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NOTICE is hereby given that Lieutenant CHARLES E. RAPPOLEE, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy, has this day assumed the duties of Despatching Secretary, relieving Ensign C. W. FOX, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COLONIAL COUNCIL

FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Danish Ambassador lives at Washington and I believe he is well acquainted with this matter. I am afraid that will stir up too much trouble in Washington. This matter has gone so far and we sympathize with those affected by it.

Government Secretary (Timmons) remarked: Mr. Chairman. This law passed by Congress is so clear and decisive that Government will not deem it necessary to take the matter up with Congress. The Government Attorney has looked into this matter and the question of eligibility was defined. It debars one owing allegiance to any country other than the United States from being elected to office and a right to sit in the legislative body.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Senate and the House was tremendously busy with more important matters attached to the Naval Bill, such as disarmament and peace resolutions and probably lost sight of the real effect this law would have. I do not think it unfair to ask to hold up decision on this matter until we receive an answer from Washington.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I don't feel like taking part in the discussion because I was not present at the beginning, but do I understand the Government Secretary to say elected to office?

The Government Secretary answered yes, elected to office.

The Chairman remarked: The matter has been sufficiently protracted. I will put to the vote the motion made by 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) that before this Council takes action the matter be referred to Government to find out from Congress if there are no conditions attached to the proposal.

The member's motion was put to the vote.

1 member voted for; 7 against.

The Chairman remarked: The Member's motion is lost.

The Chairman remarked: In my opening remarks I asked for suggestions from members as to the best method of procedure on this matter and no member has offered any.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. So far as I can see I don't see how this Council can determine where a man was born. I happen to know two who came before me and swore they were citizens of Denmark. I suggest that every member sign a statement under oath that he does not owe allegiance to any other country but the United States.

The Chairman remarked: I had intended to make the same proposal as expressed by the Honorable Member. I will call the names of members and ask each to state what his nationality is.

Accordingly the Chairman called the names of members and each made the following statement:

1st Appointed Member (Henderson): I was born here, I suppose I am a citizen of the Virgin Islands.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll): I am a native born American citizen.

3rd Appointed Member (Armstrong): Same as 1st Appointed Member (Henderson);—Born here.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood): I am a Yankee.

5th Appointed Member (Lunney): Absent.

The Chairman remarked: There is no question but that Mr. Lunney is a British subject.

1st Member for Christiansted Town

(Abramson): A native of St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): I was born in this Island.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander): I was born in this Island.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann): Absent.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members are aware that Mr. Stakemann is a registered Danish subject.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Nelthropp): A native of the Virgin Islands.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch): A citizen of the Virgin Islands.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay): When this Island was owned by Denmark I considered myself a Danish citizen, now it belongs to the United States of America I consider myself an American.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin): Absent.

The Chairman remarked: Mr. Merwin is an American.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): An inhabitant of the Virgin Islands subject to the protection of the United States.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch): A citizen of the Virgin Islands.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Nordby): Absent.

The Chairman remarked: Mr. Nordby is also a registered Danish citizen.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming): I was born here, I am a citizen of the Virgin Islands.

The Chairman remarked: According to the roll call there are apparently three members who are affected by this Act. Government will be notified accordingly.

4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay): Mr. Chairman. To my mind there are some evasive answers given by some of the members. Some answer they were born here. Does that mean that they do not owe allegiance to some other country? For instance, 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) answered that he is an inhabitant of the Virgin Islands subject to American protection. As a member of this Council I would like to know whether Mr. Andersen is not a Danish citizen?

The Chairman remarked: He may have made his statement in an unusual form, but there is no question as to his status.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) in reply to the Chairman said,—I do not consider that I made an unusual statement. I have given my status as defined by the State Department, and that's what was written on my passport when I travelled last.

The Chairman remarked: If there is