

BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED
STATES.

Proclamation.

THE admirable American custom of turning towards the closing of each year to Almighty God in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings He has bestowed and the mercies He has shown should continue to be observed here. This year we have good cause to be thankful and to be glad. The star of peace that appeared a year ago is rapidly becoming fixed in the firmament of the nations of the earth due to the long strides being taken by the treaty-making power towards the ratification of the treaty which lowered the curtain on the tragedy of the world war. The League of Nations, a guiding star to the harbor of perpetual peace, is looming up on the horizon. The coming of peace leads us to the dawning of a new day for which we should be very grateful. With safety in our humble homes from the ponderous duties of war we are the better able to reap the crops which it has been our good fortune to have spared to us from the cruel hands of draught and of hurricane. After turning away from the former duty in the military protection of our homes from the contemplated ravages of the enemy we may contentedly enter upon a constructive period with the up-building of institutions and municipalities.

While giving thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us during the year, let us ever remember to seek Divine forgiveness and mercy for all errors of act or purpose, and Divine guidance in the performance of the duties which remain to be performed, and to pray that in all we do we shall strengthen those ties of friendship and mutual respect which are so essential in the erection of a municipal structure that is to redound to the credit of the builders.

Wherefore, I, J. W. Oman, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, do hereby designate Thursday, the 27th day of November next as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the islands to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the ruler of nations.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Government to be affixed.

Done at St. Thomas this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

(SEAL)

J. W. OMAN.

By the Governor

C. C. TIMMONS.

Government Secretary.

Publication.

PURSUANT to order from the Government the Tax Commission for St. Croix will meet on the undermentioned days to receive information in writing relating to the taxes for the present year:

For the Town of Christianssted:

at the Government Secretary's Office at 10 o'clock a. m. viz:

WEDNESDAY December 10th for the inhabitants of King's, Company, Queen's Strand, North and West Streets, also Western Suburbs.

THURSDAY December 11th for the inhabitants of Smith, Western and Ulke Lane, Watergut, Market and Prince's Streets, King's and Queen's Cross Streets, Church, Hospital and Green Streets and the Eastern Suburbs.

FRIDAY December 12th for the inhabitants of Hill, East, Lagoon Little Hospital, New and Fisher Streets.

For the Country.

SATURDAY December 13th, for the inhabitants in both East End Quarters at the Stock Estate Sally's Fancy at 11 o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY December 16th for the inhabitants in Company's Quarter at the Agricultural Experiment Station at Estate Anna's Hope at 11 o'clock a. m.

WEDNESDAY December 17th for the inhabitants in Queen's King's and Northside Quarter Ltr. B. at the Station at Kingshill at 10 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY December 19th for the inhabitants in Prince's Quarter in the School at Estate Diamond at 2 o'clock p. m., not 12 o'clock noon.

MONDAY December 22nd for the inhabitants in West End Quarter and Northside Quarter Ltr. A. at the Police Office in Frederiksted, at 10 o'clock a. m.

For the Town of Frederiksted:

same day for the inhabitants of Strand, King's and Queen's Streets.

TUESDAY December 23rd for the inhabitants of Prince's, Hospital and New Streets, King's Cross Street, Market, Hill and Lagoon Streets, all at the said Police Office at 10 o'clock a. m.

Owners of estates are to specify in writing the exact number of acres in sugar cultivation, in cotton cultivation, in other cultivation and in pasture. Also information concerning the buildings on the estate and the appropriation thereof, especially if there are rooms rented to other than laborers permanently employed, and the length and width of said rooms and the rental thereof.

If any portion of the land is considered to be useless, and yields no revenue to the owner, the number of acres of such portion must be stated in the taxlist and a certificate on oath issued by the proprietor and two Burghers residing in the quarter, and furthermore attested

by the Quarter Officer, and delivered to the Commission.

Owners of empty lots in town are requested to fill out the taxlists accurately giving the information desired in order that it may be ascertained if any new buildings have been erected on the property during the year, also stating the time when such buildings were first occupied.

In order that reduction can be obtained in the taxes for dwelling houses, warehouses and sheds, which have been unoccupied for two months and upwards, the Commission would particularly draw the attention of those parties desiring reduction that it is very necessary in such cases that certificates to that effect be produced stating that the houses, sheds etc. have been vacant during said period.

IT MUST BE SPECIALLY OBSERVED:

Persons neglecting to procure the information and proof described by the regulation in the above shape, time and place must ascribe to their own neglect all losses resulting therefrom.

As several planters in the last years have neglected to meet at the fixed time and place to deliver their taxlists, the Commission begs to announce that taxlists will not be received for any quarter, at any other time or place than above stated. In case persons neglect to deliver a taxlist for any estate in due time, the Commission will before closing the meeting assess the tax for said estate according to the best of its knowledge. Taxlists which are forwarded later to the Commission, will, together with a list of those estates that have omitted to send in their taxlists, be transmitted to the Government in order that other measures be taken.

Blanks for taxlists will be distributed some days previous to the meeting of the Tax Commission and are required to be accurately filled out by the parties concerned, and delivered to the Commission on the day which is fixed for each street in the town and each quarter in the country.

Tax Commission for St. Croix, November 25, 1919.

R. O'HAGAN. T. J. STRIDIRON.

FOR SALE
White Lime delivered in town from Estate Southgate Farm at 60 cents pr. barrel.

CATHRINE LUDVIG