

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized Rev. R. G. BARROW to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of St. Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, March 3, 1920.

C. C. TIMMONS,
Government Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

ON MONDAY, March 1, 1920, at one o'clock p. m., the Colonial Council held its 5th Ordinary Meeting.

The Members present were:

The Chairman (Robt. L. Merwin), A. E. Stakemann, Robt. W. Skeoch, K. Hendersen, F. Andersen, F. Coulter, W. S. Abramson, A. J. Blackwood, Thos. Ramsay, F. Lunney, G. Nordby, D. S. Armstrong, D. Noll, and D. C. Canegata.

Member W. H. Mackay sent in excuse of his inability to attend the meeting; furthermore were absent, W. L. Pen-theny and G. B. Fleming.

His Excellency Governor Oman and Despatching Secretary (Commander Colby) attended the meeting.

After prayers had been said the Chairman remarked that since the last Ordinary Meeting held on November 17, the minutes of that meeting have been published as customary in the "St. Croix Avis", and if there is no objection to the minutes as published he would consider same tacitly adopted.

There being no objection, the Chairman declared the minutes as published tacitly adopted.

The Chairman further remarked that he had received no communications from Government since the last meeting to read to the Council.

The Chairman then laid before members minutes of the Municipal Committee for December quarter which had been forwarded by the acting Chairman of the Municipal Committee for inspection of members of the Council according to Paragraph 11 of the By-Laws for the Municipal Committee and remarked that thereafter the minutes will be in the Council's Office for inspection for one week daily from 9 a. m. to 12 and from 2 to 5 p. m.

The Council then proceeded to discussion on the items on the Order of the Day.

Item 1.

Colonial Council Bill No. 23.

Resolution authorizing the Governor

to increase amounts budgetted for the current fiscal year by a percentage not to exceed that by which the rates of exchange for the current fiscal year exceed the normal rate.

Colonial Council Bill No. 23.
2nd Session 1919-1920.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in session assembled:

That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to increase, at his discretion, amounts budgetted for the current fiscal year by a percentage not to exceed that by which the rates of exchange for the current fiscal year exceed the normal rate.

FRED. B. COLBY.

Despatching Secretary

Despatching Secretary (Colby) introduced the Resolution and said, Mr. Chairman. This measure is to permit the Governor to increase the budgetted amounts for the current fiscal year by a percentage not to exceed that by which the rates of exchange for the current fiscal year exceed the normal rate. This was adopted by the Colonial Council of St. Thomas several weeks ago without debate.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Resolution be furthered and passed at one discussion.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) saw no reason why there should be any discussion on this matter considering that the price of everything has been raised.

No one requesting the word the Chairman read the Resolution and put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 24.

Resolution authorizing the Governor to sell the parcel of land and building known as East Hill School, situated in East End Quarter A, in the island of St. Croix.

Colonial Council Bill No. 24.
2nd Session 1919-1920.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in session assembled:

That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to sell the parcel of land and building known as East Hill School, situated in East End Quarter A in the island of St. Croix, for the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to Mr. W. L. Pen-theny

FRED. B. COLBY,

Despatching Secretary.

Despatching Secretary (Colby) read the Resolution and said that this property is no longer required for school purposes, therefore Government has decided to sell it to Mr. W. L. Pen-theny.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked; Mr. Chairman. We had this matter before the Municipal Committee sometime ago and it was recommended to the Council. This is a case where the School is situated on a man's private estate and he has offered to buy it for a certain amount so as to keep off undesirables, in a case like this it is always the rule to put the property up for sale by action, but under existing circumstances it is deemed wise that the Council adopt the Resolution so as to enable the Governor to effect the sale.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. This is a matter in which I am not interested, but two ideas appeal to me: The first is, this property belonged formerly to the estate which is now trying to purchase it, it was sold to Government for school purposes in aid of education; with that idea in mind it is presumed, if not legally but equitably that it should fall back to that particular estate if it is to be sold. The other idea is, Mr. Pen-theny has told me privately that he expects to insert a clause in the deed which he expects that if the Government again require the property for school purposes he would sell it to Government. This certainly is a valuable consideration given to the Government. I therefore recommend that the Council adopt the Resolution.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Resolution be furthered and passed at one discussion.

1st. Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) would like to know if there is a clause in the bill covering the statement made by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) as to whether the property is required in the future for school purposes it will be re-sold to Government?

2nd. Appointed Member (Noll) in answer to the last speaker said no. This is a private statement made to me by Mr. Pen-theny.

1st. Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) proposed that this clause be inserted in the bill and proposed an amendment.

The Chairman remarked: In view of the member's proposal I will postpone this matter until after recess.

Accordingly further discussion on the Resolution was postponed until after recess.

[To be Continued.]

It is with feelings of deep sorrow and sincere regret that announcement is made of a cablegram received here yesterday advising the death in Mayaguez, Porto Rico, of Dr. Christian John Heyn, former public