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Executive Order No. 15.

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Treaty of Cession entered into on August 4, 1916, between the United States of America and Denmark, the sovereign rights theretofore exercised by Denmark over the Danish West Indies passed to the United States in accordance with the terms thereof; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of Section 1 of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1917, entitled "An Act to Provide for a Temporary Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States" all military, civil and judicial powers necessary to govern the said Islands are vested in the Governor thereof; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order, No. 12, dated April 22, 1920, made under the authority of the aforesaid Act of Congress, approved by the President of the United States on June 18, 1920, and promulgated at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands of the United States on June 22, 1920, the temporary law of the Danish Rigsdag confirmed October 2, 1914, was abrogated effective on and after August 23, 1920, and it was decreed that Section 1 and Section 3 of the Danish Law confirmed March 29, 1904, shall, upon such abrogation becoming effective, stand in full force and effect; and

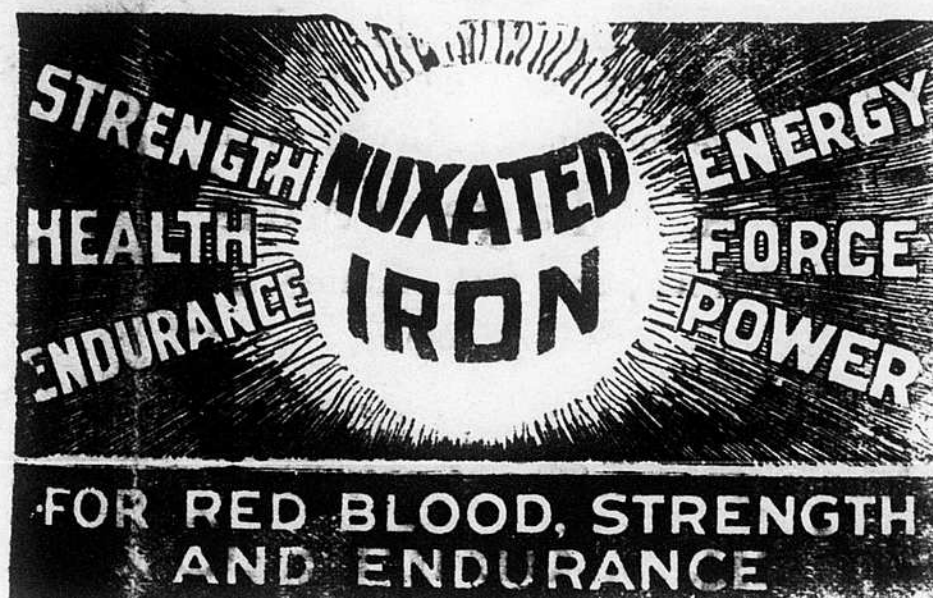
WHEREAS, the National Bank of the Danish West Indies has made representations to the Government of the United States that on account of the difficulties and delays incident to communication, it will find great difficulty in complying with the aforesaid Executive Order on its effective date, and has requested that the effective date of the said Executive

Order be extended for a period of sixty days; and

WHEREAS, the National Bank of the Danish West Indies has made further representations concerning the scarcity of gold coin of Danish West Indian mintage with which to redeem its notes:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. W. Oman, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, acting under the authority of the aforesaid Act of Congress, do hereby extend the date upon which the aforesaid Executive Order No. 12 shall become effective and fix October 25, 1920, as the definitive date on and after which the said Order shall be effective.

And I further decree that the aforesaid Executive Order No. 12 be and it is hereby so far modified that the National Bank of the Danish West Indies, in fulfilling its obligation to redeem its notes on and after October 25, 1920, may redeem such notes as are presented at its principal office in St. Thomas either in gold coin of the Danish West Indies or, at the fixed rate of 96.5 cents United States for 5 francs Danish, in United States coin or currency, including United States gold coins, silver, nickel and bronze coins, gold and silver certificates, notes issued by the United States and notes issued through or by the Federal reserve banks and by the National Banks of the United States; provided, however, that United States gold coins may be used in redeeming the aforesaid notes only if such coins be within the legal limit of tolerance in regard to fineness and weight as provided in Sections 3535, 3536 and 3537 of the Revised Statutes



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of the United States, and that United States subsidiary silver, nickel and bronze coins may be used only up to the respective amounts for which such coins are legal tender under the laws of the United States.

Except so far as herein modified, the aforesaid Executive Order No. 12 shall remain in full force and effect.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, at St. Thomas, this 8th day of August 1920.

J. W. OMAN.
Governor.

Publication.

It is hereby made known, that the taxes for the year 1919 for town and country properties became due on the 1st of May a. c. and will be received at the Branch of the Danish West Indian National Bank at Christiansted for the town and country district of Christiansted, and at the Frederiksted Branch for the town and country district of Frederiksted.

At the expiration of the month of August the list of arrears will be forwarded to the Sheriff for further measures.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, August 17, 1920.

FRED. B. COLBY,
Despatching Secretary.