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### RAINFALL ON ESTATES BELONG- ING TO WEST INDIAN SUGAR FACTORY, ST. CROIX.

| <i>Estates.</i>    | <i>Lines of<br/>rain in<br/>June 1924.</i> | <i>Lines of<br/>rain Jan.<br/>1st—June<br/>30th 1924.</i> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Anguilla           | 11.                                        | 85.                                                       |
| Adventure          | 11.                                        | 81.                                                       |
| Barren Spot        | 13.                                        | 115.                                                      |
| Bethlehem          | 13.                                        | 116.                                                      |
| Betty's Hope       | 11.                                        | 59.                                                       |
| Bonne Esperance    | 29.                                        | 106.                                                      |
| Colq. Mt. Pleasant | 19.                                        | 101.                                                      |
| Fredensborg        | 14.                                        | 104.                                                      |
| Fountain           | 17.                                        | 132.                                                      |
| Glynn & Windsor    | 17.                                        | 89.                                                       |
| Golden Grove       | 5.                                         | 93.                                                       |
| Jealousy           | 18.                                        | 131.                                                      |
| Lower Love         | 7.                                         | 117.                                                      |
| Mannings Bay       | 10.                                        | 77.                                                       |
| River              | 16.                                        | 136.                                                      |
| St. George's       | 6.                                         | 85.                                                       |
| Slob               | 14.                                        | 106.                                                      |
| Strawberry Hill    | 13.                                        | 88.                                                       |
| Two Friends        | 17.                                        | 126.                                                      |

1 line = 3 m/m.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

### III. SUNDRY REVENUES:

The *Chairman* read the following amendment offered by 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*):

#### AMENDMENT

to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix, July 15-1924 to June 30, 1925.

under Revenues

add: under a new heading

Add Item

8 (a) Immigration Tax Frc. 23000.—

reduce: Miscellaneous Revenues to

Frc. 37000.—

F. ANDERSEN

4th Mem. Fred. C. D.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. This proposal to put the Immigration Tax under a special heading is so

far nothing new. I have been drawing attention almost every year when the budget comes up for discussion to the fact that it should be listed. Now that the Governor is looking favorably upon the creation of new funds I think it proper to bring in this amendment to separate the Immigration Fund from Miscellaneous Revenues and put it under a new heading. My proposal will not change the total under Sundry Revenues it will only add one more item to it.

I think it proper to place the Immigration Tax by itself on the Budget for when this matter goes to Washington, as I expect it will some day, it will be seen that we are paying an Immigration Tax. I doubt not that if this matter, as it stands, goes into court and tested the decision will be in favor of placing the proceeds of this tax into the fund. I recommend the amendment to the favorable consideration of the Council.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*): Mr. Chairman. How much is the tax collected on every acre of land?

The *Chairman*: Ten cents an acre. And further the Chairman said, — this tax has been in existence since 1852 and was always kept as a separate fund, but by a recent executive order of the Governor it has been placed under Miscellaneous Revenues.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Jessen*): Mr. Chairman. May I ask why item 6, From Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John toward support of Richmond Penitentiary, has been reduced from Frcs. 12,000 as budgetted last year to Frcs. 1,600 this year? I would also like to know why amount under Miscellaneous Revenues is increased from Frcs. 40,000 last year to Frcs. 60,000 this year.

Government Secretary (*Zane*) in reply to the last speaker said, — Mr. Chairman. The Revenue figures as shown here are based largely and mainly on the actual receipt of revenues during the period from July 1 to March 31 this year. In other words, the latest figures available when the budget estimates were gotten up. I haven't got the detailed figures with me, but where you see a big difference in the figures of corresponding item for the two years, it is attributable to the fact that the estimate was too low for the last fiscal year.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*): Mr. Chairman. Do I understand the Honorable Chairman to say that the taxes collected does not accrue to the fund but is placed under Miscellaneous revenues.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): Mr. Chairman. My recollection is this, the Colonial Council refused to allow the Immigration Tax to go into the budget and form any part of the revenues, and the Government said inasmuch as the Immigration Fund could no longer be used for the purpose for

which it was created and it was useless to increase the fund in accordance with the general order that all taxes would be covered into the Colonial Treasury and the Taxes collected was put into Miscellaneous Revenues. I was going to ask the 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District if he didn't think it much better to put the Immigration Tax under Direct Taxes.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Jackson*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. What I don't understand is this, the fund has been placed under Miscellaneous Revenues by Government unknown to the Council. If the Immigration Fund is created by law it should be taken out by law. If it is placed under Miscellaneous Revenues contrary to law it ought to be taken out and placed where it ought to be according to law. There is but one Legislative body in this island and that is the Colonial Council. An executive order cannot take the place of a law.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am in sympathy with the last speaker that the Immigration Tax should go where it properly belongs. As the time is short I propose that we place it under Indirect Taxes. Can the Immigration Tax still be collected compatible with American ideals? If it cannot be collected compatible with American ideals, then discontinue the tax.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*): Mr. Chairman. It seems strange to see funds collected for a specific purpose used for another purpose. In going over the Organic Act of Porto Rico and of the Philippine Islands we see that no tax collected for a specific purpose should be used for another purpose. That seems to be the general rule; and therefore I do not see how a tax collected under the Immigration Fund could be used for any other purpose except that for which it was created. Perhaps there might in time be introduced a sub-tax for uncultivated lands.

Government Secretary (*Zane*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Under the new form of balance sheets which have already been printed and in which these headings appear as they are now, it would accomplish the same thing if we make an item under Miscellaneous Revenues, say item 8 and call it Immigration Tax which will show it separate, which I understand is the Honorable Member's intention. One further remark, I see that the Immigration Tax is estimated at Frcs. 23,000 which would then reduce Miscellaneous Revenues to Frcs. 37,000 instead of Frcs. 60,000.

No further remarks on revenues.

To be concluded.

### LOCAL

2½ lines of rain was measured at the Fort this morning.