

Mails Close

for the United States and other points via New York by s. s. "Parima" on Thursday, 31st instant at 4 o'clock p. m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Concluded from yesterday's Avis)

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) moved that 2nd discussion come on to day.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) seconded the motion.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The ordinance was before the House first, I will bring it up now on 2nd discussion.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) proposed the following amendment: That after the words "considered to" and before the word "resident" in the 4th line of the first paragraph, "C. E. Leevy" be stricken and insert "K. Esmann".

The amendment was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

It was moved by 1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson), seconded, put to the vote and unanimously adopted that 2nd discussion be closed.

2nd discussion closed.

Despatching Secretary (Barrett) inquired whether the portion of land referred to in the Ordinance is included in the portion that is to be purchased with the amount called for in the Money Bill.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) in reply to the Despatching Secretary said:—No, it is not.

Lieutenant J. C. Gebhard, Public Works Officer, came forward at the request of the Vice-Chairman to give certain necessary elucidations and in answer to a question by the Despatching Secretary as to whether it is necessary to trade a portion of Old Hospital Ground for a portion of Recovery Hill to carry out his plan said:—It is not necessary, but as the Government contemplates buying 108 acres of land at Recovery Hill and the owner has expressed a desire to own a portion of Old Hospital Ground it is proposed to exchange a portion of that land so as to decrease the purchase price.

Despatching Secretary (Barrett): Government would like to have the opinion of the Chairman of the Municipal Committee as to what the attitude of the Committee would be toward exchanging a portion of Old Hospital Ground.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): My private opinion is that the Municipal Committee would be perfectly willing to trade. I had intended to include a clause in the bill authorizing the exchange.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I am of the opinion that the Municipal Committee would be willing to trade a portion of the land.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): One thing to be taken into consideration is, we are having 25 acres in grass land and the land we are negotiating for is in bush.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): There are some acacia on the land and I see some cattle grazing on it.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): I understand that this portion of land is under the supervision of the Police Department.

1st Appointed Member (Coulter) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. If cattle is seen on the land they have broken the wire. I inspected the land recently and notice was put up that if any goats or other animals were seen there they would be shot.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) proposed that the matter go over until the next meeting so as to give the Municipal Committee time to consult with Mr. Esmann.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): If the Council give authority to make the exchange and vote the necessary amount to purchase the balance of the land the whole thing can be trusted in the hands of the Municipal Committee. I suppose the matter can be handled better by the Committee than a body of eighteen men.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) proposed that the Ordinance be passed as amended and that the Money Bill be amended so as to extend authority to the Municipal Committee to exchange the plot of land.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I agree with the last Speaker with one exception, and that is, we cannot put in the Additional Money Bill authority to exchange the land. The Speaker proposed that the Ordinance and Money Bill be passed as they are before the House and that a resolution be introduced to give authority to exchange the plot of land.

A recess of 5 minutes was given.

After recess the Council reassembled and the Vice-Chairman remarked: If no one desires the word I will close 3rd discussion.

No one requesting the word 3rd discussion closed, the Secretary read the Ordinance in its amended form and the Vice-Chairman put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The ordinance is passed and goes to Government.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) inquired whether a money bill will be introduced to provide for the \$1.00 called for in the Ordinance.

Despatching Secretary (Barrett) in

reply to the last Speaker said:—Government will pay it out of Federal Funds if necessary.

The Money Bill was again placed before Members on 2nd discussion.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) brought in amendment to the effect that the amount stated in the Money Bill, namely Frs. 15,000 be changed to read not to exceed Frs. 18,000.

The amendment was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The following amendment was proposed by Government: That the words "As recommended by Municipal Committee" in the 5th and 6th lines of the Money Bill be stricken.

This amendment was also put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

No one requesting the word further second discussion closed, the Secretary read the Money Bill in its amended form and the Vice-Chairman put same to the vote.

It was unanimously adopted.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The Money Bill is adopted and goes to Government.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The s. s. s. "Martinique" left New York on Saturday evening, having 52 tons of cargo for Christiansted and 13 tons for Frederiksted.

The s. s. "Parima" for New York is due at Frederiksted at 6 o'clock on Friday morning. Mails close by her at 4 p. m. on Thursday.

The U. S. S. Contocock and Falcon sail from here this a. m. it is advised. During the stay of these boats the town has been enlivened by the presence of the men on liberty and business received a boost. The conduct of the sailors has been exemplary and it is with regret we see them go but hope that the places of these ships will be filled with others continually while the fleet is in these waters.

The ceremony connected with the erection of a public cistern on Recovery Hill was carried out yesterday afternoon. It was advertised for 4 p. m.; the gentlemen arrived at 4.45 p. m. and addresses were made and the Native Brass Band discoursed music. There was a big gathering. An account will be furnished later on for the benefit of interested readers.

Minister Speaker.

PURCHASE OF VIRGIN ISLANDS UPHELD BY REV. JENSEN.

An educational talk which proved most interesting was given to day by Rev.