

Advertisement.

BIDS are requested for the following supplies which are needed in the administration of Richmond Insane and Leper Asylum for the month of June 1920. Delivery is to be made by the merchant.

Bids should be addressed to Inspector, Richmond Insane Asylum.

All supplies to be of best quality.

Flour 70 lbs., Cornmeal 500 lbs.; Rice 400 lbs., Oats 360 lbs., Sago 100 lbs.; Beef 460 lbs., Pork 180 lbs., Fish (salt) 224 lbs. Peas 200 lbs., Potatoes 200 lbs., Lard 100 lbs., Cooking butter 100 lbs., Table butter 100 lbs., Onions 50 lbs., Tea 15 lbs., Matches 2 gross, Soap 6 cases.

All bids should be received by May 26th, 1920.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. of U. S. A., May 21st 1920.

H. T. HANSEN,
Inspector
Richmond Insane &
Leper Asylum.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

Continued from yesterday's Avis

5th Appointed Member [Lunney] remarked: Mr. Chairman. We have all been endeavoring since the American Government took over these islands to have a new code of laws—[Andersen; I object, the code of laws is not before the Council it is the organization act we are discussing] Member Lunney continuing, Up to the present the people are not having any advantage taken of them; the same laws that are before us today are working in Porto Rico and in the Philippines and the people of those islands are satisfied with them. There has never been a marked improvement made in any other country in such a short space of time as there has been in this island since the American occupation. If the laws are passed and it goes into effect and a man goes into court and there deprived of his rights, then it would be sufficient time to take objection. Able men were put on these laws to frame them and I see no reason why we should stand here finding petty faults with them.

The Chairman would like to ask members to respect the Rules of Business and confine their remarks to third discussion.

3rd Appointed Member (Armstrong) remarked. Mr. Chairman. I think it would be a good idea to bring for-

ward a suggestion. It would be best to have two District Judges, one for St. Thomas and one for St. Croix and one police judge, the District Judge can live at one end and the Police Judge at the other end.

The Chairman remarked. I wish to remind members that this matter is before the House on 3rd Discussion.

The Chairman further remarked: I will read the Rules of Business where it relates to 3rd Discussion so that members may be aware of their premises. Accordingly the Chairman read the paragraph of the Rules of Business referred to.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District, at the last meeting, proposed that 2nd Discussion be closed and now he is advising the Council to accept the organization. That's puzzling.

As regard to the question of taxation the Congressional Commission in giving their farewell addresses, one of them laid great stress on this Council passing these code of laws which is now before us; that sounds to me as if they recommend to this Council to organize its own system of taxation rather than go to Congress and ask to make laws for our taxation down here. I do not know of any place in the world where a tax of fifteen dollars is imposed on an acre of cultivated land. I as a tax-payer feel that we are paying all the taxes we can at present; if our population continue to decrease and we continue to have the dry weather we are now having it is going to be hard with the tax payers; it is necessary that we economize, but at the same time we should pass these laws; considering a Committee sat on them, sent in its report, and all amendments made by that Committee have been incorporated I see no reason why we should not pass the laws. I have heard it said that the laws now before the Council are very stringent. Gentlemen I don't know of any secrecy about this matter, legal minds have passed upon these laws all the way through and every amendment that has been proposed has been incorporated in the laws; I recommend that members vote for these code of laws.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members' Government has brought in an amendment to Section 11, Chapter 1 of the bill. The Chairman read the amendment and said,—This amendment has been made to the bill in St. Thomas and Government desires that the same be made here.

The amendment reads:

AMENDMENT

To Colonial Council Bill No. 29.

2nd Session 1919-1920

To section 11 of Chapter 1 in Line 2 after the word Governor be

added, "and the respective Colonial Council."

FRED. B. COLBY,

Despatching Secretary.

For the Governor.

The Chairman remarked: This amendment has just been handed to me, it is therefore necessary to have a three-quarter vote of the Council as to whether it should be furthered today.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) says that at the last meeting I recommend that 2nd Discussion on the laws be closed; I did not. The laws were not before the Council then, the organization act was before us at that time.

In regard to taxation, I don't think it unfair if the tax-payers have a say when it comes to such an expensive organization as the one which is now before us.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I thought the Honorable Member meant both law and organization when he made his motion.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members the status of the matter is this. The amendment is brought in by Government and if it fails to get a three-quarter vote of the members present it cannot be furthered today; in other words, if you vote for the amendment it will not come today, and if you vote against it means that you postpone the matter until the next meeting.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District [Stakemann] remarked: Mr. Chairman. I recommend that the vote which is about to be taken to further the amendment be postponed, for the reason, there will be a meeting held by the community tomorrow evening in regard to this organization act and recommendations might be made to the Council and to Washington.

The Chairman put to the vote whether the amendment should be furthered today.

11 members voted for; 3 against four did not vote.

The Chairman remarked: As 14 votes are necessary to further this matter today the motion is lost and the amendment will be printed and circulated and will come up at the next meeting of the Council.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District [Stakemann] remarked: Mr. Chairman. In regard to the question as to whether we should have one or two judges, I hold that it is the right thing to have two District Judges; we have nothing else to do but to follow the recommendations made by the Congressional Commission; that's their recommendation and it is in accord with the proposal made here; if the Congressional Commission can make such a recom-