

Publication

FROM THE POLICE.

THE bounty for mongoose hitherto paid in accordance with Section 8 of the "Ordinance for the protection of Wild Birds, Deer" etc: etc: is from this date discontinued, until further.

By order

F. COULTER
Director of Police.

Office of the Director of Police, Frederiksted, St. Croix, V. I. U. S., 16th July 1924.

Notice.

THE following information has been received by cable from the Quebec Steamship Company New York:

"Utmost importance that no American Citizen be accepted who cannot produce both Birth and Baptismal Certificates substantiating their claims as such. Be very careful with any Porto Rico passengers. Take no chance whatever, as serious fines for any violation of Immigration Laws either intentional or otherwise. Alien visitors, as you know, must have passports verified by Governor."

16th July 1924.

ROBT. L. MERWIN & CO., INC.

Friedensthal Moravian Church.

Annual Missionary Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 20th, 1924.

Service, 11 a.m. Pre cher—Rev. Asboe.

2 p.m. Lovefeast.

8 p.m. Public Meeting

Speakers—Revs. Christensen, Bartels and Asboe.

ALL INVITED.

W. ALLEN.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COLONIAL COUNCIL

FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. I am going to support Government; I am going to support the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town and I am going to support myself that when a law is made it should not be broken. According to the Code the salary of the Clerk of the

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for the United States by s. s. Parima at 4.00 p. m. tomorrow, 18th, and for the Leeward and Windward islands, Barbados, etc., by s. s. Bolivar at 11.00 a. m. Saturday, 19th.

District Court should be paid by both Municipalities, but I see the whole of it is put down on our budget. I propose bringing in an amendment to reduce it.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Chairman, The Honorable Member who has just spoken is quite right. For the last year, and I think several years before, there has been this discrepancy in the law. The code provides one Clerk for the District Court whose salary shall be defrayed equally by both Municipalities, but we have two Clerks, and that is one of the items which has been brought to the attention of His Excellency the Governor and will come up for consideration at that time. I might add that until the whole matter of the judiciary has been gone into and we know where we stand, it might be inadvisable to take action on the suggestion made by the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town, as it might result in a general tie up which would obstruct the business today. Having broken the law for several years we might as well continue it a little longer. May I ask one question for my own information. How it happens; and can any one tell why we have two Clerks of the District Court while the Code provides for only one? How did it come about?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) replying to the last speaker said,— Mr. Chairman. The Code of laws was passed in St. Thomas about two years after it passed in St. Croix and that's how that slipped in.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) Mr. Chairman. Why is the salary of the Clerk of the Police Court in Frederiksted higher than that of the Clerk of the Police Court in Christiansted?

Government Secretary (Zane) replied: Mr. Chairman. I have no idea.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. The work in the Police Court in this Town was performed by the Clerk of the prison Department, but it was found necessary to employ a clerk for the Police Court and the Judge said he could find a man for that amount and one was employed.

The amendment offered by Government was put to the vote with the result that 6 members voted for; 6 against.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Chairman. How can you expect co operation and co-ordination and willingness to assist on the part of Government if you deliberately put it in a

position of dealing with a situation where the St. Thomas budget under the Code provides the legal salary of Fres. 12,000, and where the St. Croix budget provides the illegal salary of Fres. 10,000. Personally, I don't care what you do, but I must say that this is about the limit of unreasonableness. If you want the salary of the Judge of the District Court reduced, the thing to do is, of course, to change the Code. This business of making it impossible for Government to obey the law in this case is, I think, an entirely unfair and unreasonable position to put the Government in.

No further remarks, Judiciary Dept. tacitly adopted.

POLICE & PRISON DEPARTMENT:

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I want to make a remark on Item 9 under this department.—Tools, clubs, badges, etc., I want to know how many clubs, tools and badges were lost, stolen or broken last year that we must provide them again this year? Clubs are not easily broken; if a man leaves the force his club is turned over to another.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. Before discussion begins on this item, here is a situation that I think is even much harder than the department which we have just voted on. I just want to bring to the notice of members that the number of sergeants have been reduced from five to six; we are about to pass the budget and I know there are six sergeants in the force. It is pretty hard that at such a short notice a man should be put out of his job; in a few hours from now the axe will fall and he will be put out of bread. I therefore make an appeal that one sergeant more be provided for on the budget. As it seems that it is not so absolutely necessary to reduce the budget as was thought I move that one more sergeant be added to the budget at Frs. 3,240. I have it worked out how this amount can be arrived at, I will explain, if necessary.

The speaker handed in an amendment and which is as follows:

AMENDMENT

to draft of Budget 1924-25.

Under Item IV. Police & Prison Departments:

Sub item 8. Salaries: line 8 change \$5 to 6 and change Fres. 16,200 Fres. 19,440.

D. C. CANEGATA,
2nd Member Christiansted
Town & Suburbs.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Chairman. May I suggest this procedure, that as amendments are offered calling for either increases or decreases, they be discussed to the point of passage and then laid aside until we get through with the whole budget in order that the total effect they would have on the deficit is known. I might