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Miss Viola Thomas,
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Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Is-
lands, March 31, 1924.

B. R. LARSEN, *Postmaster.*

DIED at the Hospital yesterday morn-
ing after an operation, Mr. PHILIP TAL-
MANN, goldsmith of this town. The fu-
neral took place at 4.30 in the afternoon.
To those bereaved by his death we offer
our sincere sympathy.

68TH CONGRESS,
1ST SESSION.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10, 1924.

Mr. MCLEAN (by request) introduced the
following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Territories
and Insular Possessions.

A BILL

to provide a civil government for
the Virgin Islands, and for other
purposes.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

SEC. 22. That the council shall con-
sist of thirteen members elected for
terms of one year by the qualified elec-
tors of the Virgin Islands. Seven mem-
bers shall be elected from the island of
Saint Thomas, five members shall be
elected from the island of Saint Croix,
and one member shall be elected from
the island of Saint John. No person
shall be a member of the Virgin Islands
Council who is not an American citizen
over twenty-five years of age, and who
is not able to read and write the English
language, and who has not been a resi-
dent of the Virgin Islands for at least

two consecutive years. For the purpose
of elections hereafter to the council, the
Virgin Islands shall be divided into
thirteen representative districts, com-
posed of contiguous and compact terri-
tory, one of which shall be (until the
council shall otherwise enact) the island
of Saint John, and established, so far as
practicable, upon the basis of equal popu-
lation. The division into and the demar-
cation of such districts shall be made by
the Governor of the Virgin Islands. He
shall make his report within sixty days
after the approval of this Act, which re-
port, when approved by the President,
shall be final.

SEC. 23. That the next election in the
Virgin Islands shall be held in the year
1924, upon the day of July. At such
election there shall be chosen councilors
as herein provided. Thereafter the elec-
tions shall be held on the first Tues-
day after the first Monday in November,
beginning with the year 1925, and
every two years thereafter, and the
terms of office of all officials who
have heretofore been elected and whose
terms would otherwise expire prior
to the day of July, 1924, are
hereby extended until the officials who
may be elected to fill such offices on said
date shall have been duly qualified:
Provided, however, That nothing herein
contained shall be construed to limit the
right of the Council of the Virgin Islands
at any time to revise the boundaries of
representative districts and of any munici-
pality, or to abolish any municipality
and the officers provided therefor.

SEC. 24. That the term of office of
councilors chosen by the first general
election shall be until January 1, 1926,
and the terms of office of councilors and
representatives chosen at subsequent
elections shall be two years from the 2d
of January following their election. In
case of vacancy among the members of
the council, special elections may be held
in the districts wherein such vacancy oc-
curred, under such regulations as may be
prescribed by law, but councilors elected
in such cases shall hold office only for the
unexpired portion of the term wherein
the vacancy shall have occurred; and no
councilor, shall, during the time for
which he shall be elected, be appointed to
any civil office under the laws of the Vir-
gin Islands nor be appointed to any office
created by act of the council during the
time for which he shall have been elected
until two years after his term of office
shall have expired.

SEC. 25. That members of the Coun-
cil of the Virgin Islands shall receive
compensation at the rate of \$5 per day
for the first forty days of each regular
session and \$1 per day for each additional
day of such session while in session, and
mileage at the rate of 10 cents per kilo-
meter for each kilometer actually or neces-
sarily traveled in going from their legis-
lative districts to the capital and there-
from to their place of residence in their

districts by the usual routes of travel.

SEC. 26. That the council shall be the
sole judge of the elections, returns, and
qualifications of its members, and shall
have and exercise all the powers with re-
spect to the conduct of its proceedings
that usually pertain to parliamentary
legislative bodies. It shall convene at
the capital on the third Monday in Janu-
ary following the next election, and or-
ganize by the election of a presiding
officer, a clerk, and such other officers
and assistants as may be required.

SEC. 27. That the first regular session
of the Council of the Virgin Islands pro-
vided for by this Act, shall convene on
the twenty-eighth day after the first
election provided for herein, and regular
sessions of the council shall be held bi-
ennially thereafter, convening on the third
Monday in January of the year 1926 and
on the third Monday in January of each
second year thereafter. The governor
may call special sessions of the council at
any time when in his opinion the public
interest may require it, but no special
session shall continue longer than ten
days, not including Sundays and holi-
days, and no legislation shall be con-
sidered at such session other than that
specified in the call.

SEC. 28. That the enacting clause of
the laws shall be as to Acts, "Be it
enacted by the Council of the Virgin Is-
lands," and as to resolutions, "Be it re-
solved by the Council of the Virgin Is-
lands." The governor shall submit at
each regular session of the council a bud-
get of receipts and expenditures, which
shall be the basis of the ensuing biennial
appropriation bill. No bill shall become
a law until it be passed by a majority
yea-and-nay vote of all of the members of
the council, and entered upon the jour-
nal, and be approved by the governor
within ten days thereafter. If when a
bill that has been passed is presented to
the governor for his signature, he ap-
proves the same, he shall sign it; or if
not, he shall return it with his objections
to the council which shall enter his objec-
tions at large on the journal and proceed
to reconsider it. If after such reconsider-
ation, two-thirds of all the members of
the council shall agree to pass the same,
it shall be sent to the governor, who,
in case he shall not then approve, shall
transmit the same to the President of the
United States. If the President of the
United States approve the same, he shall
sign it, and it shall become a law. If he
shall not approve the same he shall re-
turn it to the governor so stating and it
shall not become a law: *Provided,* That
the President of the United States shall
approve or disapprove an Act submitted
to him under the provisions of this sec-
tion within ninety days from and af-
ter its submission for his approval,
and if not approved within such time
it shall become law the same as if
it had been specially approved.

(To be continued.)