

S T. C R O I X A V I S.

ARTICLE 2, Section 2: The movables, especially silver plate and pictures which may be found in the Government Buildings in the islands ceded and belonging to the Danish Government shall remain the property of that Government and shall, as soon as circumstances will permit, be removed by it."

(To be continued.)

ment. His Excellency the Governor desires to make a final issue of the matter and to that end Government wishes to introduce the following amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY GOVERNMENT.

That the amendments contained in the Committee's Report on Draft of Ordinance providing for the Assessment, Levy and Collection of Taxes upon Real and Personal Property in the Municipality of St. Croix, as proposed by the Subcommittee of the Whole House and accepted by the Committee of the Whole House, be eliminated in whole and that the original wording of the Ordinance, as introduced by the Government, be substituted.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: As Honorable Members are aware when a bill is under 3rd discussion it is subject to amendment only by Government. If I hear no objection I will take the vote on the amendment.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): You cannot do that. If this amendment were accepted it would mean that the Committee's Report is rejected.

Government Secretary (Zane): My recollection is that the Committee Report has been adopted.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): By this amendment Government means that it will not approve the Committee Report.

Government Secretary (Zane): Government could, of course, refer to each change made in the original draft, but this amendment is drafted so as to accomplish in a few words in a very short time what would be accomplished if the Committee report was taken word for word.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): We would be just the same place we were when the draft was introduced if this amendment is adopted.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): This constitutes a veto more than an amendment.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: Government offers this amendment and says that it is not in favor of the Committee Report. We are unanimously opposed to the bill and I think this a very good opportunity to vote it down.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. There are two ways to get out of this tax bill. The first is to adopt Government's amendment and vote down the bill and leave the responsibility to the Council. The other way out is to vote down the amendment now introduced by Government and adopt the Com-

mittee Report. I leave the choice to the Council.

The Vice-Chairman. I will take the vote on the amendment.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I do not agree to that. Par. 11 of the Rules of Business says in part: "At the 3rd discussion, which must not take place earlier than 6 times 24 hours after the close of 2nd discussion, only those amendments which the Governor in virtue of Par. 41 of the Colonial Law may propose, along with the paragraphs to which they relate, and the draft in its entirety are to be discussed and then put to the vote." Now that means if you adopt an amendment like this the draft comes up for a vote and if the Council votes it down the Government will say it could not get the Council to pass a tax law, but if we pass the Committee Report and Government vetoes it, then the responsibility rests with the Government.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. If the Council rejects the amendment proposed by Government we will go back on the former basis.

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LOCAL

St. Croix racers "Eagle", "Lady Lucille", "Fisher Girl" and another horse were shipped to Porto Rico aboard the sloop "Jose Manuel" yesterday.

The schooner "Vigilant" arrived here yesterday evening from Porto Rico with a load of coal for the St. Croix Sugar Factory, Inc. She also brought some mails.

Another detachment of men from the "Shawmut" is on liberty in this town. They enjoy their time here and their conduct is all that could be desired, but unfortunately these men have not just been paid off or Frederiksted has cornered all the trade, but there isn't a whole lot of business created here as acknowledged by those catering.

The band from the "Shawmut" will play here this afternoon it is learned. This band rendered some fine music in Frederiksted last night. West End News had the audacity to invite the people from this town to go down there to hear it. Mr. Joseph forgets that be it ever so humble there is no place like home and we mean to live up to this.

The wharf looks pretty clear and clean

in most places now since it had to take legislative action to accomplish it, but what about those unsightly old iron and concrete anchors and parts? They have been there long enough to indicate they are not wanted. Why not do a good job of this clearing up and be done with it?

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Manchester, March 11th.—Work was resumed today at the Thornham Cotton Mill, near Royton, where a strike had threatened to result in a lock-out of some 150,000 operatives by the Cotton Spinners Federation.

Cairo, March 11th.—A large number of tourists are held in Egypt and Palestine by the suspension of railway traffic owing to floods.

Washington, March 11th.—The death of General Lopez Gutierrez de facto President of Honduras, was reported to the State Department today in a telegram from Tegucigalpa.

Dublin, March 11th.—Mr Joseph McGrath, Minister of Industry and Commerce, announced his resignation in the Dail this afternoon, because of "muddling" in connection with the army trouble.

London, March 11th.—The Canadian Press learns that an adjustment of accounts between Canada and Great Britain with regard to war liabilities has been made and the amount that Canada is to receive has been settled. The Dominion will receive from Great Britain certain Canadian bonds and a sum in cash. The whole payment will amount to between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000. The payment will become operative on April 1st.

Territet Switz. March 11th.—Abdul Medjid deposed Turkish Caliph, has issued a call to the Moslem populations of the world to determine through their respective group leaders what should be done regarding the Caliphate, in view of his exile. He says that he considers the measure deposing him and abolishing the Caliphate as fundamentally sacrilegious.

New York, March 11th.—The S. S. Aquitania brought 115 bars of gold, valued at about \$2,735,000 and consigned to New York bankers, from England today.

Stockholm, March 12th.—A regular air service to connect Sweden and England has been decided upon and will be established shortly. The terminals are to be Malmo and with intermediate landing in Hamburg. Six hours will be required for the flight.

Philadelphia, March 12th.—A fire last night destroyed the big grain elevator of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Co. at 20th and Callow Hill Streets and badly damaged several small dwellings and stores nearby, causing an estimated loss of more than a million dollars.