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A. W. I. SOLDIER SHOT.

Upon the arrival of the transport Orca at Barbados, on the 24th ult. with the last draft of the B. W. I. Regiment for the different islands, the report was given of a tragedy on the high seas which created quite a sensation in the island. Among the men on the transport were several military prisoners on their way to Jamaica. There was also a Barbadian in the number, who it is said, had given considerable trouble during the voyage by behaving in a most scandalous manner throughout. He is said to have fought his guards, and in consequence was very roughly handled. After being shot in the arm by the Provost Sergeant and clubbed on the head with some heavy weapon he was otherwise most inhumanely treated, especially after he was down. A Barbadian soldier—a quiet, easy going fellow, who bore a high reputation both at home and in his regiment—expressed sympathy with his maltreated fellow countryman, and cried shame at the Provost and others for continuing to beat the man after having shot him down. For saying this Lashley got the other end of the club on him. Then up stepped one Capt. Ruttee, a Jamaican, on the scene, who, without investigation, upon being told that Lashley was showing sympathy with the prisoner simply drew out his revolver and shot the inoffensive man fatally in the neck. Ruttee, it is said, was placed under arrest by the Captain of the transport, and was taken a prisoner to be tried for his criminal act at Jamaica. *Dominica Guardian, Oct. 9th.*

Provisional Ordinance.

WHEREAS, Under and by virtue of Section 4 of the Colonial Law (No. 124) published at Amalienborg, April 6, 1906, it is provided among other things as follows:

"In extraordinary circumstances the Governor has authority to issue Provisional Laws or Ordinances."

AND, WHEREAS, by Section 2 of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide a temporary Government for the West Indian Islands acquired by the United States from Denmark", etc., approved by the President on the 3rd day of March, 1917, it is further provided in said Act as follows:

"That, until Congress shall otherwise provide, in so far as compatible with the changed sovereignty and not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, the laws regulating elections and the electoral franchise as set forth in the code of laws published at Amalienborg the 6th of April, 1906, and the other local laws in force and effect in said Islands on the 17th day of January, 1917, shall remain in force and effect in said Islands."

AND, WHEREAS, the rate of exchange for an American dollar into francs of the currency of the said Islands has, on October 15, 1919, suddenly advanced from \$1.04 to \$1.27-1.2.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. W. Oman, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, formerly known as the Danish West Indian Islands, under and by virtue of the aforesaid Law, considering extraordinary circumstances as now existing, in view of the increase in prices of necessities of life, incident to the aforementioned advance in the rate of exchange, hereby determine and by this proclamation do announce that it is essential, in order to provide sufficient means whereby the employees of the Government of the said Virgin Islands of the United States may obtain sufficient necessities of life under the salaries now paid to such employees in the currency of the said Islands, and in order that the public good will be promoted thereby, to add to the salaries of said employees, do hereby authorize and direct, effective immediately and until otherwise provided, that there shall be added to the salary of each employee of this Government

such further amounts, in local currency in addition to such salaries as will equal the difference between the normal rate of exchange (\$1.04) and the rate of exchange existing when such salaries are due and payable. The budgets for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John and for the Municipality of St. Croix, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, are hereby increased in the amounts necessary to provide for the aforesaid payments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed.

Issued in St. Thomas, this 17th day of October, 1919, A. D.

(SEAL)

J. W. OMAN.

By The Governor

C. C. TIMMONS
Government Secretary.

Thus duly passed and approved at the 3rd Ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council held Monday, October 20, 1919.

D. C. CANEGATA. ROBT. MERWIN.
Secretary. Chairman.

The above Provisional Ordinance is hereby sanctioned and approved.

Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States at St. Thomas the 27th day of October in the year 1919.

(SEAL.)

J. W. OMAN.
Governor.

NOTICE.

PARTIES having claims against the Estate of the deceased CHRISTIAN PETER THEOBALD FRIIS of Estate Mount Victory are hereby notified within 3 months to file their claims with the necessary proofs of same with the undersigned A. E. Stakemann, who with co-executor Hans J. Koefod have taken the said estate under administration as executores testamenti.

The meetings in the estate will be held at Lawyer Stakemann's Office in Christiansted on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 3 o'clock p. m.

Frederiksted, St. Croix, October 30th 1919.

H. J. KOEFOD. A. E. STAKEMANN.