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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

At one o'clock p. m., Monday, June 14, 1920, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held its first ordinary meeting for the present elective period, Second Council, Second Session, 1920-21, at the Council Hall in Christiansted.

The members present were: The Chairman (Robt. L. Merwin), Robt. W. Skeoch, F. Lunney, D. S. Armstrong, A. E. Stakemann, F. Andersen, D. Noll, G. Nordby, F. Coulter, A. J. Blackwood, W. S. Abramson and M. M. Skeoch.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) sent in excuse of his inability to attend the meeting. Furthermore were absent, 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Pentheny and 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (MacKay).

The Chairman remarked: 2nd Member for Christiansted Town [Canegata] had notified me that he could not be present at the opening of the meeting but that he would be later.

The Secretary to the Council being absent the Chairman asked 3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) to act as Secretary to the Council.

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

After prayers had been said the Chairman remarked: Honorable Members the minutes for the last meeting have been

published in the "St. Croix Avis" as customary and if members have no objection same would be considered tacitly adopted.

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

The Chairman further remarked: Since the last meeting of the Council I have received no communications from Government to read to the Council, but previous to the last meeting I had received a letter which I will read to you. The Chairman read the letter and which is as follows:

May 17, 1920.

1. In accordance with Ordinance of 20th September 1911, prescribing measures against diseases in the cotton plant, you are requested to have the above commission appointed by the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix at its first ordinary meeting, pursuant to paragraph 1 of said Ordinance.

FRED. B. COLBY.

The Chairman then laid before the House a Resume of the proceedings of the Council for the elective period 1919-20 which is as follows:

RESUME OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX FOR THE ELECTIVE PERIOD 1919-20.

Second Council, First Session.

The ordinary meetings for the fiscal year were fixed as follows: Monday, June 16, Monday, August 18, Monday, October 20, Monday, December 15, 1919, Monday, February 16, and Monday, April 20, 1920. There were 8 extraordinary meetings. 14 meetings in all.

The first Session of the Elective period was opened on June 16, 1920.

The following Ordinances, Resolutions and Bills were introduced and disposed of in the course of the elective period.

1. Colonial Council Bill No. 1.

Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) to better provide for the recording of Vital Statistics in the Municipality of St. Croix and for other purposes. Adopted June 16, 1919.

Approved by the Governor June 24, 1919.

2. Colonial Council Bill No. 2.

Resolution introduced by Government granting Fres. 50,000.00 from the St. Croix Reserve Fund to be expended for the permanent repairs to roads in St. Croix.

Adopted June 10, 1919.

Approved in part by the Governor June 24, 1919.

3. Colonial Council Bill No. 3.

Draft of Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, introduced by Government granting Fres. 50,000.00 to the Road Department for permanent repairs to roads in St. Croix.

Adopted June 10, 1919.

Approved by the Governor June 24, 1919.

4. Colonial Council Bill No. 4.

Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1st, 1919 to June 30, 1920. Introduced by Government.

Adopted June 16, 1919.

Approved by the Governor July 12, 1919.

5. Colonial Council Bill No. 5.

Draft of Ordinance, introduced by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) to regulate the importation of matches in St. Croix.

Adopted June 16, 1919.

Approved by the Governor June 24, 1919.

6. Colonial Council Bill No. 6.

Resolution.—That the unexpended balance of funds appropriated under maintenance for the Department of Public Instructions for the fiscal year 1918-19 available to pay for school books etc. Introduced by 2nd Appointed (Noll).

Adopted August 18, 1919.

Approved by the Governor August 27, 1919.

7. Colonial Council Bill No. 7.

Resolution.—That the name "Saint Croix" is the official name of this island and the name "Municipality of St. Croix" shall hereafter be used in officially designating this Municipality. Introduced by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll).

Adopted August 18, 1919.

Approved by the Governor August 27, 1919.

8. Colonial Council Bill No. 8.

Resolution.—That the funds appropriated in the budget for the present fiscal year for maintenance under the Street and Land Divisions of the Public Works Department shall be available for paying salaries to regularly employed watchmen, caretakers and lamp-lighters of Di-

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