

Notice To Cattle Raisers.

IN regard to the report intimating that the importation of cattle in Porto Rico has been prohibited, the following radiogram is quoted for your information:

"For Despatching Secretary. Following dispatch received by local federal inspector: 'Referring radiogram shipments of cattle from Virgin Islands to Porto Rico may continue subject to our inspection and approval of Governor of Porto Rico, signed Mohler.' Local inspector states shipments may continue as in past. Signed O'Hagan."

C. W. FOX,
Despatching Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

The Chairman then brought up item 1 of the Order of the Day.

Item 1.

Colonial Council Bill No. 6.

2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 6, Draft of an Ordinance introduced by Government, redeclaring and establishing the Judiciary Department and courts of St. Croix; providing for a District Court Commissioner and for additional notaries public; amending an ordinance pass-

ed by the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix, 25th. May, 1920, and sanctioned and approved 26th. June, 1920, and repealing Chapters one and three of said ordinance.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It was my intention at the last meeting to speak on the present bill, but unfortunately matters were railroaded in such a way that I had no time to come forward.

I have no legal training, therefore, any error I make would be open for correction. I feel that the question of bringing up this bill calling for one judge for all the islands a difficult one, for we have no authority to legislate for St. Thomas, and St. John, and this draft calls for a judge for St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John.

Chapter I, Section 5 of the Code says:

"There shall be appointed by the Governor a Judge for the District Court who shall hold office, until otherwise directed by Congress or the President, during good behaviour and who shall be removed only for cause involving moral turpitude."

The above is in keeping with the highest moral sentiment as well as the most generally accepted laws governing the appointment of Judicial Officers under the Constitution of the United States of America. Take for example the law on this point in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Chapter III on Judiciary Power, Article I of the said State above quoted stipulates that:

"All Judicial Officers duly appointed, commissioned and sworn, shall hold their offices during good behaviour."

Why then should we have here, on American territory, a judge appointed on a two year term, subject to the whim and caprices of a Governor, as to whether he shall hold his post or not, even for those two years?

Gentlemen, you are elected by the people of this island to represent them; their future is into your hands, and if you jeopardize their future the responsibility will rest upon you, the legislators of this island. Laws are designed.—

2nd Appointed Member (Noll): Mr. Chairman: I believe the Member is reading from a memorandum instead of speaking from memory.

The Chairman: I do not see the purpose of the Honorable Member's objection.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander): Mr. Chairman. I am referring to certain notes which I have before me. 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) continuing,—Laws are designed for the protection of the people, and you Mr. Chairman and the Honorable 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) were in favor of two judges.

I maintain that we have no right to legislate for ourselves alone, but for the entire community. I hold that the matter rests with Congress as to whether we shall have one or two judges.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I think if I go back to the files I can produce fifty instances where the Councils of these Islands are in unison. They are not sitting together, but working in harmony.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. This is a question of great public interest and one which concerns the welfare of the people. It was my intention to bring in an amendment to this draft, but this meeting was called so hurriedly, that I had no time to prepare it, I therefore ask that 2nd Discussion remain open, so as to give me time to bring in my amendment.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) proposed that 2nd Discussion be closed.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not hear many members speaking in favor of the bill. I propose a committee of 7 members to receive and report on the bill.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) seconded the member's motion, and said, he was surprised that the 2nd Appointed Member opposed his motion, a privilege which he considers should be extended to him, and one which had been extended to him, the 2nd Appointed Member, in a recent meeting.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) would like to know whether the bill is under 1st or 2nd Discussion?

The Chairman answered: Under 2nd Discussion.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have listened with a great deal of interest to the remarks made on this draft of ordinance. Now you and I, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Council, all that we have read and seen of the Governments of the world, in all capacities, large and small, it is necessary to have concentrated government to serve the people. We look up to our Government, as true, to do what is right and just. This is a case I believe, all who are loyal to the Government consider should be changed at a moment's notice so as to serve the best interest of the community; I consider it our duty to follow the lead of our Government. At the last meeting we put through 1st Discussion on this bill, and it was said that, that was one of the dirtiest things ever done in this Council. I do not see any dirt in this matter. No member has ever seen me put my hands to any thing that is not clean since I have been a member of this Council. If our Government considers one District Judge can handle the work of the three islands, they have a right to change the law, and I feel