

Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that, effective this date, Lieutenant Commander John J. Gaffney, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy, has been appointed GOVERNMENT SECRETARY of the Virgin Islands of the United States, relieving Lieutenant C. C. Timmons, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States St. Thomas, 10 December, 1921.

SUMNER E. W. KITTELLE,
Governor.

ANNUAL RED CROSS MEETING

AT three o'clock Friday afternoon, December 16th, the annual meeting of the Santa Cruz Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at the Frederiksted High School. At this meeting officers and executive committee will be elected for the following year. Director of Police Mr. Frank Coulter, who represented the Red Cross Chapter of the Virgin Islands at the recent convention of chapters at Columbus, Ohio, will give an account of the meetings, which are reported to have been the most inspirational of any of the kind ever held in the States. It is hoped that every member of the Red Cross, who possibly can, will be present.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 10, 1921.

Miss Elodia Adams,
Miss Anna Barry,
Mrs. Wilhelmina Boyce, Hill St. No. 41,
Mr. Christopher Charles,
Mrs. Johanna Daniel,
Miss Wilhelmina David,
Alexander Dowling,
Mrs. John Maria Emanuet, 52 Hill St.,
Miss Alice Heyliger,
Mr. Joseph Holst,
Miss Ellen O. Iles,
Miss Christiana A. Isaac,
Eulalie James, 10 Hospital St.,
Miss Margaret Martin,
Mr. William Pemberton,
Mr. Donald Rock, Mess Hill,
Mr. Charles Samuel,
Mrs. Sarah Samuel,
W. L. Sperry, (2)
Mrs. Hermina Thomas, Darly Hill,
Mt. Pellier.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, December 11, 1921.

B. R. LARSEN,
Postmaster.

LOCAL.

There will be a regular meeting of the Home Service Committee this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Readers are reminded of the bazaar to be held in the Lutheran Parsonage this evening as advertised recently.

The Tadousac called at this port yesterday afternoon and sailed again in the evening.

Owing to a dead calm the Creole could not sail for St. Thomas until this morning when there is just a light breeze.

It is generally complained that the steeple is not keeping correct time, being mostly up to 5 minutes a day out of time. It is claimed that it lost 20 minutes last week besides 20 minutes it was put forward to agree with Washington time. This is unfortunate.

Adding A Little More Facts About Our Citizenship Rights

BY ASHLEY L. TOTTEN.

Some months ago a bill was introduced in the British Parliament recommending the transfer of all the British West Indian possession as payment of the huge war debt which Great Britain owes to the United States.

Britishers in this city and Canada favored the suggestion.

But Britain's colored subjects protested vigorously against it.

It has been the past experience of those who have made a careful study of the situation.

That in this city of New York there are in the many thousands able and intelligent British subjects who could make the colored neighbourhood of Harlem be represented by officials of the race alone.

But these same British subjects who enjoy certain economic privileges denied them in their own homes will not become American citizens and because of this, they cannot.

These British subjects manifest a great interest in all things American, political or otherwise, they are making a wonderful progress here, but they balk at renouncing the flag of John Bull or their allegiance to King George.

If native born citizens of the Virgin Islands were as solid for Uncle Sam as British West Indians are for John Bull it would be a wonderful help to our future.

And so it is in the Virgin Islands, that we have many thousand laborers who are aliens, enjoying far better economic privileges than they did in their own homes.

We cite for an instance, that the transfer of our islands to the United States came through the aid of a large alien vote now

on the islands who still cling to the British Government for recognition.

Making this clearer, British subjects voted for the sale of a country not their own by Divine rights or any other rights.

But these same British subjects would not so readily vote for the sale of their own native homes to the United States even though they know by experience that it would be to their benefit.

Virgin Islanders appreciate the fact that the sale of the islands was the only redemption for them.

Therefore it is but fair that we natives of the Virgin Islands who are citizens of them should have our status so determined that we can enjoy all the rights and privilege due us according to the principle of America and all its other insular possessions.

It is fair that every law abiding alien British or otherwise be made to declare himself or herself either to become a citizen of the Virgin Islands under the protection of the United States, or to retain their allegiance to Great Britain.

The idea is not to discriminate, but since we are Americans, and it is the ambition of the U. S. Government that we should first be able to qualify ourselves as citizens, then it is our duty to make a drive in order to find out who are with us and who are not."

And the only way to go about this will be for all those who vote in the islands to get together and pound upon the Legislature to pass a law which will make it incumbent on all the alien inhabitants to qualify and become citizens of Virgin Islands, before they can enjoy all the rights of native born.

This, mark well, applies to the law-abiding.

The islands are over populated with undesirable aliens and have been for some years depopulated by the native born.

If the former cannot be made to stay in their respective places, deportation is the best and only remedy.

The Virgin Islands must cease to be a dumping ground for foreign criminals. Our own is a plenty.

St. Thomas News

ACCIDENT

An accident which could nearly have proved serious, or even fatal, happened this morning at 9.25 in the Market Square where a gang of road-menders had for some time worked with big sledges on a load of stones used for mending the street, carefully tempering their blows so as not to disturb or hurt the nerves or feeling of the residents in the neighborhood, when the foreman arrived and, taking away the sledge from one of the men, and swinging it behind his shoulder and above his head, dealt an untempered blow at one of the stones, with the result