

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

At one o'clock p. m. Monday, April 14, 1924, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held its 6th Ordinary Meeting in the Colonial Council Hall in Christiansted.

Present: The Chairman (Robt L. Merwin), D. H. Jackson, H. Berg, Robt. W. Skeoch, A. J. Blackwood, F. Andersen, F. Coulter, W. H. Fleming, Jos. Alexander, W. S. Abramson and Holger Jessen.

Absent, 2nd Appointed Member (Noll), 5th Appointed Member (McIntosh), 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay), and 3rd Member for Frederiksted County District (M. M. Skeoch).

Government Secretary (Zane) and Despatching Secretary (Barrett) attended the meeting.

The following prayers were offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Father Francis W. Clair:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, we adore Thee as the Godman; Thou art the Creator and Preserver, Redeemer and Saviour of mankind. Thou art the Giver of all heavenly gifts; animate us, we beseech Thee, with Thy grace; sanctify us with Thy charity; enlighten us with Thy wisdom; adopt us by Thy goodness as Thy sons, and save us by Thy infinite mercy; so that we may ever bless Thee, praise Thee, and love Thee; first during this life on earth, and then in heaven for all eternity.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon us and remain with us forever. Amen.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) entered the meeting.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary being absent the Chairman asked 2nd Member for Christiansted Town to act until the arrival of the Secretary.

The member acted as Secretary pro-tem.

The following communications received since the last meeting were read.

1 Letter from His Excellency, Governor Philip Williams reading:

April 4, 1924.

The Honorable,
The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of Saint Croix,
Saint Croix, Virgin Islands.

My Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have the honor to inform you that the Ordinance Providing for the Assessment, Levy and Collection of Taxes upon Real and Personal Property, in the Municipality of Croix, passed by the Colonial Council of St. Croix in its 5th ordinary meeting, held March 3, 1924, has been vetoed by me under date of March 27, 1924, and I have the further honor to quote, for your information, the wording of the veto:

"By virtue of the power vested in the Governor of the Virgin Islands under the Executive Order of the President of the United States, No. 2777, of December 26, 1917, issued in pursuance of the Act of Congress of March 3, 1917, the above Ordinance is hereby disapproved in whole, for the reason that the elimination of the tax on personal property has rendered the Ordinance as passed, so essentially different in principle from the Ordinance as recommended by the Government, as not to warrant its approval and application. WITNESS MY HAND and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, at St. Thomas, this twenty-seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four. PHILIP WILLIAMS, Governor. SEAL"

which is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.

2. Letter from His Excellency, Governor Philip Williams reading:

April 4, 1924.

The Honorable,
The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of St. Croix,
St. Croix Virgin Islands.

Sir:—

I have the honor to transmit herewith draft of an Ordinance to amend Title II, Chapter 29, of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Providing a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for St. Croix, and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing Laws", passed by the Colonial Council on May 17, 1920, and approved June 15, 1920, as amended by an Ordinance passed by the Colonial Council on May 22, 1922, and approved May 31, 1922, with the request that this matter be entered on the Order of the Day for the next meeting of the Colonial Council.

In connection with the introduction of this legislation, I may remark that the Colonial Council of St. Croix, on May 22, 1922, passed an Ordinance which exempted insurance and assurance companies doing business in the Municipality

of St. Croix, from the provisions of the Code of Laws relating to the registration of foreign corporations, and from the fees to be paid therefor, and as the Government is now introducing to the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John, legislation designed to similarly exempt insurance and assurance companies doing business in St. Thomas and St. John, it is believed advisable to provide a simplified procedure for the registration of such insurance and assurance companies, which would not be difficult for the companies in question to comply with, and at the same time enable a proper record to be kept of all corporations doing business within the Municipality.

Respectfully,

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.

3. Letter from Despatching Secretary (Barrett) reading:

7 April 1924.

The Honorable,
The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of St. Croix,
St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Sir:—

I have the honor to inform you that the Resolution which was passed by the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John and the Colonial Council of St. Croix, in joint session assembled, on Friday 4, 1924, has been approved by His Excellency, the Governor of the Virgin Islands in the following language:

"The above resolution is hereby sanctioned and approved in whole.

"Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States at Thomas, the fifth day of April, 1924.

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Respectfully,

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

The Chairman: I have to bring to your notice the adoption of the minutes for the meeting held 7 February. Any one having objection to those minutes will please state them and I will take a vote as to such objections.

To be continued.

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The Song Service held on Sunday night last at the Lutheran Church was well attended. The choir was at its best and deserves congratulations.

The sacred cantata "The Lord is Risen" was rendered by the choir of the Moravian Church of this town on Sunday night and proved a grand success, a pleasant time being spent by a large gathering. Congratulations to all concerned.