

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

At two o'clock p. m., Friday, July 9, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held an extraordinary meeting in the Council Hall in Christiansted, convened by request of Government.

The Members present were. The Chairman (Merwin), D. Noll, A. J. Blackwood, Thos. Ramsay, F. Lunney, K. Henderson, A. E. Stakemann, F. Andersen, G. B. Fleming, G. Norby, W. S. Abramson, D. C. Canegata and M. M. Skeoch.

After prayers had been said the Chairman remarked: Hon. Members since the last meeting I have received no communications from Government to read to the Council.

The Chairman then read a letter from 3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (Robt. W. Skeoch) stating that he intends to be away from the Island for about three or four months.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter) entered the meeting.

Member MacKay sent in excuse of his inability to attend the meeting; furthermore were absent, 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Pentheny).

The Chairman remarked: The minutes for the last meeting have been published as customary in the "St. Croix Avis" and if there is no objection I will consider same tacitly adopted.

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

The Chairman remarked: We will now proceed to the Order of the Day.

Item 1.

Colonial Council Bill No. 40.

Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 40, Draft of an Ordinance introduced by 2nd Appointed Member (Noll), declaring the time when the Ordinance passed by the Colonial Council of St. Croix providing for a compiled Code of General and Special Laws shall take effect.

The Bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 40.

2nd Council, 2nd Session 1920-1921.

AN ORDINANCE:

to further authorize and declare the time when the Ordinance passed by the Colonial Council for St. Croix on the 17th of May 1920, and Sanctioned 15th of June 1920 entitled "an Ordinance Providing a Compiled Code of general and special Laws for St. Croix and altering amending, repealing and continuing existing laws."

Be it enacted by the Colonial Council

for St. Croix in Session assembled.

1. That the Ordinance above set out and mentioned shall take effect and be in full force in all of its provisions at and on and after August 1st, 1920, at 12:01 o'clock a- m.

D. NOLL.

2nd Appointed Member.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) introduced the Ordinance and said, The object of this Ordinance is whether or not the Ordinance declaring the new Code of law is legalas promulgated to take effect the 1st of August; whether or not it is a question which legal minds might debate, and it is for that reason this Ordinance is introduced. Personally, I do not think this Ordinance is necessary, but I think it wise to have action taken upon it by the Council.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) would like to know when the new laws will go into effect in St. Thomas?

The Chairman answered: 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) might be able to give us some information on the question.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) said, I cannot give any information at all. The laws were introduced in each Council as a separate Ordinance.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Ordinance be furthered.

It was also put to the vote and carried that 1st Discussion be closed.

1st Discussion closed.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) proposed that 2nd Discussion come on today.

The Chairman put the member's proposal to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

2nd Discussion opened.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) proposed that 2nd Discussion be closed and that 3rd Discussion come on today

The Chairman put the proposal to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

3rd Discussion opened.

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

It was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman remarked: The bill is adopted and goes to Government.

The Chairman remarked: Government wishes to inform members that the new Code of laws are now being printed and will be issued as soon as copies are received.

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 41.

Discussion on Resolution introduced by Government, authorizing the establishment and management of a training school on Protestant Cay for incorrigible girls.

The bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 41.

2nd Council, 2nd Session 1920-1921.

RESOLUTION:

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

1. That the Governor is hereby authorized to establish and maintain on Protestant Cay, in Christiansted harbor a training school for incorrigible girls; provided however that this consent shall terminate in the event that the project of removing part of the reef of Christiansted harbor is undertaken and the said Protestant Cay or the buildings thereon are then needed for other purposes; and provided further that this consent shall not be construed to prevent boats etc. from being hauled upon the beach of said cay for purposes of cleaning repairing etc.

Introduced by Government.

REMARKS.

It is the desire of Government to establish and maintain in the Virgin Islands a training school for incorrigible girls. At present such a school on a small scale exists in St. Jan and it is also planned to enlarge this school for boys. The question of finance is also an important factor in matters of extension of Government activities and it is considered that Protestant Cay and the building thereon could temporarily be used for such a purpose at a minimum of cash, while to build buildings etc. at some other place would not only entail a large expenditure of funds but would at the same time divert such funds from being expended for some of the many other purposes at which presently confront these islands. It is not the desire of Government to permanently acquire this property for this particular purpose and in the future event of activity in reconstructing Christiansted harbor the proposed institution could and would be removed, however, it is believed by Government that no such activity will occur, within the immediate future, as it is well known to the officers of this Government that projects undertaken