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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

[Continued from yesterday's Avis.]

### Item 4.

Colonial Council Bill No. 12.  
Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920. For the purchase of the building known as the Frederiksted High School, No. 30, 30a, 30c, and 31 Strand Street, Frederiksted Fres. 25,000.

Colonial Council Bill No. 12,  
2nd. Session 1919-1920.

### ADDITIONAL MONEY BILL

To the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920.

To Item XI. Miscellaneous Add.

8. For the purchase of the building known as the Frederiksted High-School, No. 30, 30 a, 30c., and 31 Strand Street; Frederiksted.....Fres. 25,000,

KENNETH HENDERSON,  
1st. Appointed Member.

1st. Appointed Member (Henderson) introduced the Money Bill and recommended its adoption.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Money Bill be furthered.

No one requesting the word the Chairman closed 1st. Discussion

1st. Appointed Member (Henderson)

proposed that 2nd. Discussion come on today.

The Chairman put the proposal to the vote.

8 members voted for; none against.

Government having given consent 2nd Discussion opened.

No one requested the word, 2nd Discussion closed.

The Secretary (Canegata) read the bill and the Chairman put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

### Item 5.

Colonial Council Bill No. 13.

introduction of and 1st Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll), to provide for a re-organization, regulation, and government of the Municipal Police Force of St. Croix.

Colonial Council Bill No. 13.

2nd. Session 1919-1920.

### DRAFT OF AN ORDINANCE

To Provide for a re-organization Regulation and government of the Municipal Police Force of St. Croix.

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in Session assembled:

1. There shall be in the Municipality of St. Croix an organized Police Force, to be known as "The Municipal Police Force" whose duty it shall be to protect persons and property, maintain and preserve public order, prevent, detect and repress crime, and, within the sphere of its duties, enforce obedience to the laws, and to rules and regulations issued in pursuance of law, throughout the said Municipality.

2. The Municipal Police Force is hereby charged with the direction, management, maintenance, and the discipline of all prisons in St. Croix; also with the safe-keeping and activities of all persons confined in any prison in St. Croix.

The Municipal Police Force shall be composed of a Director and four District Chiefs of Police, Inspectors, Sergeants, Patrolmen, and Matrons.

3. The actual numerical strength of the Municipal Police Force shall be such as the Governor may from time to time determine, and, excepting as provided in the next section, the maximum shall never exceed forty two members.

4. In case of riot, or impending, or unusual disturbances, the Director of Police may, if he deem the Municipal Police Force inadequate to maintain law and order, specially deputize any number

of citizens of the Island of St. Croix to act as special policemen of the Municipal Police Force. It shall be mandatory for any citizen selected by the Chief of Police for special police duty to serve as a member of the Force for a period not to exceed seventy two hours without pay and such special policemen shall be subject to all rules, regulations and orders governing the Force.

5. The compensation of the Municipal Police Force shall be such as may from time to time be fixed by the Governor, but shall not exceed the following rates per annum:

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| The Director of Police    | \$2100.00 |
| District Chiefs of Police | \$1500.00 |
| Inspectors                | \$1200.00 |
| Sergeants                 | 720 00    |
| Patrolmen and matrons     | 480.00    |

6. The supreme authority in respect to the direction and control of the Municipal Police Force and all its duties, shall be vested in the Governor, but the Force shall be under the immediate command and control of the Director of Police, or, in his absence of the next highest ranking member of the Force to be known as Acting Director of Police.

7. The Director of Police is charged with the supervision and administration of the Municipal Police, under the direction of the Governor, from whom he shall receive orders and to whom he shall submit such reports as may be required. He shall also be, ex-officio sheriff for the Municipality of St. Croix, and for each and all of the Judicial subdivisions of the Island of St. Croix.

The Director is further charged with the following duties.

1. He shall superintend the purchase of all property acquired by the Police Department, certify to the correctness of all vouchers in payment therefor and be responsible for such property.
2. He shall cause to be kept in the Police Headquarters an accurate and complete record of all property of value which may be found, or recovered or which may otherwise come into possession of members of the Police Force, whose owners are unknown, and shall make such disposition as may be required by law.
3. He shall supervise and be responsible for the preparation of all payrolls and vouchers for expenditures on account of the Police Department, as well as for the safe keep-

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