

ST. CROIX AVIS

8th, containing a report of the proceedings of that meeting.

It was most fortunate that the portrait arrived at a time precedent to such an important meeting of the Council as the reception of the Congressional Committee from Washington.

For the interest you have taken in St. Croix and the assistance you have given toward procuring for us this munificent gift, I beg to thank you most sincerely.

Yours very truly,

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman, Colonial Council,
St. Croix.

The Chairman continuing: Since the last meeting of the Council I have received the following communications from Government.

1. Letter from Government of March 30 a. c., reading:

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States
Government House St. Croix.
March 30, 1920

Mr. R. Fredericks,
Secretary of Municipal Committee,
Christiansted St. Croix, V. I.

Sir:—

His Excellency the Governor has directed me to place before the Committee, of which you are the Secretary a matter of governmental policy he has decided.

The subject matter of this policy relates to the immediate establishment of a Poor Farm in the Federal property known as King's Hill; the expense of this contemplated establishment to be borne by the Hurricane Loan Fund, which, by resolution of the Colonial Council of St. Croix, may be expended in the discretion of the Governor of the poor and needy.

If the Chairman of the Municipal Committee deems this matter of sufficient importance to warrant a special meeting to enable me to place before them in detail what is contemplated and the estimated cost thereof, I shall be very glad to appear before them as the Governor's direct representatives.

For your information, I may add that I anticipate remaining in St. Croix until Tuesday the 6th prox.

Very truly yours,

FRED. B. COLBY.

Commander, U. S. Navy. Aid, By direction.

2. Letter of March 22 a. c. from Chairman of the Municipal Committee to Government reading:

Christiansted, March 22, 1920.

From Chairman of the Municipal Committee.

To: Government of the Virgin Islands.

Subject: Increase in rate of Municipal Telephone.

Government is hereby notified that the Municipal Committee at its meeting held on Monday, February 24, 1920, recommended that the increase of 22.6 in the rate of the Municipal Telephone be effective

March 1, a. c. By an oversight Government has not been notified to this effect; that the omission be now rectified; and, as the month of March is nearly passed, and collections have been made for March service, it is further recommended that the rate goes into effect from April 1, 1920.

A. J. BLACKWOOD.

Chairman, Municipal Committee.

Despatching Secretary's Office

St. Croix, Virgin Islands

March 29, 1920.

1st Endorsement.

From: Despatching Secretary.

To: Government Secretary.

1. Forwarded.

FRED. B. COLBY.

Despatching Secretary's Office

St. Croix, Virgin Islands

April 13, 1920.

3rd Endorsement.

From: Despatching Secretary.

To: Chairman, St. Croix Colonial Council.

1. Forwarded to be laid before the Colonial Council for discussion and approval in its next meeting.

FRED. B. COLBY.

3. Letter from Despatching Secretary to Chairman of the Colonial Council reading:

April 12, 1920.

From: Despatching Secretary.

To: The Chairman, Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix.

Subject: Taxes on Church Property.

Reference: Tax Commission letter of March 31, 1920.

Enclosure: Copy of Governor's letter No. 74.

1. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of a letter from His Excellency the Governor addressed to the Tax Commission of the Municipality of St. Croix; this in connection with the resolution No. 26 introduced by 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) at the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council on March 1, 1920.

FRED. B. COLBY.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) entered the meeting.

4. Letter from Government of April 12, a. c. to the Chairman of the Colonial Council reading:

April 12, 1920.

The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Sir:—

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that his letter, calling weekly special or extraordinary meetings beginning April 23rd, has been cancelled, and that another letter calling these special meetings will be issued this week.

Very truly yours

FRED. B. COLBY.

Despatching Secretary.

5. Letter from Government of April

15, a. c. to the Chairman of the Colonial Council reading:

April 15, 1920.

Sir:—

In accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the Colonial Law (No. 124-1906), I have the honor to call an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix at 9.30 a. m., Monday, April 26, 1920; and pursuant to Section 41, of the aforesaid law, have the further honor to transmit herewith the following drafts of ordinances to be laid before the Council at said meeting.

1. An ordinance establishing and declaring the organization of the Judiciary and Educational Departments of the Virgin Islands of the United States, etc.

2. An Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws, and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Respectfully,

J. W. OMAN.

Governor.

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

[To be continued].

* Attention is called to a notice in this issue from the Agency of the Quebec S. S. Co. advising that the Manoa which was scheduled to sail from New York on Saturday last did not leave, the trip to be made by the S. S. Guiana sailing on the 5th. proximo.

The mail Schooner Creole is here on time today and will be dispatched at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning as usual, mails closing accordingly.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

April 27, 1920.

Governor Oman attended the meeting of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix yesterday. The Ordinance relating to the new code of laws was under discussion.

The U. S. S. MURRAY sailed for San Juan enroute to the United States this morning. The U. S. S. San Francisco will sail hence tomorrow morning after coaling.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Major W. M. Small, U. S. M. C. Lieutenant Commander Ralph H. Jenkins, Medical Corps, U. S. N., Colonial Councilman Douglas Armstrong and Mr. Harry Armstrong of the St. Croix Tennis Club arrived last evening to represent St. Croix in the tennis matches to be played on the courts of the St. Thomas Tennis Club, commencing this afternoon for the Championship of the Virgin Islands of the United States.