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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

ON Monday, June 13, 1921, at 1 o'clock p. m. the Colonial Council of St. Croix convened in extraordinary session in the Council Hall in Christiansted.

(Convened by request of Government)

The following members were present: The Vice-Chairman (Coulter), D. C. Canegata, M. M. Skeoch, K. Henderson, W. S. Abramson, D. Noll, A. E. Stake-mann, G. B. Fleming, G. Nordby, D. S. Armstrong, J. Alexander, Robt. W. Skeoch, Thos. Ramsay, F. Andersen and A. J. Blackwood.

Absent were: 5th Appointed Member (Lunney) and Robt. L. Merwin. Furthermore the seat for 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District was vacant.

Owing to the absence of the Chairman (Merwin) the Vice-Chairman (Coulter) took the Chair as Acting Chairman.

After prayers had been said the Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members of the Council, since the last meeting, death has taken from among us one of our members. Only a few weeks ago Mr. Svend Jorgensen took his seat in this Council for the first time after his election, two weeks after the majority of the members followed his remains to its last resting place. As a Council member I cannot say much of him but those of us who knew him for the last sixteen years, could say, that if his life had been spared he would have been a valuable member of this Council. I ask the Council as a mark of esteem and respect to his memory to stand in silence for five seconds. (Accordingly members stood still for five seconds.)

The Vice-Chairman further remarked: I am sure that Honorable Members will

join with me in expressing regret for the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the Council at this meeting. Only late yesterday afternoon I learnt that it was very probable that he would not be able to attend the meeting today, and since then I have had no written communication on the matter. As a consequence I will ask Honorable Members to bear with me if there are any discrepancies as I am not thoroughly acquainted with the details of the business of this meeting.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Honorable Members the minutes of the last meeting has been published as customary in the "St. Croix Avis", and unless there be objection by members, I will declare the minutes as published tacitly adopted.

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

The following communications to the Council were then read:

1. Letter from Government of April 7, 1921, as follows:

Government of the
Virgin Islands of the United States
St. Thomas, 7 April, 1921.

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 36 of the Colonial Law, the following dates are hereby fixed for the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix to assemble for ordinary meetings during the coming year:

Monday, 20 June, 1921, 1.00 p. m.
Monday, 15 August, 1921, 1.00 p. m.
Monday, 17 October, 1921, 1.00 p. m.
Monday, 12 December, 1921, 1.00 p. m.
Monday, 13 February, 1922, 1.00 p. m.
Monday, 17 April, 1922, 1.00 p. m.
Monday, 19 June, 1922, 1.00 p. m.

Respectfully,

J. W. OMAN,
Governor.

Chairman of the Colonial Council
for the Municipality of St. Croix.

2. Letter of May 31, 1921 from 1st.

Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter)
as follows:

Frederiksted, St. Croix,
V. I. U. S. 31st May 1921.

Robt. L. Merwin Esq.

Chairman of the Colonial Council of
St. Croix.

Frederiksted.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a resolution in duplicate which I asked you to be good enough to have placed on the Order of Day for the next meeting of the Council fixed for Monday 13th June 1921.

Respectfully

F. COULTER.

1st Member for Fred: Town.

(To be continued.)

Governor's Message

TO THE COLONIAL COUNCIL
FOR ST. CROIX

13 June, 1921.

1. It has been a matter of great regret to me that the condition of the "Vixen", since my inauguration, has been such as to delay my visit to St. Croix, for my interest in this Island is co-equal in every way to that in the other Islands; and I wish through you gentlemen, acting as the representatives of the people, to say to the whole people of St. Croix that I shall study the affairs of the Island just as exhaustively as I have studied and shall continue to study those of the other Islands. I wish to extend my hearty greetings of good will and service to all.

2. I am in a position to say to you, with authority, that the adoption by the Island of St. Croix of a code patterned after American state laws has been a matter of great gratification to the home government.

3. You will remember that in their report to Congress, the Congressional Commission which visited these Islands over a year ago, characterized the system of taxation in vogue as "unjust, inefficient and archaic". The system is still in force, but further delay in changing it should not be indulged in, for it is neither fair nor agreeable to live under laws that are deserving of such sweeping arraignment before the bar of unprejudiced judgment. I am aware that owing to the wording of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1917, some people hold to the belief that the local tax laws cannot be changed without an act of Congress. I hold differently, for since these present local tax laws are in no wise "compatible" with American sovereignty or American principles, they are thereby exempt from the provision limiting changes in the law, and a Commission of Congress has condemned them in its report, which report was adopted and stands approved. Furthermore, it comes directly to my knowledge from association with the distinguished members of Congress who are greatly interested in these Islands, that it is their desire and expectation that the people of the Islands will themselves remedy their own tax laws, and that it is the