it, it is up to this Council to take this matter and consider it and act upon it.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Do I understand that the President has disapproved Section 5 of the Code of Laws and this Section introduced comes from the Government of the Virgin Islands?

Despatching Secretary (Fox) answered: The member is right in his conception.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Nordby) would like to know whether he is going to receive a copy of the Code of Laws?

The Chairman answered: Within the next ten days or two weeks every member will receive a copy.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) would like to know whether the President has declared where the judge is to take up his residence?

The Chairman answered: The President has simply removed the section in the code and the Danish Law covering this section comes into effect, therefore the judge must take up his residence in St. Croix.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Nordby) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Suppose the new election come on before we get a copy of the Code of Laws, will we who are going out be entitled to a copy just the same?

The Chairman answered: I will see that every member receives a copy.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Inasmuch as this is an ordinance introduced and subject to action as any other ordinance, money bill or resolution, I repeat my motion that a committee of five members be appointed to receive and report on the ordinance now before us. It was put to the vote and carried.

The Chairman gave a recess of 5 minutes.

After recess the Council reassembled and the Chairman asked Members to prepare their voting tickets for a committee of five members to report on the bill.

11 voting tickets were handed in.

Elected were: 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) and 2nd Member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin) with 9 votes respectively, 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) and 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) with 8 votes respectively, and 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) with 7 votes.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) and 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) received 2 votes respectively.

The Chairman remarked: I suggest