

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE
WEEK ENDED JULY 7, 1923.

Mr. Christian George, (2)
Estate Constitution Hill,
Miss Alma O'Neale,
Mr. Holger Whitehead.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, July 9, 1923.

B. R. LARSEN, *Postmaster.*

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COLONIAL COUNCIL
FOR ST. CROIX.

(Concluded from yesterday's Avis.)

The Municipal Committee: No remarks. Put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Judiciary Department: Salaries.
1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) brought in the following amendment.

On the Expenditure side under the Judiciary Department item 5, SALARIES: After the words "Judge of the Police Court", add the word "Christiansted".

Insert on the next line, "Judge of the Police Court", Frederiksted, Frs. 9,000. Item 6, Equipment: Changed from Frs. 500 to Frs. 1,500.

D. H. JACKSON,
1st Member for Frederiksted Town.
June 27, 1923.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsey) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I did not know that the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town would bring in an amendment to this item. As the Honorable Member's amendment is identically the same as the one which I intend to propose I will refrain from doing so.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Government has no objection to the amendment brought in by the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town. It is merely inserting in the budget what has been there before. For the sake of economy it was omitted. However, Government is glad to see an amendment being brought in to have it inserted, and hopes it will meet with favorable consideration.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The people of Frederiksted are greatly unconvinced by not having a resident Police Judge for that town. Item 1, Chapter 1 of the Code provides for a Police Judge for each town. It would seem to me that when the Code was passed by this Council it was considered necessary to have a Police Magistrate's court sit in Frederiksted. We know that

it is a great drawback to the people by their not having a judge residing there. The Code provides that before an arrest can be made a complaint has to be filed, and if the judge sees fit he may issue a warrant of arrest. At present what happens is this: The Police go out and arrest persons without warrant. I have in mind a case where a man was arrested on the 13 of a certain month and the complaint was not filed until the 30 of that said month. This is a disgraceful incident. In consequence of all this, this amendment is brought in. I am glad to see the attitude Government has taken in this matter, and I hope that the Honorable Members of this Council will give the amendment their favorable consideration.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I endorse the amendment proposed by the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town. I believe the present Judge who is acting for both towns is doing the best he can, but it is impossible for one man to hold the position of Police Judge for both towns and perform the duties satisfactorily.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I will vote for a Police Judge for Frederiksted provided that some arrangement can be made to have one of the judge's hold court at King's Hill. If this is done it will obviate the laborers having to travel the long distance to town to have petty cases tried. If that is considered as part of the amendment I will vote for it.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. In order to effect the suggestion of the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District, the amendment brought in by the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town may be made to read for two Judges for the Police Courts instead of Frederiksted alone.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll): Mr. Vice-Chairman. It is not necessary to make this insertion in the amendment. The Judge of the District Court with the approval of the Governor is vested with power to define jurisdictional lines and to appoint judges therefor. I feel safe in saying that court will be held at King's Hill.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I am fully satisfied with the explanation. I have no further remarks to make.

The amendment was put to the vote.
13 members voted for; none against.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. If you are going to provide for a Police Judge for Frederiksted the salary budgetted for the Clerk of that Court can be reduced. I wish to have that go on record.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chair-

man. I suggest that you allow the amount budgetted for this Clerk to remain as it is, because I understand that there is no Police Court Clerk in Christiansted. At present the Clerk of the Prison Department is doing the work in addition to his other duties, and the work is falling behind. If the amount is allowed to remain some of it could be used in paying a Police Court Clerk to be appointed for Christiansted.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I hope the suggestion of the Chairman of the Municipal Committee will prevail, because it is exactly the way the amount will be expended.

The Vice Chairman: I take it for granted that the remarks of the Honorable Government Secretary will find favor with the Council.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): How much is proposed for Police Court Clerk in Christiansted and how much for one in Frederiksted?

The Vice Chairman: In Christiansted Frs. 2,400 and in Frederiksted Frs. 3,780.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): What is the difference?

Government Secretary (Gaffney): Frs. 1,380.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): But didn't the Honorable 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) say that the appointment of a judge in Frederiksted would make it possible to reduce, to a great extent, the salary of the Clerk of that Court?

Government Secretary (Gaffney): There may be work piled up that would necessitate this amount to clear it up.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): I am not satisfied, because Christiansted is a bigger district and yet the Clerk in Frederiksted receives a bigger salary than the one in Christiansted.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll): I understand that the Police Clerk in Christiansted receives Frs. 2,400 and also an additional amount from the Police Department. I do not know if that is correct.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): That doesn't change the condition. The salaries of both clerks should be the same.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) proposed that the salaries of both clerks be added together and divided equally between the clerks of both Courts.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The change is acceptable to Government.

The Vice Chairman put the salary under the Judiciary Department to the vote as amended.

11 members voted for; none against.

(To be continued.)