

BY request of the Chairman an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Councils of St. Thomas and St. John and St. Croix will be held on FRIDAY APRIL 4, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Introduction of a resolution embodying recommendations to be forwarded through the Governor of the Virgin Islands expressing the opinion of the Colonial Councils of St. Thomas and St. John and St. Croix, as may be decided, in regard to Senate Bill No. 2786.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

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BURIALS IN THE PUBLIC CEMETERY OF CHRISTIANSTED.

March 1924.

- 1—Hetelinda Woods, died at King's Hill Poor Farm, aged 74 years.
- 3—Alice Maud Mary Paulsen, died in Town, aged 64 years.
- 5—Claudine Just, died in Town, aged 74 years.
- 5—Still-born Male in Town.
- 6—Frederick Carl Jackson, died in Town, aged 76 years.
- 7—Jane Benjamin, died at the Hospital, aged 74 years.
- 9—Elizabeth Peck, died at the Hospital, aged 71 years.
- 14—Samuel Edwards, died in Town, aged 43 years.
- 14—Still-born Female at the Hospital.
- 21—Mary E. Ifield, died in Town, aged 1 hour.
- 22—Elisha John, died at the Hospital, aged 28 years.
- 22—James Alexander Nesbitt, died at the Hospital, aged 1 year.
- 22—Rosanna Newton, died at the Hospital, aged 29 years.
- 23—Henry Bryan, died at the Est. Conventment, aged 62 years.

- 23—Angelina Hodge, died at the Hospital, aged 46 years.
- 24—Ann Maria Edwards, died in Town, aged 66 years.
- 26—Still-born Female in Town.
- 26—Hilda Abboth, died in Town, aged 22 years.
- 26—Rosalin Simon, died at the Hospital, aged 41 years.
- 27—James Francis, died at the Hospital, aged 55 years.
- 27—Still-born Female in Town.
- 28—Benjamin Christian, died at Richmond Insane Asylum, aged 70 years.
- 30—Charlotte Gumbs, died at the Hospital, aged 65 years.

BURIALS IN THE PUBLIC CEMETERY OF FREDERIKSTED,

March 1924.

- 11—Jacob Bones, died at the Hospital, aged 61 years.
- 14—Daniel O'Bryen, died at the Hospital, aged 1 year.
- 25—Joseph Allick, died at the Est. Bethlehem, aged 36 years.
- 28—Still-born Female at the Hospital.
- 31—William Roberts, died at the Hospital, aged 71 years.

68TH CONGRESS,
1ST SESSION.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 10, 1924.

Mr. MCLEAN (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions.

A BILL

to provide a civil government for the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

SEC. 3. That no export duties shall be levied or collected on exports from the Virgin Islands, but taxes and assessments on property, internal revenue, and license fees, and royalties for franchises, privileges, and concessions may be imposed for the purposes of the insular and municipal governments, respectively, as may be provided and defined by the council of the Virgin Islands.

SEC. 4. That the capital of the Virgin Islands shall be at the city of St. Thomas, and the seat of government shall be maintained there.

SEC. 5. That all inhabitants in the Virgin Islands continuing to reside therein or in the United States who were Danish subjects on the 17th day of January, 1917, and then resided said is-

lands, or in the United States and their children born subsequent thereto, are hereby declared and shall be deemed and held to be citizens of the United States, except such as shall have elected to preserve their citizenship in Denmark in accordance with the provisions of the convention between the United States and Denmark for the cession of the Danish West Indies, signed at New York, August 4, 1916.

SEC. 6. That all property which may have been acquired in the Virgin Islands by the United States under cession of Denmark in any public bridges, road houses, water powers, highways, un-navigable streams and the beds thereof, subterranean waters, mines or minerals under the surface of private lands, all the harbor shores, docks, slips, reclaimed lands, and all public lands, waters and public buildings not heretofore reserved by the United States for public purposes, are hereby placed under the control of the government of the Virgin Islands, to be administered for the benefit of the Virgin Islands; and that the harbor areas and navigable streams and bodies of water and submerged lands underlying the same in and around the Virgin Islands and adjacent thereto are hereby placed under the control of the government of the Virgin Islands: *Provided*, That all laws of the United States for the protection and improvement of the navigable waters of the United States and the preservation of the interests of navigation and commerce, except so far as the same may be locally inapplicable, shall apply to said islands and waters: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed so as to affect or impair in any manner the terms or conditions of any authorizations, permits, or other powers heretofore lawfully granted for exercised in or in respect of said waters and submerged lands in and surrounding said islands by the Secretary of War or other authorized officer or agent of the United States.

SEC. 7. That the statutory laws of the United States hereafter enacted shall not apply to the Virgin Islands, except when they specifically so provide, or it is so provided in this Act.

SEC. 8. That all judicial process shall run in the name of 'United States of America, ss, the President of the United States,' and all penal or criminal prosecutions in the local courts shall be conducted in the name and by the authority of 'The people of the Virgin Islands'; and all officials shall be citizens of the United States, and before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the Virgin Islands.

SEC. 9. That all reports required by law to be made by the governor to any official of the United States shall hereafter be made to an executive depart-