

Executive Order No. 13.

THOMAS RAMSAY is hereby appointed Chairman of the Food Commission of St. Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Thomas, 29 June 1920.

J. W. OMAN.
Governor.

FOR SALE.

Belle Veue or part of it, Mt. Welcome and Eliza's Retreat and part of Lt. Princess and Golden Rock.

EM. E. SVITZER.

30th June 1920.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

At one o'clock p. m., Monday, June 28, 1920 the Colonial Council of St. Croix held an extraordinary meeting in the Council Hall in Christiansted, convened by request of Government.

The Members present were: The Chairman (Merwin), R. W. Skeoch, M. M. Skeoch, A. J. Blackwood, G. Nordby, F. Lunney, K. Hendersen, G. B. Fleming, F. Andersen, W. S. Abramson and A. E. Stakemann.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) sent in excuse of his inability to attend the meeting; furthermore were absent: 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District [Mac Kay].

His Excellency the Governor Admiral Oman and Despatching Secretary (Commander Colby) attended the meeting.

The Secretary and acting Secretary to the Council being absent the Chairman asked 3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) to act as Secretary to the Council.

Accordingly the member took the Chair.

After prayers had been said the Chairman remarked: Honorable Members I have received a Resolution from Government and an Ordinance from 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) after the Order of the Day had been printed. The Chairman read the Resolution and the Ordinance and continuing said, It is left to the Council to decide whether these matters will be furthered today.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) entered the meeting.

The Chairman remarked: The minutes of the last meeting of the Council have been published as customary in the "St. Croix Avis" and if Members have no objection I will declare same tacitly adopted.

There being no objection the Chairman declared the minutes as published tacitly adopted.

The Chairman then brought up Item 1 of the Order of the Day.

Item 1.

Colonial Council Bill No. 35.

3rd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 35, Draft of an Ordinance introduced by Government, repealing an Ordinance creating the Food Commission.

The Chairman remarked: The Bill is before the House on 3rd Discussion.

No one requesting the word 3rd Discussion closed; the Acting Secretary read the bill and the Chairman put same to the vote.

4 Members voted for; 7 against.

The Chairman remarked: The bill is rejected.

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 36.

Continuation of 2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 36, draft of proposed Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1st, 1920 to June 30, 1921.

The Chairman remarked: This matter is before the House on continuation of 2nd. Discussion.

The Chairman further remarked: At the last meeting Government as well as 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) introduced amendments to the Budget.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Pentheny), 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) and 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) entered the meeting.

The Acting Secretary (Robt. W. Skeoch) read the amendment introduced by Government and the Chairman put to the vote whether it should be added to the budget.

12 members voted for; none against.

The Chairman also put to the vote whether the amendment introduced by 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) should be added to the budget.

10 members voted for; none against.

The Chairman remarked: The amendments are adopted.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Anderson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I only wish to ask if a printed statement of the revenues of this island could not be furnished members of this Council every year? 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) says it is in accordance with the Colonial Law. If we see the

correct figures, that might eliminate some of our criticism. I think it fair to ask for such a statement.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) remarked: Mr. Chairman. According to Section 65 of the Colonial Law, every year a printed statement of the revenues of this island should be given to the members of this Council.

I would also like to ask Government whether the new laws will be printed? I have not seen any amount under this budget for printing it. I do not know of any country where new laws are introduced and not printed. To have it in a place where it could be read, is not sufficient. It is necessary to have the new laws printed and indexed.

Another question the Executive cannot fix the time when a law is to come in force; this I mention because it might cause a great deal of inconvenience to the public; for instance, if a case comes up in the lower court one of the interested parties may not be satisfied with the decision rendered in that court and may appeal the case; and if the decision of the lower court is reversed, the question may come up which of the laws were in force when the decision was rendered. It must be stated in the law itself or by legislation when a law is to come in force. I mention this so as to avoid any question that may come up in the future.

The Chairman replying to 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) said,—In regard to statement of the revenues of the island, it was the custom under the Danish Administration to give a statement of three years revenues, and that when divided by three gave an approximation of the island's probable revenues. I am sure that Government wants to do what is right and give satisfaction to all concerned.

The Chairman replying to 1st Member for Christiansted Country District [Stakemann] said, In the first place may I ask to which paragraph in the Colonial law the Member referred to? Member Stakemann answered paragraph 65. The Chairman continuing, In regard to printing the laws, I can state that Government intends to print the laws, but is waiting for the passage of the codes which are now before the St. Thomas Council as Government thinks it best to print all at the same time.

It was put to the vote and carried that the budget be put to the vote en block and unanimously adopted that vote be en block.

The Discussion closed, the Secretary read the amendments, and the Chairman put the budget to the vote en block.

10 members voted for; none against.

The Chairman remarked: The budget as amended is adopted and goes to Government.

The Chairman then gave a recess of 20 minutes.

3rd Appointed Member (Armstrong)