Forhandlingsprotocol

for

Kolonialraadet for

St Thomas og St Jan

Søndagen den 5te August 1909 afholdt Kbmidlemmer for St Thomas og St Jan et ordinairt Møde til kl. Efter, 4de Møde i Sæsonen 1909-1910.

Tilstede vare Medlemmer Dieleman, Petersen, Cornelius, Daniel Bimmet, Krumby, Pigel, Friis, Petersen, Rise og Carstensen.

Gjennemgaaet Skrivelser No 540 oplæst. Formanden meddelte Rådet, at han havde modtaget skriftlig Meddelelse om Udeblivelse fra 1ste Medl for St Jan, Livsstyrelsk. 3dje Medl. for St Thomas, Pigel begge mundtlig Meddelelse om Udeblivelse for 1ste Medl. for Embedsbetjentes Mesan.

Secretairen oplæste Forhandlingerne fra Mødet d. 10 Juni. 5te Medl for St Croix La Apel, mødte.

Formanden bemærkede, at han ingen havde noget at indvende mod de oplæste Forhandlinger, vilde de betragte som vedtagne.

6te Medl for St Thomas, Cornelius, spurgte med nogle mindre Bemærkninger, angaaende Tilførelsen til Protokollen.

2det Medl. for St Thomas Petersen, mødte. Formanden bemærkede som Svar paa 6te Medlems Bemærkninger, at ved Afstemningen over de forskjellige Udkast, blev hvert enkelt Punkt først oplæst både paa Engelsk og Dansk og der blev over dem foretaget Afstemning, hvori var ingen Forandring skeet, Man gjorde ikke Secretairen opmærksom for den danske Texts.

Efter nogle faa korte Bemærkninger fra 4de og 1ste Medl. vedtoges Forhandlingerne, som paa samme for Mødet d. 13 Juli oplæste.

Formanden erklærede at han ingen havde noget at bemærke, vilde Forhandlingerne betragte som vedtagne.

1ste Kongo. Medlem, Rise, foreslog, at den offentlige [illegible] Belønning paa vel overdragne [illegible] skjønlige, da en længere Discussion havde fundet Sted, i Slutningen af Dagsordenen var gjennemgaaet, og [illegible] udeladt.

1ste Medl. for St Thomas Daniel [illegible] Medlems Bemærkninger, at den [illegible] Discussion kunde betragtes som "en paa ret", da de to Tredjedele af Medlemmerne [illegible] og da Generalen havde [illegible] ikke kunde indvilge.

I den forfølgende Discussion deltog Medl. Rise, Daniel Bimmet, Pigel og Formanden.

Forhandlingerne vedtoges

Ker Majestæt Gouverneur og Generalmajoren.

havien mødte, hvorefter man gik til

Dagsordenen.

2den Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Udvalg og

On Thursday the 5th August 1909 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 1 p.m., 4th meeting in the session 1909-1910.

Present were members Jiellaus, Petersbyn, Emmins, Daniel, Burnet, Kunby, Pigel, Frois, Petersen, Rice and Carstensen.

Governments letter No 340 was read. The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter of excuse from the 1st member for St Jan, Lindqvist. The 3rd member for St Thomas, Pigel, offered a verbal excuse for the member for the Country District of Thomas

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June. The 5th member for St Thomas, Le Cocq entered.

The Chairman said if no one had any remarks to offer on the minutes they would be considered adopted.

The 6th member for St Thomas, Emmins offered a few remarks regarding the manner in which the minutes had been entered in the protocol.

The 2nd member for St Thomas, Roberts entered.

The Chairman replying to the remarks of the hon. 6th member informed him that the voting on the Draft when proceeded with, the different sections were read out in Danish and English and so voted on; there was nothing mentioned it. He did not hold the hon. Secretary responsible for the Danish text.

After a few short remarks from the 4th and 1st member for St Thomas, the minutes were adopted.

The minutes of the meeting of 13th July were read.

The Chairman said if no one had any remarks to offer they would be considered adopted.

The 1st Crown member, Rice pointed out that the [illegible] ied proceedings and the minutes just read were in- [illegible] a lengthy discussion took place after the Order [illegible] through, which had been entirely exclu-

[illegible] ber for St Thomas. Daniel in answer to the re- [illegible] marks of [illegible] Crown member, said the discussion which took place [illegible] ing outside of the Order of the Day was m[illegible] nt of two thirds of the members pre- sent, and did [illegible] ain the consent of the Governor who was absent; which consent could only be considered as of course en passant.

A discussion ensued in which members Rice, Daniel, Burnet, Pigel and the Chairman took part.

The minutes were adopted.

His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Government Secretary entered.

Udskænkning af Vin og Spirituoser paa St Thomas og St Jans, med Endringsforslag stillet af 2det Kongs. Meyel. Peter Peterssen.

Formanden bemærkede at han ogsaa havde paa Adresse, der burde blive forelagt i følge Forretningsordenen §11.

2det Meyel for St Thomas, Pennet Forspurgte, hvorledes et yderligere Endringsforslag kunde blive forelagt nu, da Udvalgets Betænkning skulde behandles paa Endringsforslag.

2det Kongs. Meyel Petersen var villig til at indlevere sit Forslag som et Under-Endringsforslag.

Formanden erklærede, at han vilde paa Udvalgets Vegne i Overensstemmelse med Forretningsordenen §11.

Loven Titel o.s.lignde: "Ordsning om Udskænkning og Udskænkning af Vin og Spirituoser paa St Thomas og St Jans" Engelsk text: "Ordinance concerning the sale in St Thomas and St Jans of wine and spirituous liquors and the retailing of the same by the drink"

1ste Meyel for St Thomas, Hendtz, vilde paa yderligere Under-Endringsforslag lut Udskudt Forelæse, at Ordene "wine and" udelades i Udskrifts Titel og ligeledes i de forskellige Paragrafer.

Formanden paatog, sig dette Forslag kunde blive lagt i Betragtning, hvis Raadet og Forsamlingen, gav deres Samtykke, men han mente, at Sagen var temmelig lang i Hænderne.

Meyel Hendtz, Formanden, Meyel Daniel, Penned og Riis, samt Secretæren Ophævet.

Forslaget paa den under Aftalemning og Forslag igjennem. Udskrifts Titel paa den under Aftalemning og vedtagen.

"Kapitel I." "Om Beredtigelsen, Tilladelse og Udskænkning af Vin og Spirituoser

Eng Titel. Concerning the right to sell and to retail wine and spirituous liquors

wine and spirituous liquors, vedtagne

ad §1 ingen Bemærkninger, vedtagne

ad §2. ingen Bemærkninger, vedtagne

Kapitel II. Kapitel III. "

Vin

kuvai" udgaaer. Kapitel II.

Secretæren paat. paa

ad §3. ingen andring

ad §4- 1 Pass. Efter

af en gyldig Udskænkningsbevis

Beredtigelse til

de Spirituosa" Eng text paa

Efter

§1 ansøgeren

§1 and: "The Governor may grant a special grant, at his discretion

place of retailing by the drink the wine and spirituous liquors mentioned in §1" Sættes under Aftalemning og vedtagen med 7 Stemmer 3 imod, 1 afholdt sig, Titl Daniel

ad §4- 3die Passus 7 Linje. Efter Ordet "Indkommer" tilføj "Dog skal Gouvernementet have Ret at tilstaae Indskrænkning af Sin-

The Order of the Day was proceeded with
2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the sale pr St Thomas and St Jan of wine and spirituous liquors and the retailing of same by the drink; with Amendment proposed by the 2d town member John Petersen.

The Chairman remarked that he had also an address which would be introduced according to S11 of the Rules of Business.

The 4th member for St Thomas, Grant enquired if the Report of the Committee on the Draft was considered as amendments proposed, how could a further amendment be brought forward now.

The 2d town member Petersen, was willing to introduce the amendment as a rule amendment.

The Chairman in conformity with S11 of the Rules of Business proceeded with the voting on the Draft.

The heading to read: "Ordinance concerning the sale in St Thomas and St Jan of wine and spirituous liquors and the retailing of the same by the drink"

The 5th member for St Croix, Kuntz offered a further amendment to the Draft, that the words "wine and" be struck out from the heading, and also from the subsequent passages in the Draft.

The Chairman said if the Council and Government consented to the introduction of the rule amendment, it may be considered, but he thought it was too late.

A discussion ensued in which member Kuntz, the Chairman, members Daniel, Grant and Rise took part.

The first read, was put to the vote and lost. The title of the Draft was then put to the vote and adopted.

Chapter I. English text. Concerning the rights to sell and to retail spirituous liquors, adopted.

Art. 1. adopted

Art. 2. adopted

Art. 3 - amendment proposed by Grant to strike out the words "wine and" in the heading to be struck out, was put to the vote and adopted

and S 4 - proposed by Grant in line 4 after S1 add. "The tavernkeeper can take out a spirituous license which gives him the further right to sell from his place of dwelling by the drink the wine and spirituous liquors mentioned in S1," was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes, 3 against, 1 not voting, Elv Daniel.

and S 4 - proposed 3rd line 7th After S1 add. "With regard to the boarding houses, existing at the time, when this Ordinance comes into force, Government can however grant permission to rent out rooms for a shorter period than by the week", was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes, 3 against, 1 not voting, Elv Daniel.

rimaler, der er i Overensstemmelse med denne Anordninge Skatstraden, Ret til at udleje Varelser dog ikke for kortere Tid end en Uge". Eng. text. ad § 4, part 3, line 7. After : add. "With regard to the Boarding houses, existing at the time, when this Ordinance comes into force, Government can however grant permission to put out proms for a shorter period than by the week" sættes under Afstemning og vedtages med 9 Stemmer, 3 imod, 1 stemte ikke, Chr Daniel.

ad § 5 ingen Ændring, vedtagne.

ad § 6 1ste Linje. Efter Ordet "Varehuusholder" tilføj "derunder dog ikke Udskænkningstilladelse for Varehuusholdere" Eng text, line 2. After the word "storkeeper" add: "and the grant for tavern keepers to sell the wine and spirituous liquors mentioned in § 1, sættes under Afstemning og vedtages med 9 Stemmer, 3 imod, 1 stemte ikke, Chr Daniel

ad §§ 7-8-9 og 10 ingen Ændringer, vedtagne

ad § 11 - 1ste Linje. Sættet "9" forandres til "10". Eng text. The cipher "9" to be altered to "10".

Formanden meddelte, at det Kongelige Andragende af 2det Kongr. Medl. Petersen til dennes Paragraf nylig er blevet forelagt, hvorefter 2det Kongr. Medl. nu atter har stillet Forslag

Formanden erklærede, at han vilde sætte under Afstemning, hvorvidt Ordr. skulde optages. Forslaget vedtages med 12 Stemmer.

2det Kongr. Medl. Petersen optoges derpaa, der paafulgte af ny Forhandling mellem Medlemmerne Bjørnet, Pedersen, Daniel La Brit and Perlestr.

Under Endringsforslaget sættes under Afstemning og forkastes enstemmig;

Den af Udvalget ændrede Paragraf sættes da under Afstemning og vedtages af 9 Stemmer, 1 stemte ikke, Chr Daniel

ad § 12 ingen Ændring, vedtagne

ad § 13 - "holder ikke med [illegible] mixed with alcoholic [illegible] Afstemning og vedtages af 10 [illegible] Chr Daniel

"Kapitel III". For [illegible] "K[illegible]" E. Eng Text. "Chapter III" bør altered to "Chap[illegible]" Overtrædelse og Tiltale. Eng Text. Expressions [illegible] expressions and complaints sættes under Afstemning [illegible] vedtagne

ad § 14 ingen Ændring, vedtagne

ad § 15 - 4 Linje "100 Francs" forandres til "250 Francs". Eng Text ad § 15 - line 4th "100 francs" to be altered to "250 francs"!

ad § 16 - 2 Linje, Efter Ordet "overtrædes" tilføjes: Enhver Anmelder af anden Overtrædelse, end hvortil Hæftelsen af den forbrudte Sum [illegible]

ad § 5- no amendment, adopted.

ad § 6- line 2. After the word "hotel keeper" add: "and the grand for tavern keepers to sell the wine and spirituous liquors mentioned in § 1, was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes, 3 against, 1 not voting, Chr Daniel

ad §§ 7-8-9 and 10, no amendments, adopted.

ad § 11- The cipher "9" to be altered to "10".

The Chairman said a rule amendment to this section had been proposed by the 2d Crown member, Petersen, which he would now introduce.

The 2d Crown member, Petersen, introduced his amendment. The Chairman said he would put it to the vote whether the address should be read. The proposal was adopted by 12 votes.

The 2d Crown member, Petersen read the address.

A discussion ensued in which members Pernet, Petersen, Daniel, La Pierre and Roberts took part

The rule amendment was put to the vote and lost, 2 in favour

The section as amended by the Committee was then put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes, 1 member, Daniel not voting

ad § 12- no amendment, adopted

ad § 13- Committee's amendment, "neither must pure mixed with alcohol, be sold or served" was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 1 member not voting, Chr Daniel

"Chapter III." be altered to "Chapter II" "Concerning transgressions and penalties and" was put to the vote and adopted.

ad § 14- no amendment, adopted

ad § 15- line 4. "100 francs to be altered to "250 francs.

ad § 16- line 2. After the word "transgressed" read: "Every informer is entitled to one half of the amount of the fine", was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 1 member not voting,

adopted

IV. altered to "Chapter III." "Concerning

put to the vote and adopted

section 1 read: For the yearly license for

spirituous liquors mentioned in

keeping 100 francs is to be paid.

a is to be paid on each of these li-

censes viz:

a. on a merchant's license to sell the wine and spirituous liquors mentioned in § 1. francs 400.

b. on a license as hotel or tavern keeper francs 150

c. on a tavern keeper's license to sell the wine and spirituous liquors mentioned in § 1 besides his base as tavern keeper francs 450.

Tekst ad § 16. linie . Efter ordet "beruset" tilføjes: Ethvert
anmelder er berettiget til halvdelen af bøden. Forøvrigt
bør Afgørelsen i Overensstemmelse af 10 Januar, 1 Decbr. 1882, Chr. Amts
ad § 17 nævnte Kundgørelse, vedtages.
"Kapitel IV." forandres til "Kapitel III." "Chapter IV." is altered to
"Chapter III." Om Afgiften. Emg Tekst. Concerning taxes, vedtages
Enslydende Affattelse
ad § 18. Denne Paragraf forandres til "Den aarlige Bevilling til Ud-
skænkning af de i § 1 nævnte Spillekvarer og Bevilling til Detailsalg af
Spiritus leveres med Kr. 100
Dersom bestaar der af disse Bevillinger en aarlig Afgift
a. Af Kobmands Bevilling til Udskænkning Kr. 400
b. Af Gæstgiver- og Forbrugsforhandler Bevilling Kr. 150.
c. Af Forbrugsforhandlers Bevilling til Udskænkning forudsat Afgiften paa
Forbrugsforhandler Kr. 150
Afgiften erlægges for 1 maaned ad gangen den 1ste Januar, den 1ste April, den
1ste Juli og den 1ste Oktober, første Gang med en efter Bevillingens
Udstedelse forfalden Kvartalsafgift. Ved Kvartalsafgiften.
Er Afgiften ikke erlagt inden 8 Dage efter Forfaldstidens Udløb
Retten til Udskænkning eller Udførsel
Om indkommende Bevillinger meddeler Gouvernementet Politimesteren
Politimesteren Underretning forat fornævnte Notering i Protokollen
Protokollen kan blive foretagen. Emg Tekst. § 18. Skal linie
1 read: "For the yearly licence for selling the wines and spirituous
liquors mentioned in § 1 for hotel or tavern-keeping 100 Kr. is to
be paid.
Moreover the yearly taxes to be paid on each of the licences, viz:
a. on a merchant's licence to sell the wines and spirituous liquors
named in § 1 Kr. 400.
b. on a licence as hotel-keeper to sell
c. on a tavern-keeper's licence to sell
mentioned in § 1 besides to have a
The taxes is paid in advance with
July and 1st October
of the yearly taxes, counted from the date of the new li-
cense.
If the taxes is not paid within 8 days after it has become due,
the right to sell or
Concerning licences granted, the Government gives immedia-
te information to the Policemaster in order that the ne-
cessary entry can be made in the Police-register.
6te Tekst. for Le Thomas Tilføies fremhævede § 18 og udelades
at han gamle vilde have den mærkere forbleven.

The dues is paid in advance on 1st January 1st April, 1st July and 1st October, failing which a proportionate part of the yearly fee, corresponding to the delay, will be added.

If the fee is not paid within 6 days after it has become due, the right to sell or serve ceases.

Concerning licences issued, the Government gets immediately information to the Policemaster, in order that the necessary entry can be made in the Police-register.

The Commander for Lolland, Falster received 518 and would like to have totally relieved.

The Commander for Lolland-Falster.

The Commander for Lolland-Falster has reported that there are two classes of licence, one for 50.40 and another for 146.40. As their licence fee can according to the letter be paid in two equal parts.

According to [illegible] Commander must be informed that [illegible] Lolland-Falster [illegible] 3rd class, Grand Expenses should be [illegible] 3rd class, Grand Expenses should be [illegible] 3rd class, Grand Expenses should be

1ste Udgaf. for Hr. Lærer Daniel Jørkel Mødet

5te Udgaf. Grundet Forklarede, at der pr. 2 Dage Spørgsmaal, end blev gjort

syn om aarden fra kl. 9-12. pr. Dage. Dage Spørgsmaal kommer til, som berørtes

Forholdsregler til Undgaaelse for Ulykke.

Paragrafen i paa anførte Sprog vedtoges med 9 Stemmer.

ad § 19. 2 Linje "1/4" forandres til "1/5" Engelsk. indsat. Instead of the

words "one fourth" read "one fifth".

ad § 19. 5 Linje. "Efter Ordet "Kolonialhandel" tilføj: "dog med Fradrag

af den Angivnes tilkommende Kaldsel" Engelsk. ad § 19. Linie 5.

After the word "Trade" add "however with deduction of the part

which accrues [illegible]"

Paragrafen i paa anførte Sprog vedtoges med 9 Stemmer.

"Kapitel V" forandres til "Kapitel IV." "Chapter V" to be altered to "Chapter IV"

vedtaget.

ad § 20 ingen Ændring, vedtagne

ad § 21. 5 Linje. Efter Ordet "Kaft" tilføj: "Hjemmedøren og det store

paa holdt Kongelig Majestædelse". Engelsk ad § 21. 5 Linie. [illegible]

"into force" add "Crown" after having obtained Royal Sanction.

Forsamlingen forelagde derefter Behandling sluttede og det Øvrige blev

henlagt med Paadele og Spørgsmaalet Sandsynlige Forslag vedtaget.

Ved Spørgsmaalet Sandsynlige, paa Dage Behandlingsdage

af Ugen. Ifr. Hr. Lærer Qvist. Forslaget Dage Behandlingsdage

og at Valgmødet vedtages paa anden

Forslaget vedtoges med 9 Stemmer, 2 med. Ubesvarede

og Forkastes.

Forsamlingen meddelte Spørgsmaalet at Valgmødet [illegible]

Dagsordenen Mødet paa Side 4.

Hellin.

Generalforsamling den 21 Oktober 1909 efter Kl. 1 afholdtes et ordinært Møde af Kjøbenhavns Amts Forening for Fattigvæsen og Armepleje i Hjørring i Aarene 1909-1910

Følgende Medlemmer Nielsen, Bjerregaard, Daniel, Roberts, Ørnsvad, Randrup, Lundgaard, Bigel, Friis, Petersen, Riise og Christensen

Formanden erklærede Mødet aabnet. 4de Medlem for Fattigvæsen Bestyrelsen bragte derefter Meddelelse om 6te Kbpnh. Amts Forening for Fattigvæsen

Generalforsamlingen besluttede Kjøbenhavns Amt skal have 770 og 800 Kommunerepræsentanter, som for Fattigvæsen Amtsforening i Hjørring afholdes og vedtages.

Efter Kjøbenhavns Amts [illegible] Fattigvæsen

[illegible] Fattigvæsen

[illegible] Valg af Kasserer for 1909 (Kassereren [illegible]

Følgende for Kasserer Frøken, Alle Kommunerne Hørsholm Rudersdal Ballerup Herlev Glostrup Brøndby Vallensbæk Ishøj Greve Karlslunde Solrød Hundige Ølstykke Stenlille Dragsholm Tølløse Jægerspris Kirke Hyllinge Lejre Ramsø Skibby Frederikssund Slangerup Hillerød Fredensborg Humlebæk Helsingør Hørsholm Rudersdal Ballerup Herlev Glostrup Brøndby Vallensbæk Ishøj Greve Karlslunde Solrød Hundige Ølstykke Stenlille Dragsholm Tølløse Jægerspris Kirke Hyllinge Lejre Ramsø Skibby Frederikssund Slangerup Hillerød Fredensborg Humlebæk Helsingør

Formanden [illegible] Fattigvæsen [illegible] Fattigvæsen [illegible] Fattigvæsen

On Thursday the 21st October 1909 the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. Jan held an o[illegible]ry meeting at 1 p.m. 5th meeting in the session 1909-1910.

Present were members Dickson, Brandy, Daniel, Roberts, Burnet, Kuntz, Lindqvist, Riegel, Fris, Petersen, Riise and Christensen.

The meeting was declared open. The 4th member for St. Thomas, Burnet offered a verbal excuse for the 6th member Cornelius.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Government's letters No. 762, [illegible]70 and 800 were communicated. His Excellency the Govern[illegible] the Government Secretary we[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the order of the day was [illegible]ded with.

1. Election of members [illegible] the Tax Commission to estimate the rental amount of [illegible]nded properties for the year 1909 (§28 of the Colonial Law).

The election resulted as follows:

For King's Quarter, J. [illegible] Cornelius 12 votes. J. E. Kuntz 7.
Queen's Quarter, Ch. [illegible] Daniel 12 votes. A. Burnet 11.
Kompagnie's Quarter [illegible] C. V. La Beet 11 votes. J. C. Roberts 9.
Country District of St. Thomas J. H. Quetelle 9 votes. A. Carpentier 11
St. Jan, E. W. March and J. E. Lindqvist 12 votes respectively.

2. Introduction of an[illegible] 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning protection [illegible] Trade Marks in the Danish West Indian Islands.

His Excellency introd[illegible]ing the Draft recommended it to the favourable considerat[illegible]n of the Council.

A short discussion [illegible]sued in which His Excellency, mem[illegible] Burnet and R[illegible]ise took part.

The proposal of [illegible] Crown member, Riise, supported by the [illegible] [illegible]s, Burnet, that the 1st discussion be [illegible] [illegible]te and adopted.

[illegible] for St. Thomas, Daniel proposed that by the con[illegible] of [illegible]cil a[illegible] Government the 2nd discussion be [illegible]same day. [illegible]oposal was put to the vote and adopted [illegible] [illegible]sented, the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 4th mem[illegible] [illegible]mas, Burnet proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed. The proposal supported by the 1st member for St. Thomas Daniel was put to the vote and adopted. The Draft passed to 3rd discussion.

3 — Interpellation from the 4th member for St. Thomas, Burnet to Government as to the exact position of the Municipal Committee in Municipal affairs.

The 4th member for St. Thomas, Burnet introducing his interpellation explain[illegible] [illegible]at

Forhandling angaaende Bebyggelsen af Gaarden Nr. 2 Kjøbmandsgaden, tilhørende Enken Fru Cornelius Levin Jacobsen Hr. Jørgen Thomsen og Frøken Anna Levin.

Efterat Ordføreren havde oplæst de indgaaede Andragender om Bebyggelsen af Gaardens Nr. 2 Kjøbmandsgade, hvorefter Enken Fru Cornelius Levin Jacobsen Hr. Jørgen Thomsen og Frøken Anna Levin ønskede at faa Tilladelse til at bebygge Gaardens Nr. 2 Kjøbmandsgade, saaledes som Tegningerne dertil vare forelagte, og Bygningskommissionen havde afgivet Betænkning i Sagen, hvorefter Bygningskommissionen ikke fandt Grund til at nægte Andragerne

Mr. Ely Committee appointed in this Assembly, consisting
of Mr. Bigel, Chairman, Daniel and Robert Watson
to Examine into the Petitions
for the Establishment of
the Seventy and the Report
Report
Have had under consideration the
Petition of Richmond Hyde and
others Inhabitants of the
Parish of Charlestown, and
the Petitions and Reports
[illegible] Parish
Thomas, St. Mary, Portland, St. Geo.
[illegible] Inverness, Hanover, St. Jas.
[illegible] Elizabeth, and Westmoreland
[illegible] Manchester, St.
Thomas the East, Port
Thomas the East, Port
A. Bennet
Chairman
[illegible] Mr. Daniel Mr. Bigel
[illegible] Thomas, Robert Watson and Mr.
[illegible] Petitions and Reports
[illegible] unanimously adopted.
[illegible] Assembly elected 2. 3. 1. 5.

Protokollen for Kommunalbestyrelsen for Aalborg Amt, 6te Afdeling

1909-1910.

[illegible] Friday the [illegible] day [illegible] ...ember 1909 by the Grand Council for Alberta and Saskatchewan in ordinary meeting at Regina, Sask. ...ceding the years 1909-1910.

Present were members [illegible] Brown, Hare, Bryant, Spendlove, Bigel, Fish, Pelham, [illegible] and Freebairn.

The Fish Chairman elected [illegible] the meeting. The usual prayer was said the Secretary read the Lodge [illegible] meeting, which was adopted.

The Secretary the Grand [illegible] the Grand Council Secretary ordered.

Correspondence [illegible] Secretary.

Read letter from [illegible] Bro. Fox, Elmg.

[illegible] from Bro. Fox [illegible] of [illegible] was ordered [illegible] Secretary.

The member for [illegible] the Member Pelham.

The Chair [illegible] Day [illegible] ...ceived with [illegible]

[illegible] Patience pass [illegible] ...ing Petitions [illegible] Daniel Fish Indian Reserve [illegible] Lac Ste Anne [illegible] ...ly Brethren, which [illegible] ...ing otherwise.

The member for [illegible] Grand Register was [illegible] ...ed that the Dispensation be adopted.

The Register [illegible] ...ed and unanimously adopted.

The Secretary [illegible] Dispensation for Dispensation be granted for the establishment of Lodge at Spedden for the Grand Lodge Fees [illegible] 1909 to 31st March 1910.

Brethren instructed the Dispensation be granted [illegible] ...ed to the Council.

[illegible] ...ke Grand Secretary members Bigel, Grand Governor in the annual items, they were agreed [illegible]

[illegible] ...ember Pelham that the Petitions be closed and [illegible] Grand and Grand Secretary the Petitions be [illegible] ...ceived today.

The Registration Fees be [illegible] unanimously adopted Grand Secretary having enquired the Petitions were closed upon

The 3rd member for Pelham, Bigel, Registration Fees be closed [illegible] that the Dispensation be adopted.

The Registrar [illegible] be [illegible] unanimously adopted.

The Secretary read Dispensation for Meyfield Lodge. Moved Bro Bigel be adopted for the Assembly of Grand Lodge for the Grand Lodge Year 1909 to 31st March 1910.

Brethren instructed the Dispensation be granted and [illegible] ...ed to the Council.

[illegible] ...ke Grand Secretary members Bigel, Grand Governor in the annual items, they were agreed [illegible]

[illegible] ...ember Pelham that the Petitions be closed and [illegible] Grand and Grand Secretary the Petitions be [illegible] ...ceived today.

The Registration Fees be [illegible] unanimously adopted Grand Secretary having enquired the Petitions were closed upon

The 3rd member for Pelham, Bigel, Registration Fees be closed [illegible] that the Dispensation be adopted.

The Registrar [illegible] be [illegible] unanimously adopted.

The [illegible] ...ided the members be join [illegible] ...ce [illegible] ...ing [illegible] ...o R.W. Bro [illegible] ...mas [illegible]

Ole Daniel

The Revenue side was put to the vote, there being no amend-
ment was considered adopted.

The Expenditure side was proceeded with, there being no
amendments from item I. to V., they were considered adopted.

The amendment to sub item VI. of the Fire Department was put
to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The item so amended was then unanimously adopted. There
being no amendments to items from VII. to XVI. they were consi-
dered adopted.

The Governor suggested that [illegible] in the present
meeting re[illegible]ers as may be thought fit to join
the Commissioners to ascertain [illegible] and report on the Fire De-
partment. and make proposals

The 1st Crown member, Rine[illegible] proposed that if he elected.
[illegible] was unanimously adopted.

[illegible] with and permitted in the re-
[illegible] A Burnett & J. Rine and C. J. Lee
Esq[illegible].

The meeting closed at 2. P. M. on

F. Devereux

A. Barradeen

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

On Thursday the 3rd February 1910 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 1 p.m., 8th meeting in the session 1909-1910.

Present were His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Government Secretary, members Daniel, Cornieus, Roberts, Hendrickx, Oppenheim, Vigel, Petersen, Price and Carstensen.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 - 2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning telegraphs (including wireless and radio telegraphs) in the Danish West Indian Islands

The Vice Chairman declared the discussion open.

His Excellency informed the Council that since the last meeting here the Draft had been adopted by 3 discussions in the Council in St Croix

The 2d member for St Thomas, Vigel proposed that the 2d discussion of the Draft be passed to 3d discussion.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The 3d member for St Thomas, Vigel proposed that by the consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion be transacted today.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

Government having consented the 3rd discussion was declared open.

The 4th member for St Thomas, Oppenheim proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted

The Vice Chairman said as there were no amendments he would put the Draft ipso articulo to the vote, which was unanimously adopted

The proposal of the 4th member, Oppenheim was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Verbal excuses were offered for the absence of members Thiis and Purnell

The meeting closed at 1.30 p.m.

J. Nicolaysen

Fjerdingen av Stjørdalen og Alt. Egn. styrets forhandlinger vedkommende utgifter ved Kirkevalget for Stjørdal Landsogn, for Årene 1907-1910.

Tilstede ved Ligningsmann David Ormen, Le Del, Martin Gjærdsjø, Peder, Eric, Ring og Andersen.

Fjerdingsmannen forelagde Kjøpsregnskap.

Fjerdingsmannen Revisor af Kirkevergen Kommunerevisoren Gjennomgik og Kommenterte Regnskapet.

Han gik ut fra at Dagpenger

1 - Forhandlinger ved Oppsetting av Stemmelister - Lig til Kirkevalget for Kommunen Stjørdal Landsogn for Regnskapsåret for Utgifter vedkommende.

Disse Utgiftsposter Engasjement Ligger:

Postvæsenet for Leie til Stemmelister

Porto Telegr. Kr. 15.00

Kjørepenger ved Kirkevalget

Kjøre Godtgjørelse

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On Tuesday the 22nd February 1910 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ischeordinary meeting at 4 p.m. 9th meeting in the session 1909-1910.

Present were members Daniel Cornier, La Pool, Kuntz, Petersen, Roberts, Friis, Rink and Lockhuizen

The Vice Chairman declared the meeting open.

Government's letter of the 11th inst (No 1154) was communicated His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Government Secretary entered

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Money bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1910 to 31st March 1911.

Sub Expense item V. "The Telegraph Department is granted.

Sub... tion for 1 year to "The West Indian and ... Telegraph Co Limited .... fl. 17.000

The Vice Ch... declared the discussion open.

The Governor p... the Draft and recommended its adoption

The 5th member for St Thomas, La Pool proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and that by consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion be terminated today

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

Government having consented, the 2nd discussion was declared open

The 7th member for St Thomas, Petersen proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Draft be accepted

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Vice Chairman offered a verbal excuse for the absence of the 4th member for St Thomas, Bennet.

The meeting closed at 1.20 p.m.

F. Lockhuizen

Anno Foranstaltet af Kgl. Alm. Efterf. afholdte
Aftenskole for Søfarende paa Nordmøre, Aar
Skole-Aaret 1909-1910.

Efter vor Bestemmelse Dato, Formiddag, Torsdag, Kl.
Præst Løvaas, Rise og Gaaden.

Undertegnede afholdt Forhandlingsmøde for Skolen. Efter
at Skolen var bekjendtgjort paa vedtagne
Formaader og Formmandskabet valgte
Formanden Kaptein Nordahl Amalie Pedersen
Sekretær Kaptein Paul Amalie Pedersen for 1 Aar, Lærerinde
Fru Hjorth Rolfsen Bestyrelsesmedlemmer for Skolen
Fru og Rolfsen.

Formanden gjorde Bemærkninger med Hensyn til
Skolens Formaal, Bestyrelsens Virksomhed, Lærerens
Stilling og Forholdene for Skolen i Almindelighed.

Det blev besluttet at Undervisningen skulde begynde
Mandag den 1ste November og fortsættes til Midten af
April Maaned. Undervisningen skulde foregaa Kl. 7 til 9
Aften.

Det blev besluttet at Undervisningen skulde være
gratis for Elever, som ikke var Medlemmer af Skolen

On Thursday the 7th April 1910 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 1 p.m., 10th meeting in the session 1909-1910.

Present were members Daniel, Parenteau, Cornieres, Rundz, Spiegel, Peterson, Rise and Carstensen.

The minutes of the two last meetings, 3rd and 22nd February were read and adopted.

His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Government Secretary entered.

Government letters No 240-271 and 276 were communicated.

The Vice Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter of excuse from the 1st member for St Jan, Lindqvist; he offered verbal excuses for members Rise and Roberts.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the 4th member for [illegible] asked His Excellency for his opinion on S 9 [illegible] ing the sale of wine and spirituous liquors [illegible] St Jan.

His Excellency [illegible] S 16 of the Ordinance and suggested that question be submitted to the Court for decision.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1 - Election of two councillors to join His Excellency the Governor in the distribution of the interest derived from their Majesties King Christian IX and Queen Louise's Golden Wedding Fund.

The election resulted in the return of C.V. Eckley 9 votes, J.H. Cornieres 8.

2 - Election of two councillors to join His Excellency the Governor in the distribution of the interest derived from H.M. the Queen Louise Frederik and Queen Princess Louise Silver Wedding Fund.

The election resulted in the return of Chr Spiegel and Chr Daniel by 8 votes respectively

3 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Moneybill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1909 to 31st March 1910.

Sub item VII. 'Streets and Public Roads' is granted.

For cleaning the Streets in St Thomas . . £550.00

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended it for adoption.

The Vice Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 5th member for St Thomas, Lix Petersen, proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and that by consent of the Council and Government, the 2nd discussion be transacted today.

The proposal was unanimously adopted

Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behand-
ling endt.
5te Medl. for St. Thomas La Beet, foreslog, at 2den Behandling
sluttedes og Opstillingsforslag vedtoges
Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmig
4 – Behandling af Gouvernementets Skrivelse af 19de
Marts d. A. No 240 om 2det Medl. for St. Jans Valgkreds,
Landfoged Dielsens Sygdom i over 4 Maaneder.
Forhandling erklæredes aaben.
4de Medl. for St. Thomas udtalte at en Forhandling var
unødvendig.
Viceformanden foreslog at Raadet udtale ved Afstem-
ning at Sædet er ledigt.
Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig.
5 – Valg af et Medl. [illegible] mand for
6te [illegible] fra den [illegible] Daniel
Hr Chr. Daniel gjen[illegible] enstemmig
Gouvernementet og [illegible] Sekretair for [illegible] Møder
2det Kongl. Medlem Petersen forlod Mødet
6 – Forhandling af Udkast til Ansættelse [illegible] iks og
Lygteskatter for 1ste Halvaar 1909 med Ud[illegible]s
Betænkning.
Sekretairen oplæste Betænkningen.
Efter behørig at have overvejet de angaaende Udkast
til Ansættelsen af Politiks og Lygteskatter for 1ste Halv-
aar 1909 modtagne Begæringer skal Udvalget fore-
slaa at:
J. Levin nedsættes fra 4de Klasse B til 5te A.
L. E. Delerme " 6te " A til 6te B
O. J. Kean " 9de " 10de Klasse og at
ingen Nedsættelser finder Sted i Ansættelsen af
J. H. Fichtenburg & Co
J. A. H. Scholeinger og Elliott Rouse
Udvalget til Ansættelse af Politi- og Lygteskatter
St. Thomas 23de Marts 1910

A. Bernet
Formand

Chr. Riegel, Carl V. La Beet, Chr. Daniel, V. Riise
8de Medl. for St. Thomas Kean foreslog at Udkastet
og Betænkningen vedtoges
Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges
enstemmig.
Viceformanden underrettede Raadet om Modta-
gelsen af to Andragender som han ikke

Government having concluded the 2nd discussion now declared open
The 3rd member for St Thomas, La Pointe proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Money bill be adopted.

The proposal was unanimously adopted

4 - Discussion on Government's letter of 19th March a.c. Concerning the sickness over 4 months of the 2nd member for the electoral district of St Jan, Judge Leblanc

The discussion was declared open.

The 4th member for St Thomas, Quinet did not think any discussion necessary.

The Vice Chairman proposed that the Council by its vote declare the seat vacant.

The proposal was unanimously adopted

5 - Election of a member for the St Thomas Harbour Board

[illegible] vice Mr Che Daniel, [illegible] the re-election of Mr Daniel.

Mr Cecen [illegible] was and the Government Secretary left the meet[illegible]

The 2nd Commissioner Petersen left the meeting.

6 - Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-dues for the 1st half-year of 1909, with the Committee's Report

The Secretary read the report:

Report

Having duly considered the reclamations received against the Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-dues for the 1st half-year of 1909, your Committee beg to propose that

L. Lavaux be lowered from 4th class B. to 5 class A.

E. L. Delorme from 6th class A. to 6 class B.

A. L. Rean from 9th class to 10 class, and that no reduction take place with regard to the reclamations next mentioned:

L. H. Fechtenburg dec

L. A. H. Schlesinger and Elliott Thomas.

Committee on Assessment of Trade and Lamp-dues

St Thomas, 2nd March 1910

A. Quinet

Chairman

Che Bügel, Carl V. La Pointe, Che Daniel. V. Rivière

The 5th member for St Thomas, Knudsen proposed that the Draft, with the Committee's Report be adopted

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Vice Chairman informed the Council that he had received two petitions to be laid before the members for their consideration. According to § 14 of the Rules of Procedure 3/4 of the votes of

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the members present made the necessary declaration
of Interest. Mr. Hughes then reading a memorandum
from Mr. Jackson had been directed among the members
of which a copy was ordered to be filed.

Read a letter from Mr. Bryant Engineer Bridge Surveyor
Road Inspector Bridge Keeper &c.

Mr. Hughes then moved that the Committee
do now adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Jackson
and carried.

Meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

The Ordinary Meeting of the Council was held
on Thursday the 5th day of December 1895 at
the Council Chamber Bridge Street Bridgend
at 10 o'clock a.m.

Present

Councillors Evans (Chairman) Jones, Rees, Lewis, Davies, Thomas, Williams, Morgan, Edwards, Richards, Hughes, Jenkins, Lewis, Thomas, Williams, Davies

Skatte-kommissionen: V. Riise, medstemmig. P. H. Meyer, medstemmig
C. F. La Cour, J. E. Rundt og F. M. Cornicius med
9 Stemmer henholdsvis

Karantæne-kommissionen: A. Papendiek, medstemmig

Valgkommitteen for Øen: C. F. La Cour med 9 Stemmer

Valgkommitteen for Landet: J. E. Rundt, med 9 Stemmer.

Valgkommitteen for St Jan: A. D. White, medstemmig

Udskejdelsen af Ved Stedet Ordens-korpset J. E. Rundt, med 9 Stemmer

Adm. Kirkegaards-kommissionen: A. Bornetag J. E. Rundt med 9 Stem-

Skolekommissionen, Landet: J. E. Roberts med 8 Stemmer

Skolekommissionen, St Jan: A. D. White med 8 Stemmer

Gouvernementets Skrivelser N:os 285-337-350-386 og 426 com-
municerede.

Mødet hævet Kl 2.30 f. m.

Aar 1910 Fredagen den 9de Juni Kl 1 pm Efter[illegible] ordinairt Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jo[illegible] Møde i Sessionen 1910-1911

Tilstede vare Hs Højrelbaarenhed Gouvernøren og Gouvernements-secretairen, Medlemmerne Prügl, Petersen, Cornelius, La Cour, Bornet, Rundt, Ehlers, Petersen, Riise og Carstensen

Idet Formanden aabnede Mødet udtalte han nogle Ord til deltagende Ord i Anledning af Hr. Medl. og Formand af Raadet, Landfoged Eichlers Død.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde 7de April og 23 Maj oplæstes og vedtoges

Man gik derefter over til Dagsordenen

Med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke blev 2den Punkt paa Dagsorden behandlet som 1ste

1 - Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1910 til 31te Marts 1911

Gouvernøren indbragte Forslaget og bemærkede at han var villig til at anbefale Bevilningen hvis den vedtoges af Raadet

Formanden udtalte at han agtede at fremkomme med et Ændringsforslag til Forslaget

En kort Forhandling fandt sted hvori Medl. Bornet, Cornicius og Formanden deltog

1ste Kongev. Medl. Riise forslog at 1ste Behandling sluttedes, og at

Present, the Right Worshipful the Mayor (Alderman A. Papendayan, J.P.) in the Chair,
Aldermen: J. Rice, P. Papendayan, P.W. Thompson, C.V. La Cost, A.E. Kendy and H.W. Connie.
and Councillors Papendayan, Wilde, Kendy, Connie, Rice and Saunderson.

Absent: Councillors Papendayan, Wilde, Kendy, Connie, Rice and Saunderson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Papendayan, Wilde, Kendy, Connie, Rice and Saunderson.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd January 1911 were read and confirmed

med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling foretages i Dag.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behandling aaben

Formanden fremkom med følgende Endringsforslag.

Endringsforslag

Istedet for "Til Opbringelse af Udgifter ved et Kurophold i Danmark bevilges et rentefri Laan af Kolonialkassen til tidligere Formand for Kolonialraadet, Landfoged Zielsen, at tilbagebetale i Løbet af fem Aar fra den 1ste Juli d. A. at regne" indsættes "Til Opbringelse af Udgifter ved et Kurophold i Danmark bevilges til tidligere Formand for Kolonialraadet, Landfoged Zielsen et Beløb af ..... Rdr 1250.

Endringsforslaget anbefalede af 7de Medl. Oppenhejm, sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges [illegible] med 9 Stemmer, ekstraordinært

2den Punkt. Foreliggende [illegible] Anordning om Endringer, [illegible] jernbanegjæld for de [illegible] vedrørende Øen

Hans Majestæt Kongen med [illegible] Medhast, idet han [illegible] de dertil

Gjennemgik

En Forhandling fandt sted hvori Medlemmerne La Cour, Oppenhejm, Kunz, Riise, Parentzen, Gouvernementet og Formanden deltog

7de Medl. for St Thomas, Oppenhejm, foreslog at 1ste Behandling afsluttedes, og med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling foretages i Dag

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behandling aaben

4de Medl. for St Thomas, Burnet foreslog følgende Endringsforslag til Medtagelse.

Endringsforslag

§ 1. 2den Linje nedenfra, istedetfor "12" læs "6"

Gouvernementet bemærkede at dette Endringsforslag ikke kunde antages af Gouvernementet

Endringsforslaget sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet med 9 Stemmer.

6te Medl. for St Thomas, Bornemann, foreslog at 2den Behandling afsluttedes.

Forslaget vedtoges med 9 Stemmer.

2det Medl. for St Jan, White mødte

Mødet hævet Kl 2. Eftm.

A. Parentzen

Board, and that by consent of the Council and Government, the 2nd discussion be transacted today.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously accepted.

Government having consented, the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The Chairman intended the amendment

Amendment

Instead of "For defraying expenses with medical treatment in Demerara for former Chairman of the Colonial Council, Judge van Sr Jan Lilian a sum withdrawn from the Colonial Treasury, payable in five years from 1st July a.c.", read "For defraying expenses with medical treatment in Demerara for former Chairman of the Colonial Council, Judge in Sr Jan Lilian F.1250.00

The amendment was put to the Members present and was decided by majority, 7 members present declaring in favour.

The Combination Ordinance was then put to the vote and adopted by Parts, 7 members present declaring in favour.

Postponement of discussion Draft Ordinance concerning amendment to the Civil Service Ordinance Daniel Abraham Solano.

His Excellency was pleased to withdraw the Draft explaining object.

Mr Evertsz moved on behalf of the Col. Council, Mr Cleveringa, His Excellency the Chairman to withdraw.

The Members for Nickerie, Coronie, Corentyne, Saramacca and Para declared that they consented to the withdrawal.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously accepted.

Government having consented, the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The Member for Nickerie, Coronie, proposed the following amendments in the Draft.

Amendment.

Supplementary from the bottom, instead of "12" read "6"

His Excellency said, as regards the amendment of the Member for Nickerie, it cannot be accepted by Government.

The amendments were put to the vote and lost.

The Member for Nickerie, Coronie proposed that the 2nd paragraph be struck out.

The proposal was adopted by Parts.

The Members for St Jan, A. D. White and Cox.

The meeting closed at 2 p.m.

Cleveringa

A. Barentsen

Torsdagen den 4 August 1910 Kl 1. E Flm. afholdtes et ordinairt Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, 3dje Møde i Sessionen 1910-1911.

Tilstede vare: Medlemmerne Vögel, Rasmussen, Sprauten, Purnell, Runtz, White, Lindqvist, Friis, Petersen, Riise og Sarauw.

Før Dagsordenen foretoges udtalte Formanden i nogle Ord sin Deltagelse i Anledning af Hr Chr. Daniels Død. Han bemærkede at den afdöde ikke alene var den Ældste af Raadets Medlemmer med Hensyn til Alder men ogsaa med Hensyn til Tjenestetid. Han opfordrede Medlemmerne til at rejse sig til Ære for hans Minde.

Forhandlingerne fra det foregaaende Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Hr Hovedbestyrer Gurvermeurer og Gouvernementssecretairen mödte

Man gik over til Dagsordenen.

1- Prövelse af Valgbrev for 1ste Medlem for Byen Charlotte Amalies Valgkreds.

Det nyvalgte Medlem præsenterede sit Valgbrev der underskrevet af Raadets Medlemmer, og erklæredes at være i Orden.

Det nyvalgte underskrev Formularen. Formanden præsenterede Dr P. Mortensen at være 1ste Suppleant af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan paa Grund af Valget til at være Medlem af Raadet.

2- Valg af en Vice formand istedetfor afdöde Hr Chr Daniel

Det påtrædes til Valg.

Da ved 2 Valg ikke opnaaedes absolut Stemmeflerhed foretoges et nyt Valg mellem A. Friis og P. Petersen, ved hvilket Mgal. Friis valgtes med 9 Stemmer.

3- Valg af et Medlem af St Thomas Communeraad for den tilbageværende Del af 6 Aars Perioden fra den 1ste April d. A. at regne istedetfor afdöde Hr Chr Daniel.

Valg foretages, ingen da Stemmefleerhed ikke opnaaedes, foretoges et nyt Valg, ved hvilket Mgal. La Pet valgtes med 7 Stemmer

4- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra den 1ste April 1910 til 31te Marts 1911.

Gouvernementet fremlagde Tillægsforslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra 4de og 1ste Suppl. Medlemmer, henholdsvis Purnell og Mortensen, foreslog Formanden at 1ste Behandling sluttedes, og at 2den Behandling med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke foretoges i Dag.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig

Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behandling for aaben

1ste Medl. for St Thomas, Mortensen, foreslog 2den Behandling sluttedes og at Tillægsforslaget vedtoges

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig.

On Thursday the 4th August 1910 the Colonial Council for St. Thomas & St. Jan held an ordinary meeting at 6 p.m., 3rd meeting in the session 1910-1911.

Present were members: Biegel, Bornn, Cameron, Quinn, Hardy, White, Lindqvist, Grüne, Petersen, Reis and Sparbersen.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Chairman in a few words expressed his sympathy on the death of Mr. Chr. Daniel. He remarked that the deceased was not only the senior in age, but also in respect to time of service, he requested the members to rise in honour to his memory.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

His Excellency the Governor and the Government Secretary were present.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1. Examination of the election brief of the 1st member for the electoral district of the town of Charlotte Amalie.

The newly elected member presented his brief, which was circulated among the members and was found to be in order. The newly elected member having signed the oath, the Chairman declared Dr. F. Mortensen 1st member of the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. Jan with the right to sit and vote as such.

2. Election of a Vice Chairman in place of the deceased Mr. Chr. Daniel.

The election was proceeded with; no majority having been obtained after 2 new free elections, a new tied election between members Reis and Petersen was proceeded with and resulted in the election of member Reis by 7 votes.

3. Election of a member for the St. Thomas Harbour Board for the remaining term of 4 years to reckon from 1st April a.c., in place of the deceased Mr. Chr. Daniel.

The election was proceeded with; no majority having been obtained a new free election resulted in the return of C. F. La Beet by 7 votes.

4. Introduction and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Moneybill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas & St. Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1910 to 31st March 1911.

His Excellency introduced the Additional Moneybill and recommended its adoption.

After a few short remarks from the 4th and 1st members for St. Thomas, Prinstand and Mortensen, the Chairman proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and that by the consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion be proceeded today.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 1st member for St. Thomas, Mortensen, proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Draft of Moneybill be adopted.

5 – 3dje Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Ændringer i Straf-
felovgivningen for de dansk-vestindiske Øer
Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen aaben
1ste Medl. for St. Thomas, Oppenheim, foreslog at 3dje Behandling sluttedes
Forslaget vedtoges med 11 Stemmer, 2 Medlemmer, Burnett og
Mortensen stemte ikke.
6 – Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om
Godtgørelse til Vidner i offentlige Sager paa de dansk-vestindiske
Øer.

Guvernementet fremlagde Udkastet og anbefalede det. Fedtlagde
Formanden opfordrede Vicepræsidenten til at ~~indtage~~ Formandspladsen.
Efter Forhandlinger, hvori Guvernementet, Medlemmerne Bie-
gel, Burnett, Roberts, Rise, White, Lindqvist og Cornicelius deltog,
4de Folket. Medl. Burnett foreslog at et Udvalg paa 3 Pers. ~~Medlemmer~~ nedsattes
til at afgive Betænkning over Udkastet.
Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig.
Medlemmerne Rise og Cyrus valgtes ved lukket Afstemning.
Ved det paafølgende Valg valgtes: A. Roberts med 8 Stemmer
Chr. Biegel 5 og A. Burnett 5.
Guvernementssekretæren Skrivelser N° 549-551-554-557-577-584 og 585 com-
municeredes.

Mødet hævet Kl 2.30. Eftm.

A Barentzen

Formand.

I Aar 1910 Torsdagen den 6te Oktober Kl. 6 Em. afholdtes Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan et ærde ordinair Møde af 4de Møde i Sessionen 1910-1911

Samtlige Medlemmer med undtagelse af Medlem for Landdistriktet P. Hg. Møller vare tilstede

Forhandlingerne fra det forgaaende Møde oplæstes og vedbrages.

Guvernøren og Guvernementssecretairen meldte Man gik over til Dagsordenen.

1— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret 1ste April 1910 til 31te Marts 1911.

Guvernøren fremlagde Forslaget og anbefalede dette vedtagelse.

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra Medlemmer Bennet, Mortensen og Riise, foreslog Formanden at 1ste Behandling sluttedes og at 2den Behandling med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke foretages i Dag.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig.

Med Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behandling for aaben.

Med Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behandling for sluttet.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig.

2— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om forskellige Bestemmelser til St Thomas Kommunalraad i Anledning af Oddybning af St Thomas Havn.

Guvernøren fremlagde Forslaget og anbefalede det til Raadets Overvejelse

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra Medlemmer Riise, Bennet og Formanden, foreslog 1ste konges. Medlem Riise at 1ste Behandling sluttedes og at 2den Behandling med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke foretages i Dag.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig.

Med Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behandling for aaben.

4de Medlem for St Thomas, Bennet, foreslog 2den Behandling sluttedes og at 3dje Behandling med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke foretages i Dag.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig.

Med Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 3dje Behandling for aaben.

8de Medlem for St Thomas, Kunoy, foreslog 3dje Behandling sluttedes og at Forslaget vedtoges

On Thursday the 6th October 1910 the Executive Council for the Leeward Islands held an ordinary meeting at 11 p.m. the meeting for the year 1910-1911.

All the members were present excepting the member for the Gaudeloupe District, P.C. Glynn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

His Excellency the Governor laid the Government Gazette before the Council.

The Order of the Day was announced viz:-

1- Proposed one Hundred pounds on Draft Estimates of Expenditure for the Legislative Council for the Financial year 1910-1911.

His Excellency introduced the Draft recommending it to the favourable consideration of the Council.

After a few short remarks offered by members Penny, Merchant and Rice, the Financial Secretary moved that the Estimates be adopted by the Council of the Leeward Islands for the year 1910-1911.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hazel.

The Question was then put and carried.

The Estimates were unanimously adopted.

2- Proposed one Hundred pounds on Draft of Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to make provision for the Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Council of the Leeward Islands".

His Excellency introduced the Draft recommending it to the favourable consideration of the Council.

After a few short remarks offered by His Excellency, members Rice, Financial Secretary, the Attorney General, Mr. Hazel, Mr. Penny, Mr. Merchant and Mr. Hanley the Draft was declared open.

The Preamble was unanimously adopted.

Clauses 1 to 20 were read and the 2nd clause was declared open.

Mr. Merchant moved, seconded by Mr. Penny, that the 2nd clause be altered and that in lieu thereof the following be substituted.

The Original

Forslag vedtaget uændret.

3— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Opbevaring af Benzin, Petroleum og andre brandfarlige Gasarter paa de dansk-vestindiske Øer.

Finansministeren fremlagde Forslaget og anbefalede det til Rigsdagens Velvillie.

En kort Forhandling fandtes herefter mellem Statsminister, Minister for Island, Kommunikationsminister, Justitsminister og Finansministeren.

Forslaget vedtoges derefter uændret ved 1ste Behandling.

Ved det derefter følgende Valg, valgtes: A. Bjørnbo med 78 Stemmer (Forslaget), C. P. Christensen 12, H. Rasmussen 1 (Forslaget), C. P. Christensen 12, H. Rasmussen 1 og F. C. Christensen 10.

4— Forhandling af Udkast til Anordning for Island om Politiets og Sundhedsvæsenets Ordning, samt Udkast til Lov om Ændring af Lov om Kommunalbestyrelsen paa Island.

Efter Ønske af Landets Regering fremsatte Finansministeren Forslag til Lov om Ændring af Lov om Kommunalbestyrelsen paa Island af 3die Oktober 1902 og Udkast til Anordning for Island om Politiets og Sundhedsvæsenets Ordning, hvilke Forslag vedtoges at henvises til 1ste Behandling ved 2den Rigsdagsmøde.

Forslagene vedtoges derefter uændret ved 1ste Behandling.

Ved det derefter følgende Valg, valgtes: A. Bjørnbo med 78 Stemmer (Forslaget), C. P. Christensen 12, H. Rasmussen 1 og F. C. Christensen 10.

5— Forhandling af Udkast til Anordning for Island om Politiets og Sundhedsvæsenets Ordning, samt Udkast til Lov om Ændring af Lov om Kommunalbestyrelsen paa Island.

Efter Ønske af Landets Regering fremsatte Finansministeren Forslag til Lov om Ændring af Lov om Kommunalbestyrelsen paa Island af 3die Oktober 1902 og Udkast til Anordning for Island om Politiets og Sundhedsvæsenets Ordning, hvilke Forslag vedtoges at henvises til 1ste Behandling ved 2den Rigsdagsmøde.

Forslagene vedtoges derefter uændret ved 1ste Behandling.

Ved det derefter følgende Valg, valgtes: A. Bjørnbo med 78 Stemmer (Forslaget), C. P. Christensen 12, H. Rasmussen 1 og F. C. Christensen 10.

6— Forhandling af Udkast til Anordning for Island om Politiets og Sundhedsvæsenets Ordning, samt Udkast til Lov om Ændring af Lov om Kommunalbestyrelsen paa Island.

Efter Ønske af Landets Regering fremsatte Finansministeren Forslag til Lov om Ændring af Lov om Kommunalbestyrelsen paa Island af 3die Oktober 1902 og Udkast til Anordning for Island om Politiets og Sundhedsvæsenets Ordning, hvilke Forslag vedtoges at henvises til 1ste Behandling ved 2den Rigsdagsmøde.

Forslagene vedtoges derefter uændret ved 1ste Behandling.

Ved det derefter følgende Valg, valgtes: A. Bjørnbo med 78 Stemmer (Forslaget), C. P. Christensen 12, H. Rasmussen 1 og F. C. Christensen 10.

The Ordinance for the more convenient keeping
& Inspection of and Regulations for Drafts of Ordinance con-
cerning the storing of petroleum, gasoline & other inflamma-
ble matter in the Dutch West Indian Islands.
Was Excellency referred the Draft ordinance mentioned in the Gene-
ral.

Robert Clemencia moved, seconded by Lieut Wis Excellency, member
Cornet, Carrière, Wind and the Chairman to be fixed.

The Chairman proposed a Committee of the afore-said to report on the Draft. The proposal was agreed to.

The election of the Committee was then proceeded to, resulting in the election of L. Cornelis Jansen, J. C. Rud 13. C. J. de Veer 12. P. Riva Rud et C. Gardenaar 10.

4 — Questions for Draft Ordinance and Report of the Committee for the Colleges Ordinance of 1909 and the Committee Report.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the report.

Report

Having duly examined the proclamation receiving against the Draft Ordinance mentioned and Report for the College Ordinance of 1909 we have the honor to report:

The Secretary then read the names from 3rd class to 1st class B. A. Board from 3rd class to 1st class A. The Report then Report Secretary from 2nd class to 1st class, and then proceeded to read the Report to the proclamation received by O. L. Riva, Cand A Riva, H. Willemse & H. O. Report.

Considering the necessity of such an Ordinance, the Council of Colonies

J. de Comeira
Chairman

P. Riva, Cand P. de Veer, J. C. Rud, L. Cornelis Jansen

Resolved for Ordinance, Carried objection to the Commander for adopted the Ordinance as proposed.

Which Ordinance was then read in the Dutch, French and German text.

Resolved for Ordinance, Dr Del, Report and the Draft Ordinance with the Committee report be adopted

Seconded, was unanimously adopted

And 6 — Questions from Lieutenant-Governor in regard to Families Ordinance, proposed to the Ordinance of 1909 Ordinance, Trade and Navigation Ordinance and Ordinance.

On the unanimous demand of the Council the Secretary read the Memorials.

1- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing til
en Kvinde i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers
Død m.v.

Når Ægtefæller Niels Jensen Indgår Ægteskab
Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

2- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing om
en Enkemand i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers Død
m.v.

Når Enkemanden Niels Jensen Indgår Ægteskab
Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

3- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing om
en Enkemand i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers Død
m.v.

Når Enkemanden Niels Jensen Indgår Ægteskab
Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

4- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing om
en Enkemand i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers Død
m.v.

Når Enkemanden Niels Jensen Indgår Ægteskab
Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

5- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing om
en Enkemand i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers Død
m.v.

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Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

6- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing om
en Enkemand i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers Død
m.v.

Når Enkemanden Niels Jensen Indgår Ægteskab
Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

7- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing om
en Enkemand i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers Død
m.v.

Når Enkemanden Niels Jensen Indgår Ægteskab
Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

8- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing om
en Enkemand i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers Død
m.v.

Når Enkemanden Niels Jensen Indgår Ægteskab
Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

9- Indgåelse af Ægteskab til Landsing om
en Enkemand i Landsing af 1ste September 1909 om Ar-
vingefølge for Fast Ejendom efter Ægtefællers Død
m.v.

Når Enkemanden Niels Jensen Indgår Ægteskab
Folde ved til Retten Erklæring

En Forhandling fandt sted Mellem Parterne, Undertegnede
Dommer, Overret Rådet, Se Ref. Formand og Sekretær ved
Landsretten for Sjælland Retsmøde.

10- Ægteskab med Enke med Børn fælles Børn
Ægteskab med Enke med Børn fra (Ægteskab s 2)

7 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning alterations in the Ordinance of 30th September 1909 concerning Trades and Occupations in St Thomas & St Jan introduced by the 1st Crown member V. Rive

The 1st Crown member Rive introduced his Proposal recommending it to the consideration of the Council.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Mortensen, Kuntz, Burnet, Roberts, La Beck, Cormier and Pedersen took part.

The Chairman proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

8 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning alterations in the Ordinance of 30th September 1909 concerning Trades and Occupations in St Thomas and St Jan introduced by the 8th member for St Thomas J. E. Kuntz.

The 8th member for St Thomas, Kuntz, introduced his Proposal recommending it to the consideration of the Council.

A short discussion ensued in which members Burnet, Lindqvist, Mortensen and Kuntz took part.

The proposal of the 4th member for St Thomas, Burnet, that the 1st discussion be closed was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

9 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning alterations in the Ordinance of 30th September 1909 concerning Trades and Occupations in St Thomas and St Jan introduced by the 1st member for St Thomas J. Mortensen.

The 1st member for St Thomas, Mortensen, introduced his Proposal recommending it to the consideration of the Council.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Mortensen, Burnet, Lindqvist, White and Roberts took part.

The Chairman proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and that a Committee of 5 be appointed to report on the Drafts of Amendments.

The proposal was adopted by 11 votes, 3 abstained from voting, members La Beck, Lindqvist and White.

The election was proceeded with, resulting in the return of V. Rive by 13 votes, P. Mortensen 12, A. Burnet 12, J. E. Kuntz 11 and J. C. Roberts 8.

The 2d Crown member, Peterson, retired.

10 – Election of members to join the Tax Commission to estimate the rental amount of landed properties for the year 1910.

A. Braunten

The election was proceeded with resulting in the return for Kings Quarter, of F. Ille. Corniero by 12 votes, J. E. Rundy 11.
Queens Quarter, A. Oxenbergen by 13 votes, A. Burnet 12.
Crown Princes Quarter, J. C. Roberts 12 votes, C. V. La Cloe 11.
The Country Districts of St Thomas, J. H. Boschulte 13 votes, H. D. Nelthropp 9.
St Jan, F. Lindqvist and A. D. White by 13 votes respectively

Outside of the Order of the Day, His Excellency informed the Council that Government had received an offer of £ Pcs 500 for the ~~½~~ share of the Estate "St Peter" which belong to the Colonial Treasury's Reserve Fund, which offer was considered to be a good one. He asked the Council to signify its consent to the sale by the members rising from their seats. The members rose.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

A. Barentzen

On Thursday the 19th January 1911 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 1 p.m. convened by Government, the meeting in the recess 1910-1911

Present were members Friis, Barentzen, Moron, Cornieco, Mortensen, Burnet, Rundy, White, Roberts, Pedersen and Price

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Vice Chairman in few words expressed his sympathy on the demise of the late Chairman, Chr Pügel, and requested the members to rise in honour of his memory.

The Secretary read Government's letter of the 21st December 1910. No 963.

The Vice Chairman and the 2nd member for St Jan, White offered verbal excuses for members Carstensen and Lindqvist respectively.

The 4th member for St Thomas, Burnet, offered some remarks regarding the intention of some of the members to elect the Vice Chairman as Chairman of the Council.

A short discussion ensued in which members Mortensen, Burnet and Price took part.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with
1 – Election of a Chairman for the remaining term of the electoral period in place of the late Chr Pügel
The election was proceeded with resulting in the return of the Vice Chairman A. Friis, by 9 votes.

The Chairman thanked his colleagues for the confidence evinced in him. He thereupon tendered his resignation as

as Vice Chairman, which was carried.

The Chairman informed the Council that he was going to place the Vice Chairman.

The 4th member for Potters Forest, proposed that it be printed in the Report that the retiring from the meeting as a protest against the Legalities committed in the Council today.

The 5th member for Potters Forest, proposed that the election of the Vice Chairman be proceeded with

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously carried

Election proceeded with, resulting in the return of the Senior Cr. Jones

2 - Election of members for the Municipal Committee for the remaining term of the district panel in place of the late Cr. Pigott

The election was proceeded with, resulting in the return of the following members.

The Secretary the Government and the Govt. Inspector Secretary, and

3 - Introduction from Ratepayers on Strike of Request for the Municipality of Potters Forest to be included in the Financial year from April 1914 to March 1915

The Chairman instructed the Cncl. after further remarks, he recommended it be adopted by the Council.

The Members for Potters Forest, Mr. Inspector also the Chairman to speak.

The Inspector was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

The Cncl. Jones & Secretary

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

A. Beaton
Secretary

Se nyt Forslagene fra Ephraim Olsen og Hans Jensen
angaaende Spørgsmaalet om Kommunalbestyrelsens Sammensætning.

Efter at Medlemmerne Pedersen, Bang, Jensen, Mortensen, Hansen, Le Poer Wilde, Roberts, Rieng og Carstensen havde udtalt sig, blev Forslagene henviste til Behandling i Udvalget for Kommunalbestyrelsens Sammensætning.

Til Behandling af Udvalgets Betænkning angaaende Kommunalbestyrelsens Sammensætning.

Ved Udvalgets 1ste Behandling af Udvalgets Betænkning var Medlemmerne Pedersen, Bang, Jensen, Mortensen, Hansen, Le Poer Wilde, Roberts, Rieng og Carstensen til Stede.

Ved Udvalgets 2den Behandling af Udvalgets Betænkning var Medlemmerne Pedersen, Bang, Jensen, Mortensen, Hansen, Le Poer Wilde, Roberts, Rieng og Carstensen til Stede.

Ved Udvalgets 1ste Behandling af Udvalgets Betænkning var Medlemmerne Pedersen, Bang, Jensen, Mortensen, Hansen, Le Poer Wilde, Roberts, Rieng og Carstensen til Stede.

Ved Udvalgets 2den Behandling af Udvalgets Betænkning var Medlemmerne Pedersen, Bang, Jensen, Mortensen, Hansen, Le Poer Wilde, Roberts, Rieng og Carstensen til Stede.

Ved Udvalgets 1ste Behandling af Udvalgets Betænkning var Medlemmerne Pedersen, Bang, Jensen, Mortensen, Hansen, Le Poer Wilde, Roberts, Rieng og Carstensen til Stede.

Ved Udvalgets 2den Behandling af Udvalgets Betænkning var Medlemmerne Pedersen, Bang, Jensen, Mortensen, Hansen, Le Poer Wilde, Roberts, Rieng og Carstensen til Stede.

On Thursday the 9th February 1911 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 1 p.m., 6th meeting in the session 1910-1911.

Present were members Friis, Oxenholm, Moron, Cornicio, Mortensen, Rundy, La Cock, White, Roberts, Rise and Carstensen.

The Chairman declared the meeting open and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the two last meetings, the 6th of October 1910 and the 9th of January a.c. which were adopted

The 4th member for St Thomas, Curvet entered.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a written excuse from the 2d Crown member, Petersen.

His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Government Secretary entered.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1- 2d discussion re Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1911 to 31st March 1912

The Chairman declared the discussion open. No one demanded the word. The Expenditure side of the Draft was tacitly adopted.

The different items on the Expenditure side were put separately to the vote and adopted.

The Chairman informed His Excellency that the Draft of Budget had been adopted.

2- Introduction and 1st discussion re Draft of Additional Moneybill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1910 to 31st March 1911.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

A short discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Curvet, La Cock, Roberts, Rundy, Mortensen and Cornicio took part.

The 4th member for St Thomas, Oxenholm proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and that by consent of the Council and Government, the 2d discussion be terminated today. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 2d discussion was declared open.

The 4th member for St Thomas, Oxenholm, proposed that the 1st item (Frcs 2.300) for repairs of the Country roads be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 5th member for St Thomas, La Cock proposed that the 2d item (Frcs 1000) for inventory at the Communal Hospital be adopted

Forslaget paatales vedtaget. Afstemning og vedtagelse paafølger.

Ad 2det Punkt for Dagsordenen Forslag af Hr. Bjørnson, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson,

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 1st member for Tobruq, Mr Pennefather proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Ordinance be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman informed His Excellency that the Draft Ord. was adopted.

3 — 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the storage of petroleum, gunpowder and other inflammable matters in the Turkish Red Indian Islands; with the Committee report.

The 1st Commissioner Rose as Speaker introduced a certain amendment on the Report of the Council

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Commissioner Agora took part

The 1st member for Tobruq, Mr Pennefather proposed that the 2nd discussion be deferred. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

4 — 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning alteration in the Ordinance of 30th September 1909 concerning Indemnification on Tobruq and Gazi; proposed by members T. Rose, J. E. Reid and P. Mortensen, with the Committee report.

A discussion ensued in which members Mortensen, White, Burnett, Reid, Roberts, Lt Capt. Cornicco, Moran, His Excellency and the Chairman took part.

The 1st member for Tobruq, Mr Pennefather proposed that the discussion be deferred. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5 — Election of a member to join the Committee appointed by the Council in the meeting on the 4th August 1910 to report on the Draft of Ordinance concerning payment for Widows and pensions also on the Turkish Red Indian Islands, in the place of the late Chr. Bigel.

The election was proceeded with resulting in the return of L. T. Le Capt by 6 votes.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

A. Barentzen

Aar 1911 Torsdagen d. 6te April Kl. 10 f.m. afholdtes et ordi-
mait Møde af Bestyrelsen for St. Thomas og St. Jan Politikreds i
Klokken 10 f.m.

Tilstede vare Kgl. Amtmand Fris, Borgmester Jensen, Major Bornæo,
Hofjægermester Bernard, Konsul Hertz, Le Grand Wulff, Politimester
Carstensen.

Forhandlingen fra det forrige Møde oplæstes og vedtoges
uden Bemærkninger. Kgl. Amtmand og Politimester Wulff fraværende
medtog Forhandlingen fra Politimester Fris og Konsul
Hertz Side.

Forretningsordenen for Politikreds No 233 Commencerede.

Formanden, Amtmand Rasmussen, meddelte at Kredsen til S. & Forret-
ningsordenen kun forelaa at Følge Punkt for Dagsordenen efter
Lov om Politi. Kredsen enedes under Afstemning og ved
Lodtrækning.

Afgik ved Lodtrækningen. Forretningsordenen modtoges
1- Forhandling af Kredsen, Rasmussen og andre Grundejeres Ind-
sigelser mod Udvidelsen af Politikredsen, med Hensyn til Betænkning
Efter nogle Samtaler mellem Kredsens Medlemmer, Politimesteren, Ud-
kommen Konsul Hertz, enedes Kredsen om følgende Forhandlingers
maade.

2- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning
om Ændring i Anordning af 30te September 1909 om Næ-
ringsbrug paa St. Thomas og St. Jan, stillet af Medlem-
mer Mortensen og J. E. Hertz.

Paa dette Punkt paa Dagsorden Forhandling fandt sted, hvori
Gouvernementet, Medlemmer Mortensen, Le Grand, Wulff, Roberts
Bornæo og Jensen deltog.

Politimester for St. Thomas, Jensen forelæg 1ste Behandling
af Forslaget.

Politimester for St. Thomas, Mortensen forelæg 1ste Behandling
af Forslaget og udtalte at Kredsen Synspunkt var at Forslaget
burde afgøres af Kredsen ved Afstemning uden videre Forhandling
paa dette Punkt af Sagen.

On Thursday the 6th April 1911 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 1 p.m. 4th meeting in the session 1910 – 1911.

Present were members Finis, Papendayan, Moron, Cornicro, Mortensen, Burnet, Kunz, La Pool, White, Roberts, Petersen and Cornicro.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The 2de Cpaun member, Petersen and the 1st member for St Thomas, Mortensen offered verbal excuses for members Rise and Lindqvist respectively

Governments letter N°233 was communicated.

The Chairman informed the Council that in virtue of § 8 of the Rules of Business he proposed that item 3 on the Order of the Day be treated as the 2de item. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

His Excellency the Governor entered. The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1 – Continuation of 2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the storage of petroleum, gunpowder and other inflammable matter in the Danish West Indian Islands, with the Committees report.

After a few short remarks offered by His Excellency, members Kunz and Burnet, the Chairman declared the discussion postponed.

2 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning alteration in the Ordinance of 30th September 1909 concerning Trades and Occupations in St Thomas and St Jan, proposed by members P. Mortensen and J. E. Kunz.

On this item a lengthy discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Mortensen, La Pool, White, Roberts, Burnet and Papendayan took part.

The 4th member for St Thomas, Papendayan proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 1st member for St Thomas, Mortensen proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and that the 2de and 3rd discussions by consent of the Council be proceeded with today.

The proposal of the 1st member for St Thomas, Mortensen was put to the vote and lost.

The proposal of the 1st member for St Thomas, Papendayan was put to the vote and adopted.

3 – Continuation of 2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning alterations in the Ordinance of 30th September 1909 concerning Trades and Occupations in St Thomas and St Jan. proposed by members F. Rise, P. Mortensen and J. E. Kunz.

The 1st member for St Thomas, Mortensen proposed that the discussion be closed, and that the Council by its vote decides that further discussion on this item.

Forlanget vedtægtsændringsforslag vedtoges enstemmig

4 – Valg af 1 kvinde til Bestyrelsen i Forening med Generalforsamlingen

Bestyrelsen af Dpo. Menighedsr. Jens Christian den IX og Dronningen

Ingen Valghandling fulgte

Valg foretages og udfaldt i Valg af Fru Commeiro og F. Larsen med 6 og 5 Stemmer henholdsvis

5 – Valg af 1 kvinde til Bestyrelsen i Forening med Generalforsamlingen

vedr. Bestyrelsen af Dpo. Kongelige Hofkirke Kapellet Teatret og

Kristianiaes Ingen Valghandling fulgte

Valg foretages og udfaldt i Valg af Fru Petersen med 6 og 4 Stemmer henholdsvis

Formanden anbefalede Bestyrelsen Vedtagelsen af Forslaget om Indførelsen af Kassekontrol for at Kassereren og Formanden kan være Bestyrelsen behjælpelig for at Indkassere Kontingenterne

4de Punkt for Dagen. Bjørnet foreslog ved Hvervede Medlemmer Indkassationsordning. Forslaget vedtoges enstemmig.

Da saaledes Dagsordenen var Dagt, blev 3dje og 4de Kongen Medlemmer

af Bestyrelsen og Suppleanter, valgt 3die og 5te Folkets Medlemmer Pedersen

af Bjørnet & Fru Ex Red. og 1ste Medl. for St. Jan J. C. Lindgren indtraadte

i Bestyrelsen.

Mødet hævet 2.45 p.m.

A. Pedersen

The proposal was put to the meeting and carried unanimously

4 - Election of two gentlemen to join His Excellency in the division of the interest upon Loan Stock in lieu of Rig Election

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Lonsdale Golden Wedding Fund.

Mr. Fletcher proposed, and Mr. Keeling in the chair, Mr. Duncan and C. P. La Dec by 10 and 9 votes respectively.

5 - Election of two gentlemen to join His Excellency in the division of the interest accrued from T. B. Mr. Duncan Loan Fund and Lonsdale and Mr. Duncan Lonsdale Golden Wedding Fund.

Mr. Fletcher proposed, and Mr. Keeling in the chair, Mr. Pittman and A. Bennett by 9 votes respectively.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter from the Committee of the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund asking the Council to appoint two members to represent the Council on the Committee of the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund for Jersey, and proposed that Mr. Bennett be elected.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The vacancy in the Committee of the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund for Jersey, caused by the appointment of Mr. Bennett, and the vacancy in the Committee of the Jersey Children's Fund, caused by the appointment of Mr. Pittman, were then filled.

The meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

A. Bennett

Aar 1911 Torsdagen den 1ste Juni Kl 1. Eftm. afholdtes et extraordinairt Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan sammenkaldet af Gouvernementet i Henhold til Kolonialloven 1936.

Tilstede vare Medlemmer Cornelius, Berentzen, Moron, White Roberts, Kuntz og Riise; de nylig udnævnte Kongev. Medlemmer Wellejus, Carstensen og Friis, ogsaa de nylig Folkev. Medlemmer Mortensen, La Beet, Christensen, Nolte og Lindqvist som fremlagde deres Valgbreve.

Fungerende Viceformanden aabnede Mødet og opfordrede Medl Berentzen til at fungere som Sekretair. Medl. Moron valgtes til Prøfører for at afgive Betænkning over Valgbrevene, hvilket efter at være undersøgte, erklæredes at være i Orden. Fungerende Viceformand erklærede D'Herr Wellejus, Carstensen og Friis 2 dedt Tøje og 4de Kongev. Medlemmer henholdsvis og D'Herr Mortensen, La Beet Christensen og Nolle som 1ste 3die 4de og 5te Folkev. Medlemmer for Øen Charlotte Amalies Valgkreds, D. E. Lindqvist som 1ste Medl. for St Jans Valgkreds med Ret til at tage Sæde og stemme som saadan i Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan.

Gouvernementets Skrivelse af 22de Maj 1911 No 367 kommunikeredes Møet gik over til Dagsorden:

1- Valg af Raadets Embedsmænd og Medlemmer af de forskjellige Kommissioner.

Valg af en Formand foretoges: A. Friis valgtes med 10 Stemmer Formanden takkede for den ham igjen udviste Ære og Tillid.

Vice Formand- valgtes F. Mc. Cornelius med 13 Stemmer

Sekretairer - A. Berentzen og F. Christensen med 13 Stemmer hvorhos

Kommunaludvalget- for St Thomas Valgkreds valgtes ifølge §63 af Kolonialloven A. Berentzen og F. Mc. Cornelius med 14 Stemmer henholdsvis, C. F. La Beet med 13 Stemmer; for St Jan, A. B. White med 14 Stemmer; Kongev. Medl, A. Friis med 11 Stemmer.

Skattekommissionen- F. Riise, P. Ho. Moron, og D. E. Kuntz med 14 Stemmer henholdsvis, L. Nolte 13, D. Roberts 11

Karantænekommissionen - A. Berentzen med 13 Stemmer.

3die Kongev. Medl. Carstensen forlod Mødet

Valgkommittee for Øen - C. F. La Beet med 13 Stemmer

Valgkommittee for Landet - D. E. Kuntz, med 13 Stemmer

Valgkommittee for St Jan - A. B. White, med 13 Stemmer

Udskrivning af et Ordenskapitel - D. E. Kuntz, med 12 Stemmer

Alm. Kirkegaardskommissionen - L. Nolte og D. E. Kuntz, med 10 Stemmer

Skolekommissionen, Landet - D. C. Roberts, med 8 Stemmer

Skolekommissionen St Jan - D. E. Lindqvist, med 11 Stemmer

Gouvernementets Skrivelser af 22de April 1911 No 277 og 24de Maj No. 371 kommunikeredes

Per Treaty the 1st Financial Council for Bethania and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 9 am on Tuesday January 3rd pursuant to 3 (1) of the Colonial Law.

Present were members Gomez, Pretzer, Myron, White, Roberts, Lindqvist Rise, the newly appointed Commercial Members Nellejus, Carlsen and Finn, and the newly elected Popular members Mortensen, De Beet Christensen, Nolte and Lindqvist were present also present their briefs.

The Acting Vice Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order and requested member Pretzer to act as Secretary. Member Myron was appointed Speaker to report on the election briefs, which having been the reading of the members were declared to be in order. The acting Vice Chairman then called upon Nellejus, Carlsen and Finn as 1st 2nd and 3rd Commercial members respectively, and Myron Mortensen, De Beet Christensen and Nolte as 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th members for the electoral district of the town of Charlotte Amalie, & E. Lindqvist as 1st member for St Jan with the right to vote and not as provided in the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan.

Communication letter of the 22 May 1911 No 367 was communicated.

The Reading the Papers was proceeded with:

1 - Communication of the Secretary of Election and the election of the Executive Officials as also members of the Municipal Committee and of the Local Government

The pleadings of a Electorate were proceeded with regarding one the returns of St Croix by Nolte. On accepting the Election he thanked the members for the honor and confidence they had given him

Vice Chairman - St. Croix by Nolte

Secretary - Pretzer and Christensen by Nolte respectively

Municipal Committee - for the electoral district of the town Charlotte Amalie of the Colonial Law Pretzer and Nolte by vote respectively, & E. De Beet B. for St Jan L. O. White by 14. The Commissioner St Croix Nolte.

St Jan Committee - E Rise, P. Nellejus 16 Yes by vote resp. E Nolte 13 Votes

Executive Committee - L Pretzer by 13 votes

The 3rd Executive Committee Carlsen retired

Electoral Board Town - E. T. De Beet by 13 votes

Electoral Board Country - P. E. Yvonet by 13 votes

Electoral Board St Jan - L. O. White by 13 votes

Drafting the Statutes - L. E. Pretzer by 12 votes

Public Executive Committee - E. Nolte & P. E. Yvonet by 13 votes respectively

School Commission Country - P. E. Roberts by 8 votes

School Commission St Jan - L. E. Lindqvist 11 votes

Communication letter of the 22nd April No 279 and of the 27th May No 341 of 1911 were communicated

Mødet kaldt kl. 2 1/2 efter

S. Bærentzen.

Aar 1911 den 15de Juni Kl. 1 Eftm. afholdtes Kjøbenhavns Kommunalbestyrelses Møde i Overensstemmelse med Bekendtgørelse af 1ste Juni d. A. Til stede vare Kmd. Overretssagfører Bramsen, Medlemmer Friis Pedersdyssen, Hjorth, Gravesen, Mortensen, La Cour, Nilo, Lundquist, Mule, Hansen, Roberts, Christensen, Nellemose og Gundersen.

Formanden oplæste Meddelelse fra Indenrigsministeriet af 6te April og opfordrede Forsamlingen til at afgive Erklæring i Anledning af Andragender om Valgret til Kjøbenhavns Magistrat og Borgerrepræsentation, indkomne fra 1ste Borger Meddelelse Nr. 389 og 394 kommunicerede.

Formanden paaskjønnede det Ønske, med hvilken Meddelelsen var affattet, og bemærkede, at Sagen vilde blive forelagt Raadet saasnart som muligt.

Meddelelse om, at Sagen vil blive forelagt Raadet, blev taget til Efterretning.

1.– Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning for de danske Øer om Forældelse af visse Fordringer

Overretssagfører Bramsen fremlagde Forslaget og anbefalede det til Raadets Vedtagelse.

En Forhandling fandt Sted, hvori Overretssagførerne, Medl. Nolte, Hansen, Gravesen og La Cour deltog.

Sagen blev for Kl. Bramsen, La Cour, foreslaaet under Mellemkommende til at afgive Erklæring over Forslaget, hvilket vilde kunne ske inden 6 Uger.

Valg foretages og udfaldt i Valg af K. V. La Cour, F. de Gravesen, L. E. Hansen, C. Nolte og P. Mortensen.

2.– Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Ændringer i Anordning om Kapitalafgift fra d. Kongerige af 30te September 1909 samt om, hvilke af Kjøbenhavns Magistrats Medlemmer der skulle fortsætte Sagen for Kl. Bramsen, Mortensen fremlagde Forslaget og anbefalede det til Raadets Vedtagelse.

En langvarig Forhandling fandt Sted, hvori Overretssagførerne, Kl. La Cour, Mortensen, Nolte, Meier, Roberts, Hansen og Gravesen deltog.

2den Borgerl. Medl. Nellemose foreslog at Forslaget henvistes til en Udvalg af 3 til at afgive Erklæring.

1ste Borgerl. Medl. Kl. Bramsen, Mortensen foreslog at 1ste Behandling skulde ske nu og at 2den og 3die Behandling med Raadets og Overretssagførernes

Recording Secretary

A. Paracatzia

On Tuesday the 15th June 1911 the Provincial Council for St. Thomas and St. John held an ordinary meeting at the Legislative Chamber 1911-1912 Members Hon. the Govt. Secretary Chairman, members Hons. Grandison, Petersen, Nolte, Christian, White, Ramsay, La Beet, Christensen, Melligen and Corneliussen.

The Chairman declared the meeting open and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, 6th of April ult. June a.c., which were adopted. Governor's letter No 389 of 30th ult. communicated. The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter from the Commissioner Riise proposing that the defendant from the district be kept in Custody.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1— Ordinance for the Division of the Police Districts, and Ordinance for the Danish West Indian Islands concerning the limitation of certain claims.

The Govt. Secretary explained the Draft and recommended it to the adoption of the Council.

A discussion ensued in which the Govt. Secretary, members Nolte, Ramsay, Corneliussen, La Beet took part.

The 3rd member for St. Thomas, La Beet, proposed that a Committee of 5 be appointed to report on the Draft. The proposal was put to vote and adopted by 9 votes

The Members were then proceeded with reading in the order of the Day by the Secretary

Ayes 11 votes, viz. Mr. Cornelius Jr. J.E. Ramsay J. L. Nolte and Jens P. Mortensen J.

2— Ordinance for the Division of the Police Districts, and Ordinance concerning alteration in the Ordinance of 30th September 1907 concerning Pensions and Rewards in St. Thomas and St. John, proposed by the 1st and 2nd members for St. Thomas, Lieutenant A.E. Ramsay

Police Master for St. Thomas, Mortensen introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption by the Council

A lengthy discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary members La Beet, Mortensen, Nolte, White, Roberts, Ramsay and Corneliussen took part.

The 2nd district member Melligen proposed that the Draft be referred to a Committee of 3

The 1st member for St. Thomas, Mortensen, proposed that the discussion

Samtlige Forslag forelages i Dag.

2det Kongev. Medl. Wallejus Forslag sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet.

1ste Medl. for St Thomas, Mortensens Forslag sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges.

Medl Gouvernementets Samtykke erklærede Formanden 2den Behandling for paalem.

3dje Medl. for St Thomas, La Cour Forslag at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at 3dje Behandling foretages. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges.

Medl Gouvernementets Samtykke erklærede Formanden 3dje Behandling for paalem.

1ste Medl. for St Thomas, Mortensen Forslag 3dje Behandling sluttedes og at Forslaget vedtoges. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges med 10 Stemmer.

3 – Interpellationer til Gouvernementet af 3te Folket. Medl. Nolte som:

1) den kongelige Bekjendtgjørelse af 3/11 af Ændring for Opdrivekorpset.
2) Byens Forekommenheder Kommitter, dens Sammensætning, Pligter, Fuldmagter og Ofgang.
3) de forskjellige Udvalg nedsat af eller i Forbindelse med Raadet deres Myndighed og Pligter i Forhold til Raadet, Gouvernementet og det Offentlige

3te Medl. for St Thomas, Nolte fremlagde Interpellationer og udbeder Svar og Imødekommelse paa dem fra Gouvernementet.

Konst. Gouvernementssecretairen i en klar Maade oplyste Medlemmen Vedkommende Interpellationer blive givne.

4 – Valg af 2 Medlemmer til Fattigkommissionen

Valg foretages og udfaldt i Gjenvalg af D'Herr A. Brunet og J. H. Pachulke

Mødet hævet Kl. 3.55 Eftm.

V. Barentsen

A Burnett

Ao 1911 Fredagen den 6te August Kl 1 Eftm holdes
Retsmøde for Retsmd Ø Jørgensen i Sagen nr 192 Rasmus Pedersen
Hjelmsø Espevej Elsebeth Espevej Ejer af Ejendommen
Hjelmsø Espevej Elsebeth, Espevej, Hjelmsø, Ejer af
Ejd, Espevej, Ejer, Albert, Nielsen og Enkemand.

Sagen fremmødte Advokat Lund for Rekvirenten Ejeren
af Ejendommen Hjelmsø Espevej Elsebeth Espevej
Ejer af Ejendommen Hjelmsø Espevej Albert Nielsen
Enkemand.

Rekvirenten gjorde mundtlig Overbydning for Forretningen

For Ejeren Fredrik, Nielsen Espevej Espevej Espevej
i mødte Fru Elsebeth Espevej Espevej Enkefru Espevej
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En kort Forhandling fandt Sted heri, Medlemmer Mortensen, Nolte, La Beck, Kuntz og Roberts deltog.

1ste Medl. for St Thomas, Mortensen Forslag at 1ste Behandling sluttedes og dermed Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling foretoges i Dag. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmig.

Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Vicepræsidenten 2den Behandling for aaben.

2den Medl. for St Thomas, Roberts Forslag at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at Vedtægterne vedtoges. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmig.

3 – Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Eksekution i Følge Underskrift af Dom eller Forlig, stillet af 2den Kongens 1ste Medl. Wallejus.

2den Kongens Medl. Wallejus i nogle faa Ord fremlagde Udkastet og anbefalede det til Raadets.

En kort Forhandling fandt Sted heri Vice Gouvernøren, Medlemmer Roberts, Nolte, Kuntz, La Beck og Mortensen deltog.

2den Medl. for St Thomas, Roberts Forslag at 1ste Behandling sluttedes og at 2den Behandling med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke foretoges i Dag. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmig.

Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Vicepræsidenten 2den Behandling for aaben. Herpaa en kort Forhandling fandt Sted heri, Vice Gouvernøren, Medlemmer La Beck, Mortensen, Roberts Forslag at 2den Behandling sluttedes deltog. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmig.

4 – Forhandling af Udkast til Ansættelse af Optiker og Lyglasskatte for 1ste Halvaar 1910, med Udvalgets Betænkning.

Vicepræsidenten opfordrede Secretairen til at oplæse Betænkningen

Betænkning

Efter behørig at have overvejet de angaaende Udkast til Ansættelse af Optiker og Lyglasskatte for 1ste Halvaar 1910 modtagne Ansøgninger, Udvalget foreslaar at:

S. Levin nedsættes fra 4de Klasse C. til 5te Klasse A. O. S. Ryan fra 10de Klasse til 11te Klasse, og den finder ingen Nedsættelse Sted for S. A. Mc. Schlesinger, Mc. Mitchelson, Thos E. Graham og Cornelius Richardson.

Udvalget til Ansættelse af Optiker og Lyglasskatte
St Thomas den 22de Juli 1911

A. Ansbacher, S. E. Kuntz, J. C. Roberts, Fr. Cornicus
Chairman

Vicepræsidenten erklærede Forhandlingen for aaben; ingen forlangte Ordet. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og ved

borges protokoll.

Mødet hævet Kl 2.10 Eftm.

P. Lorentzen A. Barentzen

Aar 1911 Torsdagen den 19 Oktober Kl 1. Eftm. afholdtes Kgl. Amtsraadet for St Thomas og St Jan ordinairt Møde 3dje Møde i Sessionen 1911-1912.

Tilstede vare den fung. Vice Gouverneur Baumann, Medlemmerne Commiers, Pe-pentzen, Nolte, White, Rundz, Roberts, Christensen og Wellejus. Mundtlig Underretning blev gjort for Medlemmer Carstensen og Mortensen.

Vice Formanden erklærede Mødet for aabent. Referatet for sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges. Gouvernementets Skrivelser No 639-647-666-667-712 og 728 kommuniceredes.

Vice Formanden oplæste et Brev fra 4de Konger. Medlem A. Jacobs hvorved han paa Grund af sin Afrejse fra Øen har indgivet sin Resignation. Brevet sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmig, hvorpaa det atede Mpdl. Sade erklæredes ledig.

Man gik over til Dagsorden

1- Fortsættelse af 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning for de dansk vestindiske Øer om Forældelse af visse Fordringer med Undtagelse af Bestemmelsen.

Vice Formanden erklærede 1ste Behandlingen for aaben.

En kort Forhandling fandt Sted hvori, dog fung. Vice Gouverneur, Medlemmer Nolte, Rundz og Roberts deltog; Afstemning Undtagelsen Bestemmelsen foretoges, 3 Medlemmer (Rundz, White og Nolte) stemte For.

Mpd Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behandling for aaben.

1ste Medl. for St Thomas, Mortensen mødte

2det Medl. for St Thomas, Roberts foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke 3dje Behandling foretoges i Dag. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmig.

Mpd Gouvernementets Samtykke, erklæredes 3dje Behandling for aaben

4de Medl. for St Thomas, Pepentzen foreslog at 3dje Behandling sluttet og at Udkastet vedtoges. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges af 6 Stemmer, 2 imod, 1 stemte ikke

2- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning for St Thomas og St Jan om Ophævelsen af visse med Arrestation paa vedkommende Skipperes (eller Rorgasts) Begæring af Søfolk og andre forbundne Omstændigheder til det offentliges

Upon motion of Mr Gaffney seconded by Mr Brennan and
unanimously agreed
to
that meeting adjourned sine die.

Thomas A. Brennan

Chairman

On Thursday the 19th October 1911 the Municipal Council for Thomas
ward Dunbell be meeting at 8 p.m. Pursuant to adjournment on the session 1911-1912. Present
were the following Councillors, namely Messrs Cronin, Donovan, Nolan,
Wade, Hunt, Roberts, Blackmore and Hayes. Labal Commissioner of
Finance Comptroller and Clerk.

The Chairman declared the meeting open. The minutes of the last
meeting were read and adopted. Proposed Letters No 663-664-665-666
-667-668-and 669 were presented.

The Chairman then called upon Mr Cronin to move the adoption
of the Report of the Committee appointed at the previous
Council meeting, which Report was read as follows:

1- That the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans
and Estimates for the Construction of Footpaths
on the Eastern Side of Dunbell Road from Fenlon's
with the Cemetery gates.

The Chairman declared the Question open.

After discussion, moved by Mr Cronin, seconded by Mr Donovan, and
Resolved unanimously, That the Report of the Committee
be adopted as read. Proposed by Mr Nolan seconded by Mr Hayes
That the Council do not proceed with the Construction of Footpaths
on Dunbell Road at present. Upon a vote being taken the Chairman
declared the Motion lost.

Mr Cronin then moved, seconded by Mr Donovan, That the Report
be adopted. Upon a vote being taken the Chairman declared the
Motion carried.

Mr Hayes then moved, seconded by Mr Nolan, That the Council
proceed with the Construction of Footpaths on Dunbell Road
from Fenlon's to the Cemetery gates. Upon a vote being taken
the Chairman declared the Motion carried.

Mr Cronin then moved, seconded by Mr Donovan, That the Council
proceed with the Construction of Footpaths on Dunbell Road
from Fenlon's to the Cemetery gates. Upon a vote being taken
the Chairman declared the Motion carried.

Mr Hayes then moved, seconded by Mr Nolan, That the Council
proceed with the Construction of Footpaths on Dunbell Road
from Fenlon's to the Cemetery gates. Upon a vote being taken
the Chairman declared the Motion carried.

Mr Brennan then moved, seconded by Mr Donov

Den femte Sec. Gemensamma Fondlagen Bestående av nedanstående Realiteter.

Efter nedanstående Fastigheter Fastställelser Tolv, Mark, Nellgen och Rekord, jämte Skogsmark för Tolva, Granudden samt Fastighet 1:ste Delägarelag Lindsås av Lomen Rasälv och Gemensamhets Områden 2:dra Delägarelag Fastighet 2:dra Delägarelag Fastighet 3:dje Delägarelag Fastighet enligt upprättad Afskrivning och Värderingshandlingar.

Den Gemensamhets Områden Fastighet erhållen 3:dje Delägarelag Fastighet 1:sta Lomen, Granudden Fastighet 3:dje Delägarelag skulle och Rättigheter medföljer. Fastighetsbrev under Afskrivning och Värderingshandlingar.

3:- Fastighet 1:sta Delägarelag Fastighet Lomen Rekord, skilda Tolv Mark Nellgen Skogsmark för Tolva, Granudden Fastighet och Rättigheter till de Gemensamma Områden Lomen Rasälv och Gemensamhets Områden Fastighet 2:dra Delägarelag Fastighet enligt upprättad Afskrivning och Värderingshandlingar.

Efter Fastighet Lomen 1:sta Delägarelag Fastighet, skild för Tolva, Mark, Nellgen och Granudden Fastighet 2:dra Delägarelag Fastighet enligt upprättad Afskrivning och Värderingshandlingar.

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4:- Fastighet 2:dra Delägarelag Fastighet Lomen 1:sta Delägarelag Fastighet N:r 4 jämte Sparbanken Fastighet för Lomen Rasälv Gemensamhets Områden.

Den femte Sec. Gemensamma Fondlagen Bestående av Tolva, Mark, Nellgen och Granudden Fastigheter enligt Afskrivning och Värderingshandlingar.

Efter Fastighet Tolva, Mark, Nellgen och Granudden Fastighet 2:dra Delägarelag Fastighet enligt upprättad Afskrivning och Värderingshandlingar.

The Atty. Gen. General [illegible] introduced the Draft and recommended it for adoption.

After a few observations by Messrs. Hyde, Pearly, Kellejie and Robert, the 5th member for St. Thomas, Pearsdyce proposed that the 1st division be closed and that by consent of the Council and Government the 2nd division be transacted today. The proposal supported by the 5th member for St. Thomas was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Government having consented the 2nd division was declared open. The 5th member for St. Thomas, Voller proposed that the 2nd division be closed and that the 3rd division be transacted today. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Government having consented the 3rd division was declared open. The 5th member for St. Thomas, Pearsdyce proposed that the 3rd division be closed and that the Draft be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3 - Introduction and 1st Reading of Draft of Ordinance concerning Court Fees, presented by the 5th member Nolle.

The 5th member for St. Thomas, Nolle, introduced the Draft referring to the mentioned, and proposed the hope that it would not take the same fate as a similar Draft introduced in 1895.

After a short discussion, in which the Actg. Vice Governor, members Roberts and Nolle took part, the 1st member for St. Thomas, Mortenon proposed that the Draft be referred to a Committee of 3 to report upon it. The proposal was put to the vote and adopted by 7 votes.

The Chairman then proceeded with reading in the names of P. Mortenon by Secretary, L. Nolle and A. Roberts by Fortune respectively.

4 - Introduction and 1st Reading of Draft of Ordinance concerning a supplement to the Ordinance No 4 of 8th November 1901 concerning the Postal Department in the Danish West Indian Islands.

The Actg. Vice Governor introduced the Draft and hope that the Council would consider the alterations as suggested by the present conditions.

A short discussion ensued in which members Mortenon, Hyde, Nolle and Pearsdyce took part.

The proposal of the 1st member for St. Thomas, Pearsdyce proposed that the 1st division be closed and by the consent of the Council and Government the 2nd division be proceeded with today. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Government having consented the 2nd division was declared open. The 5th member for St. Thomas, Pearsdyce proposed that the 2nd division be closed. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5 – Valg af 1 Medlem til at fungere ved Ansættelse af Lysendtagter for 1911 (Kolonialloven § 21).

Valg blev for Kongens Kvarter, F. Hr. Christensen med 9 Stemmer, S. E. Kantz 7.

Dronningens Kvarter, A. Bjerck med 8 Stemmer, C. S. Rean 5.

Kronprinsens Kvarter, C. V. Lee Olsen med 9 Stemmer S. C. Roberts 6.

Landdistriktet for St Thomas, Hr. O Nielsen og J. H. Bjerkholdt med 8 Stemmer henholdsvis

St Jan, A. O. White og J. E. Lindqvist med 8 Stemmer henholdsvis.

6 – Forhandling af Udkast til Ansættelse af Politi- og Lygtetaxte for 2det Halvaar 1911, med Udvalgets Betænkning

Vice Formanden oplæste Secretairen til at oplæse Betænkningen

Betænkning

Efter Behørig at have overvejet de angaaende Udkast til Ansættelse af Politi og Lygtetaxte for 2det Halvaar 1910 modtagne Bregninger, Udvalget foreslaa at:

D. Storm medtages fra 11te til 12te Klasse, og at der finder ingen Nedsættelse Sted for Skov E. Graham

Udvalget til Ansættelse af Politi og Lygtetaxte

St Thomas den 12te Oktober 1911

F. H. Christensen
Chairman

S. C Roberts J. E. Kantz F. H. Storm Leroy Nolte Bjerck
C. V. Lee Olsen

Mødet hævet Kl 3.10. p. m.

Fr Christensen

Vidchristensen.

5- Election of members to join the Tax Commission to estimate the rental amount of landed properties for the year 1911 (§ 21 of the Colonial Law)

The election was proceeded with pencilling in the returns for Kings Quarter of

J. Mc. Connico with votes J. E. Kyndt 7.

Queens Quarter, A. Bennet 8 votes, A. J. Heare 5.

Crown Princes Quarter, C. J. La Beet 7. J. C. Roberts 6.

The Country District of St Thomas, H. B. Nelthorpp and J. Mc Pherson respectively

St Jan, A. D. White and J. E. Lindqvist respectively

6- Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes for the 2d half-year of 1910, with the Committee report

The Vice Chairman requested the Secretary to read the report

Report

Having duly considered the recommendations handed in against the Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes for the 2d half year of 1910, your Committee beg to propose that:

D. Brown be lowered from the 11th to the 12th class, and that a reduction take place in the assessment complained of by Mr C. Graham

Committee on Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes.

St Thomas the 12th October 1911

J. Mc. Connico

Chairman

A. C. Roberts J. E. Kyndt P. H. Moron Leroy Nolte Carl J. La Beet

The meeting closed at 3. 10. p. m.

J. Mc Connico

Chairman.

Aar 1911 Torsdagen den 14de December Kl. 1 Eftm. afholdtes et extraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan i Sessionen 1911–1912. Tilstede vare Hs Højvelbaarenhed den fung. Vice Guvernør, den fung. Secretair, Medlemmer Ørnsbo, Christiansen, Mortensen, Nolte, Kandy, White, Querntzen, Roberts og Cristensen.

Viceformanden gjorde anmeldelse Undskyldninger for Medlemmerne Dr Ord, Riise, Lindqvist og Moron.

Viceformanden bød Hs Højvelbaarenhed og Fru Helvig Larsen velkommen efter deres tilbagekomst fra Europa. Vice Guvernøren takkede.

Referatet for sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges. Guvernementets Skrivelser No 1162 og 1160 kommunicere[illegible].

Mødet gik derpaa til Dagsordenen:

1. Prövelse af Valget for 4de Kongev. Medl. P. C. Thomsen. Det nyvalgte Medlem [illegible] ved Valgbevisets Forevisning af Raadets Medlemmer og [illegible] i Orden. Viceformanden erklærede Hr P. C. Thomsen 4de kongev. Medl. af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, samt berettiget til at have Sæde og Stemme i Raadet.

2. Valg af ny Formand for den [illegible] Session. [illegible] Valg foretoges og resultatet i Valg af F. W. Ørnsbo enstemmigt. Formanden takkede for den [illegible] Tillid.

3. 3die Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Tillæg til Anordning No 44 af 30te November 1901 om Beskatning [illegible].

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingerne for aabne.
Vice Guvernøren anbefalede Vedtagelsen af Udkastet.
3die kongev. Medl. Christiansen foreslog at Behandlingen sluttedes og at Udkastet vedtoges. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

4. Fortsættelse af 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om [illegible] med Udvalgets Betænkning.
I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Hs Højvelbaarenhed, Medlemmer Nolte, Christiansen, White, Mortensen, Kandy og Roberts.
2det kongev. Medl. Wellmore [illegible] sig.
8de folkev. Medl. Kandy foreslog at Udkastet toges tilbage ... (5te Medl. Nolte, det er allerede tilbagetaget.)

5. Valg af et kongev. Medl. til Kommunalbestyrelsen.
Valg foretoges og resultatet i Valg af 1ste kongev. Medl. F. Riise med 8 Stemmer.

Mødet hævet Kl. 2.20 Eftm.

F. W. Ørnsbo
Formand

V. A. Christensen
Secretair

On Thursday the 14th December 1911 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 4 p.m. on the 4th meeting since the session 1911-1912

Present were His Excellency the actg. Vice Governor, the actg. Secretary, members Romeiro, Christensen, Mortensen, Nolte, Kuntz, White, Berentzen, Roberts and Carstensen. The Vice Chairman offered verbal excuses for members De Beet, Riise, Lindqvist and Moron.

The Vice Chairman offered a welcome to His Excellency, and Mrs Hellesen Larsen on their return from Europe. His Excellency replied thanking the Vice Chairman and the members of the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Government Letters Nos 762 and 860 were communicated.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1– Examination of the patents of nomination of the 4th Unofficial member J. J. Thorsen.

The newly appointed member presented his brief which was circulated among the members and was found to be in order; upon signing the oath, the Vice Chairman declared Mr J. J. Thorsen 4th Unofficial member of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan with the right to sit and vote ex officio.

2– Election of a Chairman for the remaining term of the electoral period

The election was proceeded with resulting in the return of Mr F. Romeiro unanimously. The Chairman thanked his colleagues for their confidence.

3– 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning a supplement to the Ordinance No 44 of 8th November 1901 concerning the Postal Department in the Danish West Indian Islands.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The actg. Vice Governor recommended the adoption of the Draft.

The 2nd Unofficial member Carstensen proposed that the discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

4th – Continuation of the 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning Court Witnesses, with the Committee's report.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Nolte Christensen, White, Mortensen, Kuntz and Roberts took part.

The 2nd Unofficial member Wellejus entered.

The 5th member for St Thomas, Kuntz, proposed that the Draft be withdrawn.

... (The 5th member Nolte, the Draft has been already withdrawn).

5– Election of a Unofficial member for the Municipal Committee

The election was proceeded with resulting in the return of the 1st Unofficial member J. Riise

The meeting closed at 2.20 p.m.

F Romeiro
Chairman

V A Christensen
Secretary

On Monday the 1st January 1912 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an adjourned meeting at 10 o'clock a.m. pursuant to Section 3 of the Colonial Law Ordinance His Excellency the Acting Governor and the acting Seating all of the members excepting the 3rd member for St Thomas, Le Cat.

Communications letter No 30,957 and 31 file 5th January a.c. were presented and read.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1st Election of the Vice Chairman for the remaining term of the present

period.

The election was proceeded with, and after two secret ballots

no majority having been obtained, a third election was proceeded

with, resulting in the election of Mr. Petersen by votes

2 - Ordinance for the Government of Public Schools in St Thomas and St Jan

for the financial year from 1st April 1912 to 31st March 1913.

The acting Governor informed the Council recommended to adopt

the Draft. A short discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members

Petersen, Prosper, Rimby, Nolte and Lindqvist took part.

The proposal of the 1st member for St Thomas, Prosper, supported

by the 1st member Rimby, that the 1st division be closed was put to

the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 1st member for St Thomas, Petersen, proposed that the 2nd division

be discussed today. His proposal was put to the vote and

unanimously adopted. Government having proceeded the 2nd

division was declared open. The Chairman proceeded with Reading

of the Draft.

Mr Prosper put his proposal to the vote, there being no amendment

was carried and adopted.

Mr Petersen made some remarks, there being no

amendments was adopted.

3 - Ordinance for the Government of Public Medical Laboratory

for the Colony of the Virgin Islands of St Thomas and St Jan

for the financial year from 1st April 1912 to 31st March 1913.

The acting Governor informed the Draft recommended adoption.

A short discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Petersen

Prosper and Nolte took part. The 2nd member left the

The proposal of the 1st member, Prosper, that the 1st division be

closed was duly seconded by Emmanuel and the Council the 2nd division

was therefore today was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Government having consented, the Chairman declared the 2nd division open.

His proposal the 1st member for St Thomas, Nolte, that the 2nd division be

closed and that the Draft be adopted was put to the vote and lost by

1 vote.

Forhandlingerne for 1907-1908.

Forslag om ekstraordinær Udbedring af Vejen mellem Ølsted og Ølsted Overdrev.

Udgift 1200 Kr.

Forhandlingerne

Sagen.

Da Formanden oplæste Forslaget om ekstraordinær Udbedring af Vejen mellem Ølsted og Ølsted Overdrev, fremkastedes der Tvivl om, hvorvidt Forslaget kunde komme til Behandling, da det ikke var optaget paa Dagsordenen for Generalforsamlingen, men Forslagsstilleren, Gdr. Jens Jensen, Ølsted, gjorde gældende, at Forslaget burde behandles, da det var fremkommet saa tidligt, at det kunde have været optaget paa Dagsordenen, hvis det var indsendt til Bestyrelsen.

Generalforsamlingen besluttede derefter at behandle Forslaget.

Gdr. Jens Jensen, Ølsted, begrundede Forslaget, idet han bemærkede, at Vejen var i en saa slet Forfatning, at den ikke kunde befares med Vogn, og at det derfor var nødvendigt at faa den istandsat.

Gdr. Jens Jensen, Ølsted,

4- Reading of the Report of the Municipal Committee on the Municipal accounts for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year 1907-1908.

The Secretary read the report which was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

A Barentsen
Secretary

F Nicolaïsen
Chairman

On Friday the 2d February 1912 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 1 p.m. pursuant to s 34 of the Colonial Law. Present were the actg. Vice Governor the actg. Secretary and all the members.

Governments letters Nos 5 and 75 were communicated.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1- Introduction for the Councils report on Draft of Law concerning the granting to a syndicate of a concession for the utilization, by reclaiming and dredging of [illegible] area in the harbour of the Danish West Indian Island [illegible].

The actg. Vice Governor introduced the Draft in a detailed manner showing its great importance to the Island, and recommended that the report might should have prompt dispatch.

The Chairman recommended that the Draft be referred to a Committee. A discussion ensued in which His Excellency members Knutz, Mortensen, Rise, Nolte, Roberts, De Pool, Lindqvist and White took part.

The 5th member for St Thomas, Mortensen, retired

The 5th Crown member Rise, proposed that it be decided now whether hon. members were in favour of the Draft or not

The Chairman asked the members if they accepted the Draft, and this proved to be the case, unanimously.

The 5th member for St Thomas, Nolte proposed a recess for framing a report. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted. After a short recess of 5 minutes, the Chairman declared the meeting to be resumed.

The report drawn up by the 5th member for St Thomas, Nolte, was read by the Secretary. on being put to the vote was unanimously adopted.

The 5th member for St Thomas, Nolte proposed a vote of thanks to His Excellency for his share in the forming of the scheme. The members approved by rising. His Excellency thanked the Council

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

A Christensen
Secretary

F Nicolaïsen
Governor

On Friday the 16th February 1912 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held a meeting at 1 p.m. 5th ordinary meeting in the session 1911-1912. Present were His Excellency the actg. Vice Governor, the actg Secretary, members Emmanuel, Oppenheim, La Roche, Mortensen, Nolte, Rhymer, Roberts, Christiansen, Thorsen, Rise and Cronheim. The Chairman offered a verbal excuse for member Moron.

The minutes of the meetings of 14th December 1911 and 18 January a.c. were read and adopted. The minutes of the 2nd February a.c. were read. The Chairman said if no one had any objections to offer they would be considered adopted. A short discussion ensued in which members Rise, Oppenheim, the Chairman and the Vice Governor took part. The minutes were then put to the vote and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1- Introduction for the Council's report on Draft of Law concerning postponement of the revision of Law No 114 of 6th April 1906 concerning Custom House and Ship dues in St Thomas and St Jan, and of Law No 117 of 6th April 1906 Concerning a Gendarmery Corps in the Danish West Indies.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The acte Vice Governor introduced the Draft and expressed the wish that it be decided upon today.

A discussion ensued in which the actg. Vice Governor, members Rise, Rhymer, Nolte, Roberts and the Chairman took part.

The 7th member for St Thomas, Oppenheim proposed, that § 29 of the Rules of Business be deviated from, and that the Draft be subject to only one discussion, ~~of at det vedtages i Dag. Forslaget træffes~~ and that it be adopted today. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

A recess of 10 minutes was given by the Chairman for drawing up the report. No Committee having been elected, the report was drawn up by the Secretary (Oppenheim). The meeting was resumed; the Secretary read the report.

The proposal of the 1st spoken member Rise, supported by the 8th member for St Thomas, Rhymer, that the report be adopted was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2- Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Money bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas & St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1911 to 31st March 1912.

The actg. Vice Governor introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

The 8th member for St Thomas, Rhymer proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and that by consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion be transacted today. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Hjel Commandeur Fredskib paabefalet Kommandør af 2den Rang
Landbon for sidste.

Den Kong. Kie Commis Forlags Collegium anbefaler Bekjendtgjørelsen
Fredskib Fort Kiøbenhavn Bevilgning til Oplysning af Skandinavisk Literatur og
Videnskabernes Fremme i indeværende Aar.

Den i Oplysning af Forslaget til Anordning om Skolevæsenet i Byerne
Skolevæsenet for Landdistrikterne; samt Andragende fra Communalbestyrelsen
Den Kong. Kie Commis Forlags Collegium anbefaler og anbefaler Tilladelsen.

Tilbage til Fort Kiøbenhavn Bevilgning til Oplysning af Skandinavisk Literatur
og til Videnskabernes Fremme i indeværende Aar. Forslaget anbefales
saaledes Afstemning og vedtages enstemmigt.

Den Kong. Kie Commis Forlags Collegium anbefaler Bekjendtgjørelsen
af Forslaget til Anordning om Skolevæsenet i Byerne samt Skolevæsenet
for Landdistrikterne; samt Andragende fra Communalbestyrelsen
for Kiøbenhavn Bevilgning til Oplysning af Skandinavisk Literatur og

Council of Government the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 1st member for St Thomas, Berendzen proposed that the discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3- 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning execution pro a bepis of a copy of judgment or reconciliation; with amendment by Government.

The actg. Vice Governor introduced the amendment and recommended its adoption.

The 1st member for St Thomas, Berendzen proposed that the discussion be closed and that the Draft as the amended form be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

4- Election of a Committee to discuss with Government how the promise stated in the Council's report on the Draft concerning the concessions affecting St Thomas Harbour for procuring of new revenues as part compensation for the import duty as the best manner can be fulfilled.

After a few remarks from the actg. Vice Governor, a short discussion ensued in which members La Cort, Nolte, Ruiz, Roberts, Mc Intosh and the Chairman took part.

The proposal of the 3rd member for St Thomas, La Cort, for a Committee of the whole Council to frame a report was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes, 2 against, members Roberts and Mc Intosh.

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

F.M. Correiro
Chairman

Secretary

4- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning for de dansk vestindiske Øer om Ændring i § 30 i Forordning af 11te April 1840 angaaende Straffen for Tyveri, Bedrageri, Falsk og andre dermed beslægtede Forbrydelser.

Da Hejprotokollanten havde forelagt Udkastet og andefaldet dets vedlæggelse.

I den paafølgende kort Forhandling deltog Medlemmerne Mortensen, White, Lindqvist, Rentz og Nolke.

Med. for St Thomas, Rentz, foreslog at 1ste Behandling sluttedes og at 2den Behandling med Guvernementets og Rådets Samtykke foretages i Dag paatog sig under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med. Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben.

1ste Med. for St Thomas, Mortensen foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes, og at 3die Behandling med Guvernementets og Rådets Samtykke foretages i Dag. Forslaget paatog sig under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med. Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 3die Behandling for aaben.

1ste Med. for St Thomas, Mortensen foreslog at Behandlingen sluttedes og at Udkastet vedtages. Forslaget paatog sig under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

5- Forhandling af Udkast til Ansættelse af Politiker og Lygteskatte for 1ste Kvartal 1911, med Kollegets Betænkning

Betænkning

Efter behørig at have prøvet de angaaende Udkast til Ansættelse af Politiker og Lygteskatte for 1ste Kvartal for 1911 modtagne Ansøgninger, Udvalget foreslaa at: der findes ingen Nedsættelse Ret for A Newton, "The St Thomas Day Runners", A Spinnaker, Spinnaker Rec, E. Thomas, M. O'Neal og H. E. Maupay; og at L. Maupé (Sprogmed) udgaa af Listen.

Udvalget til Ansættelse af Politiker og Lygteskatte
St Thomas den 1ste April 1912

J. H. Cormier
J. C. Robert
J. E. Rentz
V. Rivera
A. Berendsen

1ste Med. for St Thomas, Mortensen foreslog at Udkastet og Betænkningen vedtages.

Forslaget paatog sig under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Mødet hævet

J. H. Cormier
Formand

Jens Petersen

6th Instructions from Parliament per Draft Ordinance for the Dominion of Newfoundland, enacting an alteration in s. 30 of the Ordinance for Appointing the Punishment for Theft, Fraud, Forgery and other kindred Crimes.

Read the Governor's Address and Report recommending the same.

Ordered that the same be read a 2nd time by Articles.

The Report of the 6th Committee on Petitions, Grants, &c. &c. was read and duly the consent of Government & the Council, the 2nd Division be struck out & the whole was unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 2nd Division was declared open for motion for Committee, Upon proposal that the 2nd division be closed and duly the consent of Government & the Council, the 3rd division be struck out. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 3rd division was declared open for motion for Committee, Upon proposal that the 3rd division be closed and duly the Council adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5th Division on Draft Ordinance of Crime and Larceny for the Half-year Fish, and the Committee Report.

The Standing Order the report.

Report.

Having duly considered the petitions handed in against the Draft Ordinance of Crime and Larceny for the Half-year Fish, and Committee beg to report that in pursuance to the same we have examined by A. Parsons, H. Robinson, Geo. Pearce, J. Pearce, Pilley's Island, E. Lane, M. Read and M. E. Evans, and the Dillon's Island, Labrador) be struck off the list.

Committee appointed for Crime and Larceny

H. Robinson Chairman

A. E. Robert J. E. Pratt J. Pike

J. Pearce

The Members for Bonavista, Harbour Grace and Carbonear the Committee report be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed 2.30 p.m.

H. Robinson
Chairman

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acting Secretary

Aar 1912, Torsdagen d. 25 April Kl 1. Eftm. afholdtes extraordinair it Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan sammenkaldet af Gouvernementet i Henhold til Kolonialloven § 36. Tilstede vare Medlemmerne Cormeiro, Christensen, Mortensen, Nolte, Knudz, White, Lindqvist Papantzen, Roberts, Thorsen, Riise og Carstensen. Den fungerende Formand erklarede Mødet for aaben og opforderede 4de Medl for St Thomas Christensen at fungere som Secretair.

Gouvernementets Skrivelse N° 333 kommuniceredes

Man gik over til Dagsordenen:

1– Valg af Raadets Embedsmand samt Medlemmer af Kommunaludvalg A og de forskjellige Kommissioner

Valg af en Formand foretoges: F. Mc. Cormeiro genvalgt med 10 Stemmer, Formanden takkede for den ham igjen udviste Tillid

Vice Formand – L. Papantzen, genvalgt med 9 Stemmer

Secretairer – J. Christen genvalgt med 11 Stemmer, L. Nolte valgt med 8.

Kommunaludvalget – for St Thomas Valgkredses valgte ifølge § 36 af Kolonialloven F. Mc. Cormeiro og C. F. La Beet genvalgt med 11 og 10 Stemmer Henholdsvis, J. E. Knudz valgt med 7 Stem. Kriegsr. Mpdl J. Riise, genvalgt med 12 Stemmer, for St Jan A. D. White genvalgt enstemmigt.

Skattekommissionen – L. Nolte, J. H. Mortensen, J. E. Roberts og L. Papantzen genvalgt med 12, 12, 10 og 9 Stemmer Henholdsvis, J. Christensen, valgt med 7 Stemmer.

Karantænekommissionen – L. Papantzen genvalgt med 11 Stemmer

Valgkommittee for Byen – J. E. Roberts genvalgt med 8 Stemmer

Valgkommittee for Landet – J. E. Knudz genvalgt med 12 Stemmer

Valgkommittee for St Jan – A. D. White genvalgt enstemmigt.

Udskrivning af et Artilleriskorps – L. Nolte valgt med 10 Stemmer

Alm. Kirkegaardskommission – L. Nolte og J. E. Knudz genvalgt med 11 og 8 Stemmer henholdsvis

Skolekommissionen for Landet – J. E. Roberts genvalgt med 8 Stemmer

Skolekommissionen for St Jan – J. E. Lindqvist genvalgt med 8 Stemmer

Mødet hævet Kl 2.15 Eftm.

F. Mc Cormeiro
Formand

Secretair

The Treasurer of Effingham County Kansas in Account for Common School Purposes in Account with Said County for the year ending the 1st day of January A.D. 1870

Dr.

To Balance			
" Amount received from Co. Treasurer			
" Amount received from Co. Treasurer			
" Amount received from Co. Treasurer

Ordering the 2nd Reading of the Optional Council for Lot ... Law Relating to making an Act to provide for Local Government & to Repeal the Local Boards Act, 1898, & the Public Bodies Act, 1906, & the Labour Party Members Bill, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hall, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilson.

Government Order No. 1 was announced.

After proceeding with the Business of the Day the Chairman referred to the demise of His Majesty King Edward VII which has taken place during the adjournment of the Council. He mentioned the fact that ... Information had been received ... expressing the deep sympathy of ... Majesty & Royal Family in the bereavement which ... Nation has sustained by the death of His Majesty King Edward VII. A telegram to His Majesty on his accession to the throne.

The Order of the Day was then proceeded with

1- Introduction and Discussion on the Supplement to the Standing Regulations for the Administration of the Act of 29 August 1908 in the Island of St Thomas Dist.

2- Introduction and Discussion on the Supplement to the Standing Regulations for the Granting Licences for Motor Cars in St Thomas Dist.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

The Chairman The Member for Bethany Estate proposed that the words "in public roads and public ground" in the 1st line, second paragraph of the Draft should be deleted. The proposal was seconded by the Member for Penelope and was carried put to the vote and unanimously carried. The Draft as Supplemented was accepted

and ordered to ... file a fair clean copy for the Press, whereupon the Chairman declared the Council adjourned sine die at 4.55 p.m.

Confirmed

Chairman

Secretary

Aar 1912 Søndagen den 1ste April Kl 1 Eftm. afholdtes Hoved-
møde af Missionsforeningen for Bethanien Kirke.
Tilstede vare Medlemmer Bramsen, Lr Gjæt. Kjøbmænd,
Randi, Mikk. Pedersen, Hansen, Riise og Nielsen
Formanden forkynte Kgl. Bevillingen af Lotteriet samt Lov
for
Indvielsesdagen for de 3 første Maaneder, 2 April, 23 April og
28 Juni d. A. oplæstes og vedtoges.
Følgende Medlemmer Hr. 32-37-262-66 og 68 Kvinderne
M. Kjøbmandsk Bramsen og den forg. Gerdsens Enke.
Udmeldelser Ingen
1- Indlagdes og paa Bevillingsforslag til Indgivelse til Bevil-
gende Myndigheder Hr Bramsen og Dr Jr for Formanden at
Afslutning til 1 Maaned 1913
Formanden fremlagde Indbydelse og anbefalede vedtagelse
Samtlige tilstedeværende Forhandlinger forsaavidt
Jngen Bemærkninger Indbydelsen Bevilling blev og al
ved Bevilling med Formandens Tilføjelse Indbydelsen Og
Efter nogle Drøftelser fra Flere Medl. vedtoges,
Jngen Bemærkninger Indbydelsen vedtoges endelig
Kvar Formanden Pantzke ønskede Formanden 2den A
Indvielsesdagen
Fru Kjøbm. Pedersen Indbydelsen Bevilling blev og
ved Enstemmighed
Indvielsesdagen Gudstjeneste Kl 11 Formiddag
2- Indlagdes paa Bevillingsforslag til Indgivelse til Bevil-
gende Myndigheder for den tilbageværende
Del af Valgfonden for den 1ste Juni 1913 til 1ste Juni 1914 at ydes
i Maaned for Hr. A. Pedersen som ringest paa Bidragsliste.
Ingen Bemærkninger Indbydelsen vedtoges endelig
Kvar Formanden Pantzke Indbydelsen Bevilling blev og
ved Enstemmighed
Indvielsesdagen Gudstjeneste Kl 11 Formiddag
Kvar Formanden Pantzke et Forslag til Indgivelse til Bev-
illingsmyndigheder Bramsen og Dr Jr for Formanden for
Kjøbmænd Hansen Gerdsen, men som ikke oplæst paa
Bevillingsmyndighedernes Forhandlinger
Formanden forelagde Indbydelsen og anbefalede vedtagelse
Formanden oplæste Forhandlinger forsaavidt
Ingen Bemærkninger for Hr. Kjøbm. Riise, Jensen &
Pedersen Mad Indbydelsen Bevilling blev og ved Enstem-

mentets og Raadets Sparekasse 2den Behandling foretages i Dag.

Forslaget paatoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Guvernementets Samtykke præsiderede Formanden 2den Behandling foretaen.

Efter Hr. Medl. Kyntz Forslag at 2den Behandling ekstraheres og at Forslaget vedtages.

Forslaget støttet af Hr Hr. Medl. La Cost. paatoges under Afstemning og vedtoges imod 8 Stemmer. Medl. Mortensen stemte ikke

Mødet hævet Kl. 2.10. Eftm.

Formand Secretair

Tirsdag den 17de Oktober 1912 Kl. 6 em. Eftm. afholdtes ordinairt Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan 3dje Møde i Sessionen 1912-1913

Tilstede vare: den fung. Sekretair Will. Jacobsen, Medlemmer Commeer, Christensen, Kyntz, White, Lindgreen, Roberts, Thorsen og Riise. Formand

Hr præsiderede Raadet at han havde modtaget skriftlig Undskyldninger fra Medl. Hr Hr Carstensen og Nolte; han ägjorde mundtlig Undskyldning for Medl. Hr Horn.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Guvernementets Skrivelser Nr 852-860-894 og 940 kommuniceredes

Kommunaludvalgets Rapport over Regnskabsoversigter for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret 1908-1909 oplæstes af Sekretairen

Skoledirektören Rubens Petersen mødte

Man gik over til Dagsorden.

1— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om höjre Skoler i Dansk Vestindien, med Ændringsforslag stillet af Guvernementet

Den fung. Sekretair forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets vedtagelse.

Hr præsiderende Raadet, at Guvernementet i Henhold til Kolonialloven af 8 Juli har bifaldet Skoledirektören til at overvære Forhandlingerne og til at give de nødvendige Oplysninger og Forklaringer derpaa.

Skoledirektören paa en oplysende maade forklarede Udkastets Gjenstand

En kort Forhandling fandt Sted, hvori Formanden, Medlemmer Riise, Christensen, Lindgreen, Roberts, Kyntz og Skoledirektören deltog.

1ste Kongr. Medl. Riise foreslog at 1ste Behandling ekstraheres.

Forslaget paatoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

2den Kongr. Medl. Wellegren mødte.

2— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1912 til 31te March 1913

Den forsl. Sekretair forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets vedtagelse.

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen for aaben.

1ste Kongev. Medl. Riise foreslog at 1ste Behandling sluttedes, og at med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling foretoges i Dag.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben.

1ste Kongev. Medl. Riise foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at Udkastet vedtoges

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

3. — Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1912 til 31te March 1913.

Den forsl. Sekretair forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets vedtagelse

1ste Kongev. Medl. Riise foreslog at 1ste Behandling sluttedes, og at med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling foretoges i Dag.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben.

Folkev. Medl. Kuntz foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at Udkastet vedtoges.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt

4 — Valg af Mand til at bistaa ved Ansættelsen af Lejeindlægden for 1912 (Kolonialloven § 21).

Valgte blev: For Kongens Kvarter. F. Mc. Cornelius og J. E. Kuntz

" Dronningens Kvarter. D. Cronin og L. E. Pickersgill

" Kempfins Kvarter. C. F. La Coste og J. C. Roberts

" Landdistriktet for St Thomas. J. H. Gerhardt og H. O. Nellemose

" St Jan. A. D. White og J. E. Lindqvist

5 — Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillæg til Politivedtægten af 12te August 1908 VII. Kapitel: om Hundes indbragte af Politibetjent Folkev. Medl. J. C. Roberts.

Politibetjent Folkev. Medl. Roberts forelagde Rimo Udkast med nogle faa Bemærkninger i Forbindelse med dets Fjernelse, og anbefalede at det henvistes til et Udvalg.

Den forsl. Sekretair sagde at Guvernementet accepterede af Udkastet hvem forelagdes Raadet.

Efter en kort Bemærkning fra 1ste Medl. for St Jan (Lindqvist) 1ste Kongev. Medl Riise foreslog at den nedsatte et Udvalg af 3 til at afgive Betænkning over Forslaget.

Ved den i saa følgende Valg, valgtes: J. C. Roberts, F. Wellegeus og J. E. Lindqvist

Mødet hævet Kl. 3. 10 Eftm.

Anderson
Formand

Christmas
Sekretair

Aar 1912 Fredag den 13te December Kl. 1. Eftm afholdtes ordinair Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, 4de Møde i Sessionen 1912-1913. Tilstede vare Hr. Gjøvelleasmhed Gouverneuren og den fung. Sekretær, Medlemmerne Cormeiro, Rentz, White, Mortensen, Roberts, Thomsen og Wulleyes.

Formand gjorde mundtlig Meddelelser for Medlemmer La Cour og Moron. Hvor ofte forhenværende Medl. Roberts tiltraadt fungere som Sekretær.

Paa Raadets Vegne paatalte Formanden et Velkommen til Gouverneuren, samtlige Medlemmer rejste sig. Gouverneuren takkede Formanden og de øvrige Medlemmer.

Den fung. Sekretær oplæste Referatet for sidste Møde, der ved Lovgs paatenkning mindt.

3-te Medlem for St Thomas, Nolle mødte og indtog sit Sæde som Sekretær.

Gouvernementets Skrivelser No 1016-1017-1018-1044-1076-1096-1198 og 1135 kommuniceredes.

Medl. skrev til Dagsordenen

1- Prøvelse af Valgbrev for 3dje Kreds. Medl af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, C. Hansager.

Det nyvalgte Medl. præsenterede sit Valgbrev der undersøgtes af Medlemmerne, og erklæredes at være i Orden. Formanden erklærede Hr C. Hansager 3dje Kreds. Medlem af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, samt berettiget til at have Sæde og Stemmer i Raadet.

2- 2den Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om hvide Skoler i Dansk Vestindien, med Endringsforslag stillet af Gouvernementet.

Paa Gouvernementets Vegne forelagde Skoledirektøren Endringsforslaget og anbefalede dets vedtagelse

8de Medl. for St Thomas, Krantz, foreslog at den Behandling sluttedes og at ved Gouvernementets og Raadets Samtykke 3dje Behandling foretages i Dag.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 3dje Behandling for aaben.

8de Medl. for St Thomas, Krantz, foreslog 3dje Behandling sluttedes og at Forslaget i dets ændret Form vedtoges.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

3- Forelæggelse af og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1912 til 31te March 1913.

Gouvernementet forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets vedtagelse

Efter nogle Lan Spørgsmaal fra Medlemmer White og Kunds, 1ste resp. Medl. - Sidste Forslaget 1ste Behandling sluttedes, og at med Guvernementets og Raadets Samtykke 2den Behandling foreloges i Dag.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt

Med Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 2den Behandling for paaben.

2det Medl. for St Thomas, Roberts Forslag at 2den Behandling sluttedes og Forslaget vedtoges.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt.

4 - Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgett i for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April til 31te Marts 1913:

Guvernøren forelagde Forslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse

I den paa følgende Forhandling deltog Medlemmer Nolte Riise og Christensen.

1ste Medl. for St Thomas, Christensens Forslag at 1ste Behandling sluttedes og at 2den Behandling med Guvernementets og Raadets Samtykke foreloges i Dag, paatoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben.

2det Medl. for St Thomas, Roberts Forslag at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at Forslaget vedtoges.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt.

5 - Forhandling af Udkast til Ansættelse af Butiks og Lyglekatte for 2det Halvaar 1913, med Udvalgets Betænkning

Betænkning

Efter at have overvejet de angaaende Udkast til Ansættelse af Butiks og Lyglekatte for 2det Halvaar 1911 modtagne Begjæringer, Udvalget foreslaa at: Lavinvonski Hco nedsættes fra 10de til den 11te Klasse og at der forøvrigt ingen Nedsættelse finder Sted for The St Thomas Bay Property Co; D. Lavin og Carl Thoan.

Udvalg til Ansættelse af Butiks og Lyglekatter

St Thomas den 25 November 1912

F. Melchiorsen Formand V. Riise J. E. Kunds J. Christensen

5te Medl. for St Thomas, Nolte foreslog at Udkastet og Betænkningen vedtoges

Forslaget paatoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

Mødet hævet

F. Melchiorsen
Formand

Sekretær.

After a few observations from Messrs Hall and Reid, the Steam
members, Rice proposed that the discussion be closed, and that by consent
of Government and the Council the 2nd discussion be transacted today.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 2nd member for St Thomas, Roberts proposed that the discussion
be closed and that the Drafts be adopted.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

4— Introduction of the 2nd discussion on Draft of Address
to the Budget for the House of Assembly of St Thomas for
the financial year from 1st April, 1913 to 31st March 1914
His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended its
adoption. discussion proceeded in which members Rice,
Hellmers and His Excellency took part.

The proposal of the 1st member for St Thomas, Mathews
discussion be closed and that by consent of Government
Council the 2nd discussion be transacted today; was
unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 2nd discussion was declared
The 1st member for St Thomas, Roberts proposed that the
sheet and that the Draft be adopted.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

5— Discussion on Draft Address of the Legislative
Half-year of 1911, with the Committee's report.

Report.

Having duly considered the proceedings of meeting
of Assessment of Local Laws for the 2nd half-year of 1911
with beg to propose that Discussion be proceeded
to the Clerk, and that no particulars be given in
complained of by "The St Thomas Gas Supply Co."; J
Carl Stran.

Committee recommend for adoption
St Thomas the 25th September 1912.

F. M. Comeis — Chairman
F. Rice
E. Reid

The 1st member for St Thomas, Robt, proposed the adopt
with the Committee's report.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously

The meeting closed at

F. M. Comeis
Chairman

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On Thursday the 31st January 1913 Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting 12 p.m. convened by Government pursuant to § 36 of the Colonial Law. Present were His Excellency the Governor and the acty. Secretary, members Cornicé, Christensen, Mortensen, Nolle, Runtz, Oppenhejm, Thorsen, Knagager and Williams. The Chairman offered verbal excuses for members Knud and Roberts.

Governments letters No 59 of 18th January and 72 of 24 January were communicated.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1— Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas & St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1913 to 31st March 1914.

His Excellency introducing the Draft explained in detail the different items posted in it; in conclusion he recommended its adoption.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Mortensen, Christensen, Oppenhejm and Runtz took part.

The 8th member for St Thomas, Runtz proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and that by consent of Government and the Council the 2d discussion be transacted today.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 2d discussion was declared open

The voting on the Draft was proceeded with

The Revenue side. no amendment, proposed adopted.

The Expenditure:

I. The Colonial Council for St Thomas & Jan, no amendment, adopted

II. The Judiciary & Police Department, no amendment adopted unanimously

III. The Custom Department. Frs 11.450; Gov's amendment is entered with Frs 12.200. unanimously adopted

IV. The Postal Department. Frs 24.200. Gov's amendment, is entered with Frs 23.450. unanimously adopted.

V. The Telegraph Department. no amendment, unanimously adopted.

VI. The Fire Department. no amendment, unanimously adopted

VII. Street and Public Roads, no amendment, unanimously adopted.

VIII. The Department of Public Instruction, no amendment, unanimously adopted.

IX. The Sanitary Department, no amendment, unanimously adopted.

X. The Poor Department, no amendment, unanimously adopted.

XI. The Prison Department, no amendment, unanimously adopted.

XII. Divers Expenses, no amendment, unanimously adopted.

XIII. Building and other uncertain expenses, no amendment, unanimously adopted.

XV. Allowances, no amendment, unanimously adopted.

The 5th member for St Thomas, Nolle proposed that the 2d discussion be closed and that the Draft as amended be adopted

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

3 — Ordonnance fixant l'emploi à Dafy-Lorraine de
Fonctionnaires Français détachés.

Le Conseil de Gouvernement de Dafy-Lorraine,

Vu l'ordonnance du Gouverneur Général de Dafy-Lorraine
en date du 15 Janvier 1911 portant création d'un Service
Financier à Dafy-Lorraine et fixant le nombre et
l'emploi des Fonctionnaires Français détachés à ce Service,

Sur la proposition du Gouverneur Général de Dafy-Lorraine,

Sur l'avis conforme du Conseil de Gouvernement,

Arrête :

Article premier. — Le nombre et l'emploi des Fonctionnaires
Français détachés à Dafy-Lorraine pour le Service Financier
sont fixés comme suit :

1 Inspecteur des Finances, Chef du Service, 1re classe ;
1 Contrôleur des Finances, 2e classe ;
1 Commis principal, 1re classe ;
1 Commis, 2e classe ;
1 Commis, 3e classe ;
1 Commis auxiliaire.

Art. 2. — Le Gouverneur Général de Dafy-Lorraine est
chargé de l'exécution de la présente ordonnance qui sera
publiée au Journal Officiel de Dafy-Lorraine.

Fait à Dafy-Lorraine, en Conseil de Gouvernement, le 30 Juin
1911.

Le Gouverneur Général de Dafy-Lorraine,

Le Conseiller du Gouvernement,

Le Conseiller du Gouvernement,

Le Conseiller du Gouvernement

Aar 1913, Torsdagen den 3die April Kl. 11 Em. afholdes Politi-
retsmøde for Kommunen. I Sagen Andreas Hjørdis, Niels Hjørdis i
Tapernum 1912-1913. Tilstede ere Kl. Hojsallaarsdal, Gaarmeaar,
Nedbeammise Gaarmeir, Nolle, La Cost Kandy, Mikk, Lindgriet,
Pagaardsen, Robert, Thorsman, Kraaager og Nellejus. Formanden
fremkom anmeldte Forandringer for Medlemmer Mortensen, Gaar-
og Skoven.

Et Par Jern for Langen Medlem, Niss, havned kun med-
delte sin Afsigt for Jern for, at længere Tid end 14 Dage efter
Datoen af Formanden, Lempen sit Gode pathrædes ledigt.

Forhandlingen om fri Skole afholdes og vedtages. Gaarme-
mentets Skrivelser No 171-173-175 & 177 kommunicheres
ofr Pagaardsen Landsgo, Formanden anmeldes med Jan Ros Kl.
Majestæt Kjøbs Gange af Godkendt Gjel. Medlemmerne klod.
Allan sik ved det Pagaardsen.

1- Forlæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tilbagebetaling til
Amtsfondet for Kommunen & Skov og 2den for Finansaaret
for Tilbagebetalingen til 31 Marts 1913.

Gaarmeaar forlagde Sagen og anbefalede dets vedtagelse.

Den foreliggende Forhandling deltog Gaarmeaar, Medlem-
mene Pagaardsen, Nolle, Thorsman, La Cost, Nellejus og Kandy
samt Valgte Revl. Nolle Forslag at 1ste Behandling afsluttes og at
den 2den Behandling med Vedtagelse og Gaarmeaar til Landstingets
Godkendelse skulle finde Sted i Dag otte Uger, samt Afstemning og vedtagelse
vedkommende

Med Gaarmeaar til Landstingets godkendelse Kommunen 2den Be-
handling for sagen

Valgte Revl. Kandy Forslag at 2den Behandling afsluttes
og anbefalet vedtages.

Forslaget vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges saaledes enstemmigt

2- Ansøgning fra Gaarmeaar til Kommunen Skolen for Medlemmerne
Nellejus, Nedbeammise og Pagaardsen om Tilladelse til "Ørsted Skole"
at Gaarmeaar til Ti Uger Kommende.

Gaarmeaar forlagde Ansøgningen, og Forslag at den vedtages
Dagen for Skolen til Ti Uger Kommende.

Den foreliggende Forhandling deltog Gaarmeaar, Medlemmerne
Pagaardsen, Nolle, Thorsman, Nellejus og Kandy.

Følgende Afgørelse Gaarmeaar Forslag den følgende Resolution
Resolution

Kommunalbestyrelsen for Tapernum Dag Ansøgningen Gaarmeaar Nellejus
vedtagelse at overdrage til Gaarmeaar Gjennemførelsen til "Ørsted Skole"
og Fornøden Skolestue for Fjorten Dage Skole i Forbindelse med Ti Uger Kom-
munal Skole for Pigerne Dag Skole til den at kjøre paa Skolens Opgaver
som Kommunen skal overdrage, dog under Forudsætning af en

On Thursday the 3rd April 1913 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 4 p.m. last meeting in the session 1912-1913. Present were His Excellency the Governor, members Cornelius, Nolte, La Cour, Kunz, White, Lindqvist, Pedersen Roberts, Christensen, Hassager and Wellejus. The Chairman offered verbal excuses for members Mc Gorkerson, Mc Gowan and Thorsen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Government letters Nos No 171-173-175 and 177 were communicated.

A letter from the 1st crown member, Rise, informing the Council of his departure from the island for a period extending over 4 months was read by the Chairman. The seat was declared vacant

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Chairman in a few words referred to the death of His Majesty King George of Greece. The members rose from their seats.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1- Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Money bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1912 to 31 March 1913.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption

A discussion arose in which His Excellency, members Pedersen Nolte, Christensen, La Cour, Wellejus and Kunz took part.

The proposal of the 5th elected member, Nolte, that the 1st discussion be closed and that by consent of Government and the Council the 2nd discussion be transacted today was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 2nd discussion was declared open

The 5th elected member, Kunz, proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2- Discussion on Government's letter of 18th March s.c. No 216 concerning the transfer without compensation of "Buck Island" and "Spanish" Island to the Harbour Board.

His Excellency explained the object of the proposal and proposed that a resolution be adopted by the Council ceding the proprietorship to the Harbour Board.

A discussion arose in which His Excellency, members Pedersen, Nolte, Roberts, Hassager, White and Kunz took part.

The 7th elected member, Pedersen proposed the following resolution.

Resolution

The Colonial Council of St Thomas and St Jan authorizes the Government to transfer without compensation the proprietorship of "Buck Island" and "Spanish" islands to the Harbour Board of St Thomas, reserving the right to erect such buildings as may be necessary for the benefit of the Municipality, providing such buildings do not in any way obstruct the

andre Bygninger ikke paa nogen Maade bliver til Hindring for Spad.

Forslaget vedtoges uden Afstemning og endelig vedtaget.

3 – Valg af et Medlem af St. Thomas Kommission for at udfylde af 6 Aar fra den 1ste April d. A. at regne i Stedet for Konsul V. Price.

Valgt blev Hr. A. Brandtjen.

Formanden meddelte Raadet at Medlemmerne Price, Williams, Roberts, Corneiro, Brandtjen, Kurdy, Alvarez og White udtræde i Dag.

Mødet hævet Kl. 2.45 Efm.

[signature]
Formand

Secretair

Aar 1910 den 10de Maj Kl. 1 Efm. afholdtes et extraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St. Thomas og St. Jan sammenkaldt af Guvernementet i Henhold til Kolonialloven § 36. Tilstede vare Medlemmerne Malchow, Christensen, La Beet, Nolte, Lindqvist, Haarsager og Thorsen. De nylig udnævnte kongel. Medlemmer Joh. Petersen og P. F. M. Williams, ligesom de nylig folkevalgte Medlemmer J. C. Roberts, J. E. Kurdy, E. B. Blake, J. H. Ruckstuhle og A. P. White der fremlagde deres Valgbreve.

Aldersformanden Medlem Malchow erklærede Mødet for aabent og opfordrede Medl. Christensen til at fungere som Sekretair.

Medlemmerne Nolte og Haarsager valgtes til Udvalg for at afgive Rapport over Valgbrevene hvilket efter at være undersøgte, erklæredes at være i Orden. Aldersformanden erklærede D'Herr Joh. Petersen og P. F. M. Williams 1ste og 2det kongel. Medlemmer berettigede og D'Herr J. C. Roberts, J. E. Kurdy og E. B. Blake 2det, 7de og 8de Medlemmer for Byen Charlotte Amalies Valgkreds, J. H. Ruckstuhle, Medl. for St. Thomas Landdistrikt og A. P. White, 2det Medl. for St. Jans Valgkreds med Ret til at tage Sæde og stemme som saadan i Kolonialraadet for St. Thomas og St. Jan.

Aldersformanden gjorde mundtlig Undskyldning for 6te folkev. Medl. A. Bramsen.

Guvernementets Skrivelser N° 318 og 347 kommunicerede.

Valg af Raadets Embedsmænd og Medlemmer af de forskellige Kommissioner foretoges med følgende Resultat ~~opgjort som følger~~:

Formand. P. F. M. Williams. Formanden indtog sit Sæde og takkede Medlemmerne for den hans viste Tillid

Viceformand – E. F. La Beet

Sekretairer – V. Christensen og L. Nolte

Kommunaludvalget – for St. Thomas Valgkreds, J. E. Kurdy, E. F. La Beet, V. Christensen

Light

The resolution was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3- Election of a member for the St Thomas Harbour Board for a period of 6 years to reckon from 1st April a.c. in place of Council V. Rice

The election was proceeded with resulting in the return of Mr S. Berendsen

The Chairman informed the Council that members Rice, Wellejus Roberts, Cormier, Berendsen, Kuntz, McGrou and White retire today.

The meeting closed at 2.45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 22nd May 1913 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 1 p.m. convened by Government pursuant to s 36 of the Colonial Law. Present were members Mortensen, Christensen, La Beet, Nolte, Lindquist, Hassenger and Thomsen & the newly appointed crown members Mr Petersen and P.S.Mc. Wellejus, and the newly elected members P.C. Roberts, J.E. Kuntz, G.B. Blake, J.H. Boschulte and A.D. White who presented their briefs.

The Senior Chairman Mortensen declared the meeting open and requested Member V. Christensen to act as Secretary.

Members Nolte and Hassenger were appointed to report on the election briefs, which having passed the scrutiny of the Council were declared to be in order. The Senior Chairman declared Messrs Peter Petersen and P.S.Mc. Wellejus as 1st and 2nd crown members respectively, and Messrs P.C. Roberts, J.E. Kuntz and G.B. Blake as 2nd 4th and 8th members for the electoral district of the town of Charlotte Amalie, J.H. Boschulte as member for the Country District of St Thomas and A.D. White as 2nd member for the electoral district of St Jan with the rights to sit and vote as such in the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan.

The Senior Chairman offered a verbal excuse for the absence of the 6th elected member A. Bernet.

Governments letters Nos 318 and 397 were communicated.

The election of the Council officials and members of the several Committees was proceeded with and resulted as follows:

Chairman - P.S.Mc. Wellejus. The Chairman occupied his seat, and thanked the members for the confidence evinced

Vice Chairman - C.V. La Beet

Secretaries - V. Christensen and L. Nolte

Municipal Committee - for the electoral district of St Thomas, J.E. Kuntz, C.V. La Beet, V. Christensen.

Commissioner E.E. Harrigan
for St Jan. A.O. White

Tax Commission - L. Nolte, C.F. La Beet, J.E. Kunz, F.F. Petersen F. Christensen

Quarantine Commission - L. Nolte

Electoral Board, Town - J.E. Kunz

Electoral Board, Country - F.H. Boschulte

Electoral Board, St Jan - A.O. White

Election of two members to join His Excellency in the distribution of Their Majesties King Christian the IX and Queen Louise's Golden Wedding Fund, resulted in the return of Messrs F.H. Bornemann and C. Lawaetz.

Election of two members to join His Excellency in the distribution of T.R.H. the Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Louise's Silver Wedding Fund, resulted in the returns of Messrs P. Hortmann and C.F. La Beet.

The meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman. Secretary.

On Thursday the 12th June 1913 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 1 p.m. 1st meeting in the session 1913-1914. Present were His Excellency the Governor, members Wellejus, Christensen, Boschulte, La Beet, Kunz, Plaks, White, Harrigan and Petersen. The Chairman offered excuses for members Hortmann and Florenz. He declared the meeting open and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. It was found unnecessary to read the letters which were received, as they had been circulated before the meeting.

Before the Order of the Day was proceeded with, the Chairman by the unanimous consent of the Council proceeded with the examination of the Brief of the 6th elected member for the electoral district of the town of Charlotte Amalie, which having passed the scrutiny of the members, was declared by the Speaker, Kunz, to be in order; whereupon the Chairman declared Mr A. Burnett 6th elected member for the electoral district for the town of Charlotte Amalie, with the right to sit and vote as such. Member Burnett occupied his seat. XX)

Government's letter of the 12th inst. N. 577 concerning the authorization of Government by the Council, for the benefit of the present public roads at Long Bay to the West India Co, was communicated, and discussed in conformity with §8 of the Rules of Business. The proposal of the Chairman for only one discussion was unanimously adopted.

XX) for inquiring from the 6th elected member, whether he could have been elected in a Commission before his Brief was examined, was answered by the Chair in the negative

Paragraf 6 lyder saaledes: Forsamlingen vælger Formand, Næstformand og Bestyrelse.

De nævnte Valg anordnes således, at

Bestyrelsen

1) Bestyrelsen for Foreningen Bestaar af mindst Seks og højst Ni Medlemmer, der vælges af Generalforsamlingen.

Formanden, Forslagsstillere, Kassereren, Bibliotekaren og Revisorerne kan ikke samtidig være Medlem af Bestyrelsen.

Bestyrelsen fordeler selv Hvervene imellem sig, dog saaledes at Formanden vælges særskilt, og at Kassereren og Bibliotekaren ligeledes vælges særskilt.

Bestyrelsen træder til, saasnart Valget er foretaget, og fungerer indtil næste ordinære Generalforsamling.

Bestyrelsen sørger for Foreningens Anliggender i Mellemtiden mellem Generalforsamlingerne.

Den fører Protokol over sine Forhandlinger og Beslutninger.

Den indkalder Medlemmerne til Generalforsamlinger.

Den fører Regnskab med Foreningens Indtægter og Udgifter.

Den indstiller Medlemmer til Udelukkelse af Foreningen.

Den træffer Bestemmelse om Ansættelse af Funktionærer.

Den afgiver Beretning om sin Virksomhed paa hver ordinær Generalforsamling.

Den fastsætter Kontingentets Størrelse for det følgende Regnskabsaar.

Den kan ikke uden Generalforsamlingens Samtykke foretage Handler, der medfører Forpligtelser for Foreningen udover det Beløb, som Foreningen til enhver Tid har til Raadighed.

Den kan ikke uden Generalforsamlingens Samtykke optage Laan.

Den kan ikke uden Generalforsamlingens Samtykke sælge Foreningens Ejendele.

Den kan ikke uden Generalforsamlingens Samtykke udleje Foreningens Lokaler til andre end Foreningens Medlemmer.

Den kan ikke uden Generalforsamlingens Samtykke udlaane Foreningens Bøger

A letter was read from Mr. Ellis Keeling, member from Ward, Ryan and Le Quelet Ward.

As Committee being now present, Mr. Connell presented new Laws of by the Parish, was read by the Chairman.

Resolution

Mr. Edward Connell for Selkirk and Mr. Ian Lang seconded Council do Not Endorse the Parish Council Dog Bylaw as the Chairman has now shown the Council submitted by the Parish to be read and transferred to the Municipality as it properly was but the new road be considered in conformity to Government.

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Connell for Committee of Whole for and Mr. Ian Lang, member Ward, being present.

Resolution was then put to the vote and adopted by Carried, on motion Connell, seconded Ian, one member Ryan, voting in favour, one member Lang absenting, being present.

1 - Introduction of the Council report, a Draft of Law concerning Cow Wards and Fences in Selkirk and Dog

Mr. Chairman informed the Draft printed and the Members before the Chairman Law was perused.

Discussion ensued on which Mr. Keeling, member Connell Le Pelley and Ryan took part.

The 3rd Elected member, Le Quelet proposed a Committee of 3 to report on the Law

The 4th Elected member, Chairman proposed to close the Discussion and then Called the Committee were put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

A recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Le Quelet, Ryan, Keeping, Connell and Mills.

2 - Introduction and Discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the Registration of Fires, proposed by the 2nd Commissioner

The Chairman thanked the Clerk

The 2nd Commissioner introduced the Draft

Discussion.

A short discussion ensued on which Mr. Keeling, members Connell, Mills and Ryan took part.

A Motion proposed by the Chairman, that the Draft be referred to a Committee of 3 to report on it, was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

A recess of 5 minutes. The meeting was resumed.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Ryan, Christensen and Keeping.

The meeting closed at 3 p.m.

Secretary.

Chairman

Secretary

Aar 1913 Torsdagen den 7de August Kl. 11 Form. afholdtes et ordinairt Møde af St. Thomas og St. Jan, 2det Møde i Sessionen 1913-1914.

Tilstede vare: Hs Højvelbaarenhed, Formanden, Medlemmer Christensen, Rasmussen, La Grot, Bjernet, Knudsen, Roberts, Thorsen, Petersen og Hasager. Formanden gjorde mundtlig Underretning for 5te valgte Medl. Nolte; 1ste Folket. Medl. Mortensen mødte.

Forhandlingerne for sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges. Gouvernementets Skrivelser af 1ste Juli d. A. No 592 og af 17de samme Maaned Kommuniceredes.

Før Dagordenen foretoges Forespurgte 2det Folket. Medl. Roberts om der var nogen Bestemmelser i Politivedtægten eller Sundhedsvedtægten angaaende opsunde Fødevarer solgt ved Auktion. Hun spurgte derom at dom passende Sale og upassende Opbevaring paa Gaden m. m.

Gouvernøren svarede, at han vidste ikke, om Spørgsmaalet var ment som en Interpellation, i saa Fald kunde han ikke svare derpaa nu. Men hvis det ærede Medl. vilde forelægge Sagen for Gouvernementet ved Skrivelse eller ved en Interpellation vilde han da give Sagen sin Opmærksomhed.

Man gik over til Dagorden.

1 – 2den Behandling af Forslag til Lov om Told- og Skibsafgifter paa St Thomas og St Jan; med Udvalgs Betænkning.

Mindretals Betænkning foretoges.

6te Folket. Medl. Bjernet forelagde Betænkningen.

En kort Forhandling fandt Sted, hvori Hs Højvelbaarenhed og Medl Bjernet deltog.

Formanden forespurgte det ærede Medl om han fasthholdt sit Forslag. han svarede, ja

Flertals-Betænkning foretoges.

Ordføreren (Knudsen) forelagde Betænkningen og anbefalede dens vedtagelse

En Forhandling fandt Sted, hvori Medlemmer Roberts, Mortensen, La Grot, Bjernet, Christensen, Hasager og Gouvernøren deltog

1ste Kongev. Medl. Petersen foreslog at 1ste Behandling sluttedes.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

~~Med Gouvernementets og Rådets Samtykke erklæredes Forslaget for~~ ~~gaaet~~ ~~Behandling for sidste.~~

Afstemning over Mindretals-Betænkning foretoges:

§ 2 – Punkt 4, at lyde: "Varer, som overlosses fra Skibe til Skibe, og som enten i Konnossementet eller Generalangivelse ere anførte som bestemte direkte til andet Sted, end St Thomas og St Jan. Af Varer som over losses fra Skibe til Skibe af dem samme Linje erlægges ingen Skibsafgifter af den Ladning der overlosses," sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet. 1 for, Bjernet, 10 imod 1. (Roberts) stemte ikke.

Punkt 15 at lyde: "Brænde, Petroleum og alle Slags Olie samt Reiskul til Brug for Dampskibe der ankomme hertil efter saadant. Petroleum afsikte

At a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Attawapiskat held
at the Band Office on the 23rd day of March 1993 at 9:00 a.m.
Present were Mr. Chief Thomas Edwards, Councillors Edna
Kane, Rachel, Lee Ann Kane, Ricky, Peter, Moses, Peter
Kane and Agnes. All Councillors were present for the
elected members. All elected members Quorum present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Moved by Councillor Agnes Kane and seconded by Councillor Edna
Kane.

Before proceeding with the Agenda for the elected members, Chief
requested that if any persons with Blue Regulation Fishing Registration
expired, to renew them at the Band Office. Notice posted on
the Band Office and the Northern Store.

Mr. Chief Thomas Edwards then read the letter from
Mr. Peter Kane, Jr. Lee Ann Kane, Peter Kane and Agnes

ved 130 Prøve, 6% Told ad valorem, maa kun indføres i Kasser og oplagres i Gouvernementets Magasin, men ikke i private Pakhuse," sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet, 1 stemte for, Oxnet, 11 stemte imod.

§. 7. Punkt 3 at lyde: "At tillade Toldfrihed af alle Varer udskibes til fremmede Steder eller bruges i Kjøbmen. Hvis Told allerede er pralgt, skal den refunderes Afsenderen, naar der forelægges Beris for, at Varerne ere bestemt til Brug i fremmede Steder eller i Kjøbmen, og ikke i Land," sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet 1 stemte for, Oxnet, 11 stemte imod.

Afstemning over Flertals-Betænkning foretoges:

§ 2. Punkt 8. lus "Planter, friske Frugter og Grønsager; samt andre Have- og Markvækster til Kjøkkenbrug" sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges med 11 Stemmer, 1 imod.

Punkt 13. at Salninger, "naar de af udenlandske Tømmer vederlagefrit tilstilles disses stedlige Repræsentanter" udgaar, sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges med 10 Stemmer, 1 imod.

§ 4. Ordene efter "Autelsionskibbrummen" udgaar, sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges med 6 Stemmer (Formanden iberegnet) og 6 imod

§ 7. Punkt 2. at lyde: "At tillade Toldfri Indførsel af Proviant og Skolesfornødenheder som indføres adresseret til et bestemt Skibe paa Rejsen af, at de nævnte Genstande indføres enten af Skibet, eller dets Regering eller Ejere, samt at de indførte Genstande udelukkende ere til Brug ombord det Skib til hvilket de er adresseret. Vedkommendemaa under kaste sig den Kontrol som Toldvæsenet anser for fornøden." sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet, 3 Stemmer for, 9 imod

Punkt 3, 7de Linje, efter Ordene "Dampskibsselskabs" indskydes "eller Postbefordrings"; sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges med 10 Stemmer, 2 imod

§ 8. Punkt 3, 3dje Linje: Ordene "og at Told skal erlægges af det Skibe, Reparationen har kostet", udgaar, sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet, 6 Stemmer imod (Formanden iberegnet) 6 for

§ 2 Punkt 10 A. B. Whites Forslag, at Punkt udgaar, sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet, 3 Stemmer for, 9 imod

~~Ved Afstemningen udtalte Medlemmet Hansen for sig Undertegnede at hvis Forslaget vedtoges maatte~~ Formanden udtalte at hvis der var intet mere at bemærke vilde han foreslaa at 2den Behandling sluttedes.

3dje Følges. Medl. Ja Oxet forespurgte om hvilken Afgjørelse der vilde blive truffet i de to tilfælde, hvor der var lige mange Stemmer for og imod.

Formanden svarede, i Overensstemmelse med Forretningsordens § 19- 2den Sætning.

Formandens Forslag om Afstemning sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

Vedtaget over Gik paa til 3dje Behandling uden Afstemning.

6te Følges. Medl. Oxet, Forslag at 3dje Behandling med Gouvernementets og Raadets Samtykke foretages i Dag.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 3dje Behandling for aabnet.

Lawlor seconded the motion that the Report be adopted and adhered to, be implemented immediately, and only those matters belonging to Government, or Private enterprise, are dealt with and left in force, and that the motion be carried unanimously.

S 7 - Section 4 read. "Quantum in Township of Tuggeranong shall not be reduced, except in the case of Township land, and the reduction shall not be effected until after the Township has been surveyed and the Lots, or any of them, sold by auction" was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Standing in the Deputy Returning Officer's name.

S 2 - Section 5 read: "Land, that is not available, also the Lands and Public Reserves to be excepted from sale, was put to the vote and unanimously carried.

Part of the section, "there by an act of Congress known as the Homestead Law" be struck out, was put to the vote and adopted, on a show of hands, against.

S 4. That the words "including auction purposes" be struck out was put to the vote and adopted by Chairman (casting the Chairman's) vote against.

S 5. Sec. 2. Clause as follows: "Sale and disposal of Township of Tuggeranong and surveyed sections, not sold at auction, may be sold by the Government at any time, after the whole of the lots in any section have been offered for sale by auction, at such price as may be fixed by the Government" was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Sec. 3, on Plan, after the word "Tuggeranong" insert "Township" was put to the vote and adopted by show of hands against.

S 8. Sec 3 Plan, struck out "Lots marked for the purposes for the reserves" was put to the vote and lost, Chairman against (casting the Chairman's) vote in favour.

S 2. Sec 10 the proposal of A.D. Wilson, that the portion be struck out, was put to the vote and lost, Chairman in favour, against.

The proposal of the elected members, for the alterations in the Draft was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman put forward nothing further to offer he would propose to close the Discussion

The Elected member, Dr Ord enquired, how would the Official vote decide upon?

The Chairman replied, in conformity with the second sentence in S 17 of the Ordinance

The proposal of the Chairman was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

The draft Plan and the 3rd Discussion

The Elected member, Burnett proposed that by consent of Government the Draft the 3rd Discussion be taken at that time. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 3rd Discussion was declared open.

Space of 15 minutes was declared. The meeting was resumed

Et Opbud af 10 Medlemmer erklæredes. Mødet gjenoptoges
Sekretæren oplæste Udkast til Raadets Betænkning.

Betænkning

Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan tillader sig at foreslaa følgende Ændringer i Udkast til Lov om Told og Skibsafgifter, som er blevet forelagt Raadet til Betænkning.

§ 2 – Punkt 8. læs "Planter, friske Frugter og Grønsager, samt andre Have- og Markvækster til Menneskefode

Punkt 13, at Sætningen, "naar de af udenlandske Fartøier vederlagsfrit tilstilles disses stedlige Repræsentanter" udgaar.

§ 4. Ordene efter "Auktionskölemmmm" udgaar.

§ 7. Punkt 3, 4de Linje, efter "Dampskibsselskabet," indskydes "eller Fartøiers"

Raadet foreslaar tillige at Lovforslaget deles i to Underafdelinger.

A: Toldafgifter og B: Skibsafgifter, den sidste Underafdeling at beggrunde ved 3dje Læsning i § 9.

Udkastet i dets ændrede Form fremgaaet af Dele af Herdalets Betænkning og 4de Folket. Medd. Forslag sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

2 – Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Skoleanordning for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan.

Gouverneuren forelagde Udkastet hvorpaa Skoledirektionen forklarede dets Indhold.

Gouverneuren anbefalede Udkastet til Vedtagelse

* 1ste Behandling sluttedes og Forslaget 2det Folkes. Medd. Roberts Forslag om at det henvistes til et Udvalg af 3 til at afgive Betænkning over det

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

~~Formanden foreslog at 1ste Behandling sluttedes Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt~~

Et Opbud af 5 Minutter erklæredes. Valg til Udvalget foretoges og gav følgende Resultat. Johs Petersen K. Sørensen, P.C. Roberts 7 og J.O. Thorsen 5. Forslaget overgik derefter til 2den Behandling i Henhold til Forretningsordenens § 11, 2 Pk.

3 – 2den Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Afgaring af Øder; med Udvalgs-Betænkningen

Ordføreren forelagde Betænkningen og anbefalede dens vedtagelse Den paafølgende Vore Forhandling deltog Gouverneuren, Ordføreren, Medlemmer Mortensen, Kunlz, Petersen og Formanden.

Betænkningen sattes under Afstemning og de foreslaaede Ændringer vedtoges enstemmig.

Gouverneuren anmodede om, at 2den Behandling ~~imod Raadets Forslag~~ holdtes adskilt, hvilket vedtoges.

4 – Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Forandring af visse procentvise Afgifter m. m. foreslaaet af 2det Kongev. Medl. Wellegius

Vice Formanden overtog Formandspladsen.

2det Kongev. Medl. forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede det til Raadets Vedtagelse.

Gouverneuren bemærkede, at det var nødvendigt at foretage Ændringer i Forslaget.

The Executive Council Chamber
Report

The Colonial Council to whom was referred the following amendments to the Draft of Ordinance entitled Game and Fish Laws, which has been placed before the Council for its report.

S 2. In S. 8. to read: Birds, fish fruits and vegetables, also other game and fish produce to be used as food for man.

In S. 13. the sentence, "when they are sent free of charge from foreign ports and firms" represented as requiring "to be struck out.

S 4. That the words "including auction sales" be struck out.

S 7. In Sub S 1 (a), after the word "Corporation" insert "or other persons."

The Colonial Council also begs to propose that the Draft Laws be divided into two ordinances.

A: Game and Game Birds and B. Fish, the latter ordinance to begin at the 3rd Sec. of S 9.

The Draft is amended from, ~~subject~~ i.e. part of the Majority's report, and the proposal of the 4th elected member, now seated to the table and unanimously adopted.

2 — Introduction of amendments in Draft of Penal Ordinance for the Municipality of Bathurst and Gambia.

His Excellency presented the Draft, stating the Penal Code explained its contents at length.

His Excellency recommended the Draft for adoption.

The 4th elected member, Roberts proposed that the Draft be read the second time & referred.

~~The proposal for the Draft Ordinance established~~

~~The Chairman proposed that the Draft should be read for the second time on the 1st Monday in March next.~~

Agreed to unanimously. The meeting was resumed.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of the Aldermanic Body, A.B. Roberts James P. Pinnock & Dr Griffith pursuant to 2nd Clause of Section 10 of S 11, 2nd paragraph of the Rules of Business & Directions on Draft of Ordinance providing for Municipal Offices; with the Commandant's report.

The Council proceeded to the report and recommended, that the Draft Ordinance entitled His Excellency presented the Draft, stating the Penal Code explained its contents at length.

His Excellency recommended the Draft for adoption.

The 4th elected member, Roberts proposed that the Draft be read the second time & referred.

~~The proposal for the Draft Ordinance established~~

~~The Chairman proposed that the Draft should be read for the second time on the 1st Monday in March next.~~

Agreed to unanimously. The meeting was resumed.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of the Aldermanic Body, A.B. Roberts James P. Pinnock & Dr Griffith pursuant to 2nd Clause of Section 10, 2nd paragraph of the Rules of Business & Directions on Draft of Ordinance providing for Municipal Offices; with the Commandant's report.

The Council proceeded to the report and recommended, that the Draft Ordinance entitled An Ordinance for the Regulation of Markets, Roads, Streets and the Thoroughfares within the Municipality of Bathurst, be adopted, with the proposed amendments, unanimously except the 4th elected member, Roberts proposed that the Draft be read the second time & referred to the Committee of the Executive Council for their report.

4 — Introduction of Amendments in Draft Ordinance concerning Markets in the Municipality of Bathurst & Gambia Islands of Legal Practice, Proposed by His Excellency Governor Nelson.

The Vice Chairman vacated the chair

The Commandant introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption

His Excellency remarked, that it was necessary to introduce amendments ~~proposed in the Draft~~ to the Ordinance

Folket Ajdt. Bestyrelsen forelagde Beretning vedrørende Udviklingen af Klubafgift Ordningen vedtaget Forslaget vedrørende Ændring af Vedtægternes § 7 Stk. 2

Efter Afstemning vedtoges Forslaget.

Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 8 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Medlemmer under 18 Aar.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 9 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Passive Medlemmer.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 10 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Æresmedlemmer.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 11 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 12 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 13 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 14 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 15 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 16 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 17 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 18 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 19 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 20 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 21 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 22 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 23 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 24 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 25 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 26 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 27 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 28 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 29 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 30 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 31 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 32 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 33 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 34 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 35 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 36 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 37 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 38 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 39 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 40 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 41 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 42 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 43 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 44 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 45 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 46 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 47 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 48 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 49 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 50 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 51 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 52 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 53 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 54 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 55 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 56 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 57 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 58 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 59 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 60 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 61 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 62 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 63 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 64 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 65 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 66 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 67 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 68 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 69 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 70 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 71 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 72 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 73 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 74 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 75 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 76 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 77 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 78 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 79 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 80 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 81 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 82 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 83 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 84 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 85 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 86 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 87 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 88 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 89 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 90 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 91 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 92 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 93 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 94 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 95 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 96 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 97 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 98 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 99 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 100 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 101 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 102 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 103 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 104 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 105 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 106 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 107 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 108 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 109 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 110 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 111 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 112 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 113 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 114 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 115 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 116 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 117 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 118 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 119 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 120 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 121 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 122 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 123 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 124 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 125 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 126 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 127 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 128 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 129 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 130 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 131 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 132 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 133 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 134 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 135 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 136 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 137 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 138 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 139 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 140 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 141 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 142 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 143 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 144 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 145 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 146 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 147 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 148 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 149 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 150 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 151 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 152 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 153 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 154 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 155 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 156 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 157 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 158 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 159 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 160 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 161 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 162 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 163 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 164 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 165 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 166 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 167 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 168 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 169 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 170 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 171 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 172 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 173 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 174 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 175 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 176 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 177 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 178 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 179 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 180 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 181 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 182 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 183 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 184 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 185 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 186 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 187 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 188 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 189 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

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Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 191 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 192 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 193 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 194 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Efter Indstilling af Bestyrelsen vedtoges Forslaget om Ændring af Vedtægternes § 195 Stk. 1 Ordningen af Kontingentet for Udmeldelse.

Aar 1913 Torsdagen den 16de Oktober Kl. 1 pm. Eftm. afholdtes ordinairt Møde af Kolonialraadet for St. Thomas og St. Jan, 3die Møde i Sessionen 1913-1914.

Tilstede vare Hs. Højvelbaarenhed Guvernøren, Medlemmerne Wellejus, Christiansen, Prahl, Le Dee, Mortensen, Krantz, Lindgreen, Roberts, Thorsen og Hansager. Formanden paaberaabte Raadet paa hvem havde modtaget skriftlige Undskyldninger fra 1ste Suppleant. Medl. Johs. Petersen, 6te og 8de Folkev. Medlemmer A. Brandt og E. B. Plaate.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

2det Folkev. Medl. for St. Jan, A. B. White indtraadte.

Man gik over til Dagsordenen.

1 – Forhandlingen af 2den Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Afsoning af Bøder.

Behandlingen erklæredes aaben.

Ingen forlangte Ordet.

Formanden foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes, og at Udkastet overgik til 3die Behandling.

Forslaget sattes paa Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

2 – 2den Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Bevidner.

Behandlingen erklæredes aaben.

Ingen forlangte Ordet.

Formanden foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at Udkastet overgik til 3die Behandling.

Forslaget sattes paa Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

3 – 2den Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Forandring af visse processuelle Frister m. m., med Undtagelse af Fristen for Indvielsen.

Behandlingen erklæredes aaben.

Vice Formanden indtraadte som Formand.

2det Kongev. Medl. Wellejus forelagde Betænkningen og anbefalede den til Raadet.

Guvernøren udtalte at han var i Korrespondance med Ministeriet om de forskjellige Udkast. Inden der forelaa Svar fra Ministeriet, kunde han ingen Oplysninger give.

2det Kongev. Medl. Wellejus foreslog at Betænkningen vedtoges, at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at Udkastet overgik til 3die Behandling.

7de Folkev. Medl. Krantz støttede Forslaget.

3die Kongev. Medl. Hansager foreslog at 2den Behandling holdtes aaben.

Dette Forslag sattes paa Afstemning og blev forkastet; 4 stemte for, 6 imod.

2det Kongev. Medl. Wellejus Forslag støttet af 7de Folkev. Medl. Krantz sattes paa Afstemning og vedtoges med 6 for, 4 imod.

On Thursday the 16th October 1913 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 8 p.m. 8th meeting in the session 1913–1914.

Present were His Excellency the Governor, members Wellejus, Christensen, Oxholdt, La Beet, Mortensen, Kuntz, Lindqvist, Roberts, Thomsen and Haasager. The Chairman informed the Council that he had received written excuses from the 1st Crown member Pastor Petersen, the 6th and 8th elected members A. Grund and G. C. Clarke.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The 2nd elected member for St John, A. C. White, entered.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 — Continuation of 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the expiration of fines.

The discussion was declared open.

None demanded the word.

The Chairman proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and that the Draft be passed to 2nd discussion.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2 — 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning Court witnesses.

The discussion was declared open.

None demanded the word.

The Chairman proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Draft be passed to 3rd discussion.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3 — 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning some alterations in the limitation of actions in certain kinds of legal proceedings etc., with the Committee's report.

The discussion was declared open.

The Vice Chairman occupied the Chair.

The 2nd Crown member Wellejus introduced the report and recommended it to the Council.

The Governor said he was in correspondence with the Ministry concerning the different Drafts; he could not say anything until he had received information thereof.

The 2nd Crown member Wellejus proposed that the report be adopted, that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Draft be passed to 3rd discussion.

The 7th elected member, Kuntz, supported the proposal.

The 3rd Crown member, Haasager, proposed that the 2nd discussion be kept open.

The proposal was put to the vote and lost, 4 votes in favour, 6 against.

The proposal of the 2nd Crown member, Wellejus, supported by the 7th elected member, Kuntz, was put to the vote and adopted, 6 votes in favour, 4 against.

4 — Forhøjelse af 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om gift Kvindes Rådighed over, hvad hun erhverver ved selvstændig Virksomhed, foretaget af 2det Kongr. Medlem.

2det Kongr. Medl. Wellejus forlangte Udkastet og anbefalede dets vedtagelse.

Een Forhandling fandt Sted, hvori Gjennemsnes, Medlemmer Wellejus, Lindquist, Mortensen, Rasch og Christensen deltog.

Gaa Kongr. Medl. Hansagers Forslag at Udkastet henvistes til Udvalg, afslaaet af 3 til at afgive Erklæring over det

Forlagte paatog sig Afskrivning og Correctur.

Et Forslag fra 1ste Fuldm. Medl. Mortensen om, at 1ste Behandling skulde ogsaa Udkastet overgik til 2den Behandling paatog sig Afskrivning og rettelser.

Formanden overlog atter Stolen til Jacobsen.

5 — Valg af Mand til at bistaa ved Revisionen af Regnskaberne for Landmaanedene for 1913 (Udvidelsen S 21)

Valgte Kongr. Fuldm. for Kongens Amter, D'Hrr. Et. Bonnesen og L. E. Rasch.

for Prøvestens Amter, D'Hrr. O. Jørgensen og L. E. Jakobsen

for Hjørnets Amter, D'Hrr. L. E. Jacobsen og J. K. Hansen

for Landsdelen af Færøerne, D'Hrr. J. H. Jacobsen H. P. Nielsen

for Island, D'Hrr. E. N. Meyer og L. E. Lindquist

Hjørnet Kl. 20 Eftm.

N. Neergaard.
Formand

Ove Christensen
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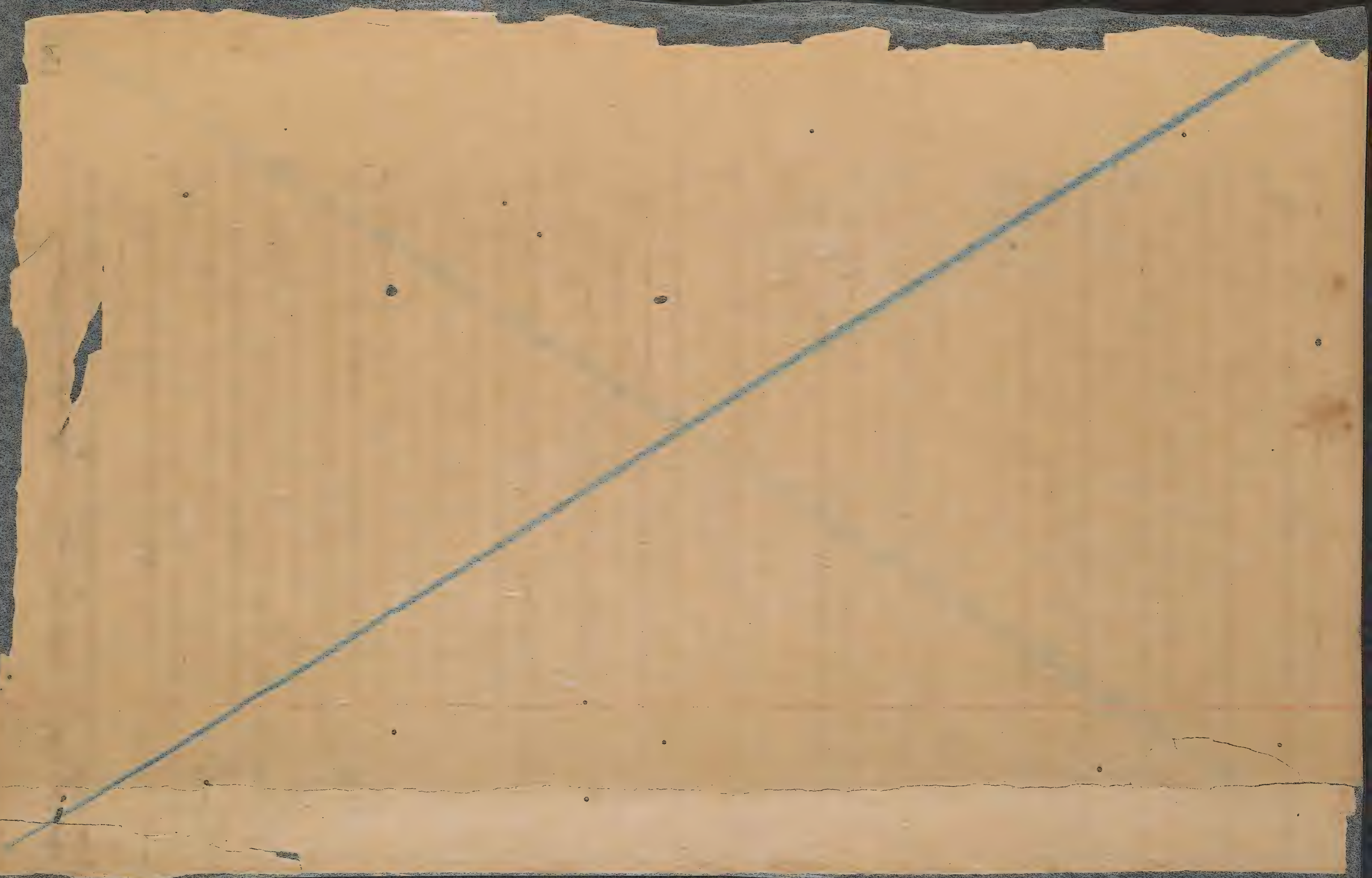

Aar 1913 Fredagen den 11te Decembr. Kl. 1 om Eftm. afholdtes
et ordinairt Møde i Kolonialraadet for St. Thomas og St. Jan, 4de Møde
i Sessionen 1913-1914.

Tilstede vare Gouvernementssekretær Paulsen, Medlemmerne
Wallejus, Nolde, Oesterlee, La Cour, Kunkel, Lindqvist, Christensen,
Thorsen, Petersen og Hansen. Førstnævnte præsiderede. Raadet
fandt at have havde modtaget en skriftlig Undskyldning fra 2det
Folkev. Medl. Blake; han gjorde mundtlige Undskyldninger
for 1ste, 2det og 6te Folkev. Medl. Mortensen, Roberts og Purcell

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Gouvernementssekretæren meddelte, at Gouvernøren paa Grund
af Sygdom ikke kunde komme.

Man gik over til Dagsordenen.

1- 3dje Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Afgivning af Vidner
Forhandlingen erklæredes for aaben.

Paa Gouverneurens Vegne anmodede Gouvernementssekretæren
om, at Forhandlingen udsattes, hvilket paa Forslag af Formanden
vedtoges

2- 3dje Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Retsforhandlinger
Forhandlingen erklæredes for aaben.

Paa Gouverneurens Vegne anmodede Gouvernementssekretæren
om, at Forhandlingen udsattes, hvilket paa Forslag af Formanden
vedtoges.

3- 3dje Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Forandring
af visse processuelle Frister m. m.
Forhandlingen erklæredes for aaben.

Paa Gouverneurens Vegne anmodede Gouvernementssekretæren
om, at Forhandlingen udsattes, hvilket paa Forslag af Formanden
vedtoges.

4- 2den Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om gift Kvindes
Raadighed over, hvad hun erhverver ved selvstændig Virk-
somhed
Forhandlingen erklæredes for aaben.

Efter nogle faa Ord fra Gouvernementssekretæren og 3dje Folkev.
Medl. La Cour, Forslag 7de Medl. Kunkel, at 2den Behandling
sluttedes og at Udkastet overgik til 3dje Behandling, hvilket For-
slag vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

5- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Be-
taling for kongelige Bevillinger for de dansk-vestindiske Øer
Forhandlingen erklæredes for aaben.

Paa Gouverneurens Vegne forelagde Gouvernementssekretæren Udkastet
og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

Efter nogle faa Ord fra 5te Folkev. Medl. Nolde, Forslag 7de Folkev. Medl.
Kunkel, at 1ste Behandling sluttedes og at Udkastet overgik til 2den Behandling

On Thursday the 11th December 1913 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 1 p.m., 4th meeting for the session 1913-1914.

Present were the Government Secretary Chairman, members Wilkens Nolte, Oxholm, Le Cat, Kuntz, Lindqvist, Christensen, Thorsen, Petersen and Hassager. The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a written excuse from the 8th elected member, Blake; he offered verbal excuses for the 1st, 2d and 6th elected members, McClennen, Roberts and Grant.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Government Secretary informed the Council that on account of sickness the Governor could not attend the meeting.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1 – 3rd Discussion re Draft of Ordinance concerning the expiration of fines

The discussion was declared open.

On behalf of the Governor the Government Secretary requested that the discussion be postponed, which on the proposal of the Chairman was adopted

2 – 3rd Discussion re Draft of Ordinance concerning court witnesses

The discussion was declared open

On behalf of the Governor the Government Secretary requested that the discussion be postponed, which on the proposal of the Chairman was adopted

3 – 3rd Discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning some alterations in the limitation of action in certain kinds of legal procedure.

The discussion was declared open.

On behalf of the Governor the Government Secretary requested that the discussion be postponed, which on the proposal of the Chairman was adopted.

4 – 2d Discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the right of married women to dispose of whatever they acquire by their own independent enterprise

The discussion was declared open.

After a few words from the Government Secretary and the 3rd elected member Le Cat, the 7th elected member, Kuntz proposed that the 2d discussion be closed and that the Draft be passed to 3rd discussion, which proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

5 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning payment for Royal grants in the Danish West India Islands

The discussion was declared open.

On behalf of the Governor the Government Secretary introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

After a few remarks from the 5th elected member Nolte, the 7th elected member Kuntz proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and that the Draft pass to 2nd discussion, which proposal was put to the

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for Menighedsraad Klemming Lov for Grønland for 2den Behandling
Forhandlingen.

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for 2den Behandling Tirsdag Middag.

Onsdag Lov om Forbud mod Salg af Spiritus m.v. 2den Behandling
Aftenmøde Klemming Madsen ansøgning Udsat
til Mandag Kl 3 Eftermiddag

Torsdag Aftenmøde Klemming Madsen ansøgning
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Tirsdag Middag.

Onsdag Lov om Forbud mod Salg af Spiritus m.v. 2den Behandling
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til Mandag Kl 3 Eftermiddag

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Grønlandske Landsbestyrelser Ændring for 2den Behandling
Tirsdag Middag.

Onsdag Lov om Forbud mod Salg af Spiritus m.v. 2den Behandling
Aftenmøde Klemming Madsen ansøgning Udsat
til Mandag Kl 3 Eftermiddag

Torsdag Aftenmøde Klemming Madsen ansøgning
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Grønlandske Landsbestyrelser Ændring for 2den Behandling
Tirsdag Middag.

Onsdag Lov om Forbud mod Salg af Spiritus m.v. 2den Behandling
Aftenmøde Klemming Madsen ansøgning Udsat
til Mandag Kl 3 Eftermiddag

Torsdag Aftenmøde Klemming Madsen ansøgning
Lov Ændring Lov om Tilskud til Bygninger for Kom-

and unanimously adopted.

The 5th elected member, Nolte proposed that the 2d discussion be transacted today. The proposal was putto the vote and unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the Chairman declared the 2d discussion open. No one requested the word. The Chairman proposed that the 2d discussion be closed.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted. The Draft passed to 3rd discussion without voting.

6 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Ordinance to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1913 to 31st March 1914.

On behalf of the Governor, the Government Secretary introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

The discussion was declared open.

After a few remarks from the 1st member for St Jan, Lindqvist, the Chairman and the 6th elected member, Nolte, the Chairman proposed that the 1st discussion be closed. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 1st member for St Jan, Lindqvist, proposed that the 2d discussion be transacted today. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 2d discussion was declared open. No one requested the word.

The proposal of the 1st member for St Jan, Lindqvist, that the 2d discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted, was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

7 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Ordinance to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1913 to 31st March 1914.

The discussion was declared open.

On behalf of the Governor, the Government Secretary introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

A short discussion ensued in which members La Cost, Nolte, Petersen, Rudy and the Government Secretary took part.

The Chairman proposed that the 1st discussion be closed. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 3rd elected member, La Cost proposed that the 2d discussion be transacted today.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

By the consent of Government the Chairman declared the 2d discussion open. No one demanded the word.

The proposal of the 3rd elected member, La Cost, that the 2d discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

8 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Budget for the

mellem Aftenen og Natten fra 1ste April til 2den Marts 1915.

Forhandlingerne lededes for aaben Dør af Formanden Degnen Forlagte Formandsbaaden Ottzbøl og nedskrevne ord Referatet.

Efter forskjellige Forhandling valgtes Formandsbaaden Skjøt. Ernæringer, Kontr. Le Roy, Kaptein Lindgren, Ottzbøl og Formanden.

Formanden forelæg, at 1ste Behandling skulde finde Sted angaaende Fiskeri mellem Skjærene og meldte Generalforsamlingen.

Det faldt Skjøt. Knut forelæg at 2den Behandling forlagte i Dag Forslaget paatog mellem Skjærene og meldte Generalforsamlingen.

Skjøt Formandsbaaden Forslaget forkastedes 2den Behandling foranledigede Skjøt Ernæringer Skjøt Ernæringer forelæg at 2den Behandling skulde finde Sted af Ottzbøl vedlagte.

Afstemning over Ottzbøl Forslaget:

Indlagte; ingen Omstemningsforslag, vedtaget enstemmigt.

Vedtaget; ingen Omstemningsforslag, enstemmigt

Skjøt Ernæringer Skjøt Ernæringer forelæg nette under Afstemning vedtaget enstemmigt.

9- Forslagene og 1ste Behandling af Ottzbøl til Generalforsamlingen Behandledes paa Skjøt. Forslaget af 2den Ernæringer. Skjøt Formanden fremhævede og Vedformandet paatalte nødvendigheden af Skjøt Ernæringer Skjøt Skjøt Skjøt Forslagene Ottzbøl og vedtoges at Ottzbøl vedtagelse.

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra 2den Skjøt. Ottzbøl og Formandsbaaden, forelæg 2den Skjøt. Skjøt Ottzbøl 1ste Behandling skulde og skulde medtages i Ottzbøl af 3die at afgive Betænkning over Ottzbøl, hvilket Udvalg valgte under Afstemning og vedtoges.

Følgende Udvalget Forslagene vedtoges følgende Medlemmer: P. Nilsen med Formand, P. A. Christensen og L. E. Knudsen.

Formanden meddelte at Fade.

10- Behandling af Ottzbøl til Ansøgning af Fiskeri og Opfiskeri for Aaret 1915, med Vedtagelse Erklæring. Ansøgningen forelaa Dise. Følgende Skjøt Skjøt Skjøt

Bekræftelse

Efter Valg af Ansøgningen Fiskeri og Opfiskeri for Aaret 1915 vedtagne Ansøgninger, forelaa Ottzbøl. de ikke forlagte nogen Kvittering for L. Knudsen Ottzbøl, Elliott Thomas og Chas. D. Ernæringer, og at "Samt Kvalenæringen Aktieselskab," ved Jens af Laden.

Ottzbøl til Ansøgning af Fiskeri og Opfiskeri, St Thomas dise 23 Novbr 1915

H. C. Knudsen, Carl O. Ernæringer, P. A. Christensen, L. E. Knudsen

Formanden

Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1914 to 31st March 1915

The discussion was declared open

On behalf of the Governor, the Government Secretary introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

A discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary, members Hassager, Kunkz, La Bat, Petersen, Lindqvist, Christensen and the Chairman took part.

The Chairman proposed that the 1st discussion be closed. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 4th elected member, Kunkz proposed that the 2d discussion be transacted today. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

By consent of Government the 2d discussion was declared open.

The 3rd crown member, Hassager proposed that the 2d discussion be closed and the Draft be adopted.

The voting on the Draft was proceeded with:

Revenues, no amendments, unanimously adopted.

Expenses, no amendments, unanimously adopted

The proposal of the 3rd crown member Hassager was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

9- Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the Fire Department in St Thomas; proposed by the 2d crown member.

The Chairman vacated the chair, which was occupied by the Vice Chairman

The 2d crown member, Wellejus introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption

After a few remarks from the 4th elected member, Christensen and the Government Secretary, the 4th elected member proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and that a Committee of 3 be appointed to report on the Draft, which proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of P. Wellejus by 9 votes, V. A. Christensen 7 and J. E. Kunkz 4.

The Chairman resumed his seat.

10- Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes for the 2nd half year of 1912; with the Committee's report. was discussed within closed doors. The Secretary read the report

Report.

Having duly considered the declarations handed in against the Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes for the 2d half year of 1912, your Committee begs to propose that no reduction take place in the assessment complained of by L Speltzman-Iggerholm, Elliott N[illegible] and Edw. D. Simmonds and that the "Danish Factories Forsikrings Aktieselskabet" be struck off the list

Committee on Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes, St Thomas the

Aarhuus ved Aalborg-Banen ester Afskrivning vedtoge
nedsmidt

Gjentaget U. S. Efter

Aarhuus

Formand

Aar 1914 Fredagen den 20de Januar Kl 4 om Eftm. afholdtes
Aarhuus-Amtsraad Møde af Kl 4 til 7 og 8 Timer og 8 Januar
vedtaget af Formanden, Amtsraadsmedlemmerne Kl 10 Formiddag

Tilstede var Hr Kjøbmand Jul Sørensen, Læge Dr. Med.
Lyø, Ekvipagemester Bruhn, Gaardmand Hansen, Kjøbmand Rasmussen, Læge Dr. Med.
Rønø, Kjøbmand Pedersen

Formanden underrettede Forsamlingen om, at han havde anmeldt
at afgive skriftlige Meddelelser fra 6 Folketingsmænd. 7de
Folketingsmand, Gaardejer Jørgensen meddelte Afbud for 2den Møtedag
for B Jens Møde.

Aarsregnskabet for 1913 Gjennemgaaet.

1—2den Behandling af Forslag til Bekendtgørelse for Kommunerne Bi
Skanderup og Egtved, med Udvalgsbetænkningen. Forhandlingen af-
klædtes forsaavidt.
Oplæsningen af Udvalgets fordagte Betænkningen med fem Bilag og an-
befalede dette Vedtagelse

5te Følting Hegel Nielsen mødte

Derefter foretoges Forhandling dels om Spørgsmaalet, Hegel. Christensen,
Vejrum, Hegel Bruhnke, Pedersen og Nielsen

4de Følting Hegel. Christensen, Vejrum, fremsatte Forslag om, at Forslaget tilbagesendtes til
Udvalget, og at der valgtes et Udvalg til at komme dette angaaende
Sagen.

3die Følting Hegel. Nielsen, Ølby fremsatte Forslag, at 5te Følting Hegel. Christensen
valgtes som Medlem af Udvalget til at hjælpe med Forslagets
fremtidige Behandling i Udvalget

2den Følting Hegel. Pedersen, Ølsted fremsatte Forslag, at Udvalget bestod af
3 Medlemmer foruden Formanden og Amtmanden, og
Forslaget derefter vedtoges

1ste Følting Hegel. Rønø fremsatte Forslag om, at Udvalget bestod af 5
Medlemmer, og valgtes med 8 Stemmer, 2 mod.

Formanden bemærkede, at 2den Behandling følgelig maatte
blive udsat indtil

Efter Oplæsning af de Amtmanden forelagte Regnskaber. Valg foretoges med
følgende Resultat. Medlemmer Christensen og Nielsen blev
valgte blandt nærværende Medlemmer.

Formanden bemærkede, at han maatte lade 3die Punkt paa Dagsor-
den bestaa indtil Kl 10 den 21de Januar.

23rd November 1913.

J. E. Kunz, Carl V. La Cour & N. J. Christensen, be E. Managers

The Draft with the report was put to the vote and adopted

The meeting closed at 3. p. m.

Christensen.
Chairman

Jensen Q.K.
Secretary

On Thursday the 22nd January 1914 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 1. p. m. convened by Government pursuant to s 31 of the Colonial Law.

Present were His Excellency the Governor, members Wallace, Christensen Brathwaite, Mortensen, Kunz, Drake, La Cour, Roberts, Thorsen and Petersen

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a written excuse from the 6th elected member, Branch. The 7th elected member, Kunz offered a verbal excuse for the 2nd elected member for St Jan, White

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1- 2nd Discussion on Draft of School Ordinance for St Thomas and St Jan, with the Committee's report.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Speaker of the Committee, Roberts, in a few words introduced the report and recommended its adoption.

The 5th elected member, Nolte entered.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, member Christensen, the Speaker, members Brathwaite, Petersen and Nolte took part.

The 4th elected member, Christensen proposed to return the Draft to the Committee and to elect a Committee to revise the English text.

The 5th elected member, Nolte proposed that the 4th elected member Christensen be elected to join the Committee in making the necessary corrections in the Draft.

The 2nd elected member, Roberts proposed that 2 members be elected to join the Committee in correcting the discrepancies in the Draft, also the English text.

The proposal of the 2nd elected member was put to the vote and adopted by 8 votes, 2 against.

The Chairman remarked that the 2nd discussion would consequently be kept open.

A recess of 10 minutes was declared. The election was proceeded with, resulting in the return of members Christensen and Nolte to join the original Committee

The Chairman remarked that he would let the 3rd item be discussed before the 2nd

3die Punkt paa Dagsordenen forelaa.

Forelæggelse af 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning for de danske ved indiske Pie paa Forandring i Reglementerne om Rederier.

Gouvernementet forelagde Udkastet med mange faa Ord og anbefalede det til Vedtagelse.

Forhandlingen erklæredes for aaben. Den paafølgende korte Forhandling deltog Gouvernementet, Mgdl. Nolte, Krantz, Christensen, Le Dent og Formanden.

Formanden paatalte, at han ingen Indvendinger havde imod, at det blev erklæret for 1ste Behandling og blev Forslaget overgivet til 2den Behandling. Formand paa allerede derefter 1ste Behandling

Mgdl. Holten. Mgdl. Krantz foreslog at 2den Behandling foretages i Dag, hvilket vedtoges.

Mgdl. Gouvernementet og Rederie Sandhske erklæredes 2den Behandling for aaben.

Mgdl. Holten. Mgdl. Nolte foreslog at 2den Behandling udsattes. Forslaget antoges enstemmig

Udkastet overgik til 3die Behandling.

2 — 3die Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Rederier

Forhandling erklæredes for aaben.

Mgdl. Holten. Mgdl. Nolte og efter nogle faa Bemærkninger til Udkast tiltoges.

Formanden spurgte, om nogen Mgdl. ville afgive Forslaget, ingen afgav Forslaget, hvorefter Formanden erklærede det for bortfaldet.

4 — Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Told- og Skibsafgifter paa Island og Færøerne

Gouvernementet forelagde Forslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse

Forhandlingerne erklæredes for aaben

Mgdl. Holten. Nolte foreslog at 1ste Behandling udsattes og at Forslaget henvistes til Udvalg af 3.

Forslaget paatoges under Afstemning og vedtoges med 8 Stemmer, 2 imod.

Valg af 3 Medlemmer til Udvalget erklæredes. Valg foretoges med følgende Resultat. Medlemmer Le Dent, Hansager og Christensen blev valgte

Næste Møde Kl. 3. 10. Efter.

Nellemann.
Formand

Lenzik
Sekretær

The 3rd item on the Order of the Day was proceeded with.

Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance for the Danish West India Islands concerning alteration of the rules about certificates.

His Excellency in a few words introduced and recommended the Draft for adoption.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A short discussion ensued, in which His Excellency, members Nolte, Kunz, Chpuisseaux, La Beet and the Chairman took part.

The Chairman said, if the members had no further remarks to make he would close the 1st discussion and pass the Draft to 2nd discussion. The Chairman declared the 1st discussion closed.

The 7th elected member, Kunz, proposed that the 2nd discussion take pla today, which proposal was adopted.

By consent of Government and the Council the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 5th elected member, Nolte proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

The Draft passed to 3rd discussion

2 – 3rd Discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning court-witnesses

The discussion was declared open.

The 5th elected member, Nolte, after a short remark on the Draft

The Chairman enquired if any member intended to take up the matter. No one took it up, whereupon the Chairman declared it withdrawn.

4 – 1st Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning Custom House and Ship Dues in St Thomas and St Jan.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 5th elected member, Nolte proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and that the Draft be referred to a Committee of 3 to report on it.

The proposal was put to the vote and adopted by 8 votes, 2 against.

A recess of 10 minutes was declared. The voting was proceeded with resulting in the return of members La Beet, Hassinger and Christensen.

The meeting closed at 3.10 p. m.

Williams.
Chairman

Leroy Clark
Secretary

1 Ar gyfraith gwaharddir i blentyn dan 16 oed gael ei gyflogi i weithio yn ystod yr oriau canlynol:

2 Rhwng 8 o'r gloch y nos a 6 o'r gloch y bore.

3 Ar ddiwrnod ysgol, cyn iddo orffen ei addysg lawn yn yr ysgol honno.

4 Ar ddiwrnod ysgol, cyn iddo orffen ei addysg lawn yn ôl unrhyw drefniadau arbennig a wnaed gan yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol.

5 Ar ddiwrnod ysgol, cyn iddo orffen ei addysg lawn yn ôl unrhyw drefniadau arbennig a wnaed gan yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol.

6 Ar ddiwrnod ysgol, cyn iddo orffen ei addysg lawn yn ôl unrhyw drefniadau arbennig a wnaed gan yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol.

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17 Ar ddiwrnod ysgol, cyn iddo orffen ei addysg lawn yn ôl unrhyw drefniadau arbennig a wnaed gan yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol.

18 Ar ddiwrnod ysgol, cyn iddo orffen ei addysg lawn yn ôl unrhyw drefniadau arbennig a wnaed gan yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol.

19 Ar ddiwrnod ysgol, cyn iddo orffen ei addysg lawn yn ôl unrhyw drefniadau arbennig a wnaed gan yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol.

20 Ar ddiwrnod ysgol, cyn iddo orffen ei addysg lawn yn ôl unrhyw drefniadau arbennig a wnaed gan yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol.

On Thursday the 26th February 1914 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 6 p.m. 5th meeting in the session 1913-1914.

Present were: His Excellency the Governor, members Nelleyes, Noble, Prackelle, La Roche, Kuntz, Blake, White, Christensen, Hansgaper and Petersen. Verbal excuses were offered for members Mortensen, Roberts and Thorsen.

The minutes of the two last meetings 11th December 1913 and 22nd January a.c. were read and adopted.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day the Chairman in few words expressed his sympathy on the demise of the late 6th elected member A. Per- which took place on net; the members rose from their seats.
the 30th January a.c.

By the unanimous consent of the Council the scrutiny of the election brief of the newly elected 6th member for the electoral district of the town, J. P. Jørgensen, in place of the late A Pernet, was proceeded with and found to be in order, whereupon the Chairman declared him a member of the Council with the right to sit and vote as such.

Member Jörgensen entered

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1- Continuation of 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the capitation of fines.

2- Continuation of 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning some alterations in the limitations of actions in certain kinds of legal procedure.

The Chairman informed the Council that the discussion on the first two items on the Order of the Day would not take place today as the Governor had not as yet had any communication from the Minister about them.

3- 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the right of married women to dispose of whatever they acquire by their own independent enterprise; with amendments from Government.

The discussion was declared open.

His Excellency introduced the amendments and recommended their adoption.

The Chairman put the amendments to the vote which were unanimously adopted. The Chairman proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed, the proposal was unanimously adopted. The Draft in its amended form was then put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

4- 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning payment for royal grants in the Danish West India Islands; with amendment from Government.

The Chairman declared the discussion open

His Excellency introduced the amendment and recommended its adoption. The Chairman put the amendment to the vote which was unanimously adopted. The Chairman proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed, which proposal was unanimously adopted. The Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5— 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance for the Danish West India Islands

for min Forandring i Bestemmelserne om Retsvidner; med Ca. undtagsforslag fra Gjennemmarket.

Forhandlingen erklæredes for aaben.

Gjennemmarken forelagde Ændringsforslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse

Formanden satte Forslaget, nemlig Afstemning, og det vedtoges enstemmigt af Formanden foreslog at 3die Behandling skulde finde Sted paa nærmeste Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt. Ordet i det anførte Forslag paatoges nærmeste Afstemning og vedtoges med alle Stemmer mod 1 (Christensen).

6- 2den Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Skjendvæsenet fra Landet; med Udvalgets Indstillinger.

Forhandlingen erklæredes for aaben.

Ordføreren forelagde Indstillingen og anbefalede dens Vedtagelse

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra Gjennemmarken, Ordføreren og Formanden, foretoges Afstemning.

Efter Medlemmernes Forslag skulde Anordningsforslag ene, at §1 affattes saaledes:

"Forpligtelsen ved Omgang med Ild med farlig Slags, der bør iagttages for at undgaa Ildfare"

og om, at Ordet "gaa" i §5 Indgang, og det Ordet "forefinde i samme Indgang fattet til "dømme" samt med Ordene "naar Ageren" i §23 nævnte saa blive vedtagne, medens forøvrigt i Betænkningen fattede Indstilling forslag.

Formanden foreslog derefter at 2den Behandling skulde finde sted ved nærmeste Møde.

Justitsminister Bjørn foreslog, at 3die Behandling foretages i Dag. Forslaget vedtoges uden Afstemning og vedtoges uden Votering.

Herr Gjennemmarken Hansteen erklærede Formanden 3die Behandling for aaben.

Herr Justitsminister Christensen foreslog, at 3die Behandling skulde finde sted paa nærmeste Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt. Udkastet i dets Helhed paa nærmeste Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

7- 2den Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Told- og Skibsafgiften fra Sverige og St Jan; med Udvalgets Indstilling.

Formanden erklærede Forhandling for aaben.

Ordføreren (Hansteen) forelagde Betænkningen og anbefalede dens Vedtagelse

Dens paafølgende Forhandling deltog Gjennemmarken, Justitsministeren, Kontorchef Thrane og Skatteinspektør Hansteen.

Efter det til Forslaget 3 nyttede Ændringsforslag vare Stemmerne forkastet med 5 Stemmer (Formandens) mod 5, og en Omvotering paa Gjennemmarken paa at Ordene i den 2den Del af §10 "i Forslaget" udgaa og at 2det Punktum i §10 saaledes affattet henskydes paa 3die Punktum i §11 nævnt, foretog 3die Læs-

concerning alteration of the polls and ridings, with amendments from Government.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

His Excellency introduced the amendment and recommended its adoption. The Chairman put the amendment to the vote, which was unanimously adopted. The Chairman proposed that the 3rd discussion be then read and recommended for adoption. The Draft as thus amended, was put to the vote and accepted by 10 votes, one (Chairman) against

6— 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the Civil Department in St Thomas, with the Committee's report.

The Speaker (Chairman) introduced the report and recommended its adoption.

After a few remarks from His Excellency, the Speaker and the Chairman, the voting on the Draft was proceeded with.

After the amendment by the Governor, that 31 be passed thus:

"The precautions in dealing with fire, by the ~~police~~ and all other rules ~~shall~~ to be observed to avoid danger of fire"

and, that the word "also" in 33 be struck out, and that the words "above mentioned" in the same paragraph be changed to "this" and that the words in 323 "in last appointed" be struck out, were adopted, the balance of the amendments proposed in the report were adopted.

The Chairman proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed, which was unanimously accepted.

The 1st Elected member, Skerrett proposed that the 3rd discussion be proceeded with today. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Capt Swanston & Smyth volunteered to assist Major Government Engineer

The Government agreed the 3rd discussion was declared open

The 1st Elected member, Chisholm proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and that the Draft as thus amended for be adopted. The Draft as thus amended form was then put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

7— 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning Crown Lands and Sheep Runs in St Thomas and St John, with the Committee's report.

The Chairman declared the discussion open

The Speaker (Hassager) introduced the report and recommended its acceptance

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Hassager, Kemp, Chisholm and Skerrett took part.

After the amendment proposed to 39 was lost by 5 votes (including the Chairman's) against 3, and a sub amendment from the Governor that the words in the English text 810 "in marks" be struck out and that the 2nd piece in 810 as amended be numbered to 811 as 3 piece was adopted, the 3rd Elected member Hassager proposed that the voting on the

Mødal. Vaagaas, at Afstemning over de andre Ændringsforslag foretages ved Navneopraab, hvorefter paa nye Ændringsforslag vil Afstemningen foretages ved hvert enkelt Forslag særskilt.

Mødet hævet 3.50 Eftm.

Formand. Sekretær.

Aar 1914 Fredagen den 10 April Kl 1. Eftm. aftholdtes ekstraordinært Møde af Kommunalbestyrelsen for St Thomas og St Jans, tilligemed i Session 1913-1914.

Tilstede vare Gouvernementschefen Paumann, Medlemmerne Wellejus, Nolte, Arvesen, Mortensen, Mike, Krantz, Clarke, Lindegaard, Jørgensen, Thorsen og Pedersen; mundtlig Undskyldning gjordes for 3dje Folketr. Mødt. Kl. Eft.

Et Brev fra 3dje Kreds Mødt. Vaagaas, hvorved han meddelte sit Afgang fra Øen og fremmedlig ikke vil være tilbage Maaneder Kommunaldes af Formanden.

Forhandlingerne for sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Men gik over til Dagsordenen.

1 - Forslaget ved 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jans for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1913 til 31te March 1914.

Paa Gouvernørens Vegne forklarede Gouvernementssekretæren Forslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

I den paa følgende Forhandling deltog Mødt. Jørgensen, Mortensen, Mike, Krantz, Gouvernementssekretæren og Mødt. Nolte.

3die Folketr. Mødt. Noltes Forslag at 1ste Behandling afsluttedes saaledes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling.

Mødt Gouvernementschefen Spørgsmaalet forklaredes Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben.

4de Folketr. Mødt. Krantz foreslog at 2den Behandling afsluttedes og at Forslaget vedtoges som det laa.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og blev vedtoges med 10 Stemmer, 1 (Jørgensen) imod.

2. - Valg af tvende Medlemmer til i Forening med Gouvernøren at uddele Renterne af Deres Majestæter Kong Christian IX. og Dronning Louises Guldbryllupslegat.

Valg foretoges. D'Hrr Johs. Petersen og Abram Smith blev valgte.

3 - Valg af tvende Medlemmer til i Forening med Gouvernøren at uddele Renterne af Deres Kongelige Højheder Kronprins Frederik og Kronprindsesse Louises Sølvbryllupslegat.

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Valg foretages. D'Hrr P. Mortensen og A. Pedersen blev valgte.

4.- Forhandling af Udkast til Ansættelse af Politi- og Lygteskatten for 1ste Halvaar 1913, med Udvalgets Betænkning. Foretages for lukkede Døre. Sekretæren oplæste Betænkningen.

Betænkning

Efter behørig at have overvejet de angaaende Politi- og Lygteskatten for 1ste Halvaar 1913 modtagne Ansøgninger foreslaar Udvalget at: der ikke foretages nogen Nedsættelse for "The St Thomas Day Ann Company", "Den Kjøbenhavnske Sø Assurance Forening", Hr. Mikkelsen og D'Hrr Smith Bros. og at L. Predgman Agerholm nedsættes fra 7de til 8de Klasse Emsle A. Bærne fra 8de til 9de, "The Cie Gle Transatlantique" fra 8de til 11te: at Ivan Severinsen, Politibetjent, Hermann Nielsen, Mauritz, Pekaring, Skraden og Frederik Ophele, Snedker pedages af Listen.

Udvalg til Ansættelse af Politi- og Lygteskatten, St Thomas den 8de April 1914.

J. E. Krantz, V. A. Christensen, Emil V. Lac Dael
Næstformand

Nærværende Betænkningen paatoges enstemmigt.

Mødet hævet Kl. 3. Eftm.

Mikkelsen
Formand

Krantz
Sekretær

Aar 1914 den 22 Maj Kl. 2 Eftm. afholdtes et ekstraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan sammenkaldt af Gouvernementet i Henhold til Kolonialloven § 3: Tilstede vare Medlemmerne Mortensen, Christiansen, Petersen, Nolte, Krantz, Lindquist, Jørgensen og Pedersen

Medformanden Mortensen erklærede Mødet for aabnet og opfordrede 4te Suppl. Medl. Christensen til at fungere som Sekretær.

Følgende Skrivelser kommuniceredes af Medformanden:

Skrivelse af 28de April d. A. No 36 fra Formanden til Vicepræsidenten hvorved han anmodes om at varetage Formandspligterne under hans Fraværelse indtil en ny Formand er blevet valgt

Skrivelse af 9de Maj d. A. fra Vicepræsidenten Emil V. Lac Dael til Raadet, hvorved han meddelte sin Afrejse fra Øen for et Tidsrum af circa 3 Maaneder.

Skrivelse af 13de Maj d. A. fra 4de Kongr. Medl. V. I. Petersen, hvorved han meddelte Raadet sin Afrejse fra Øen for et Tidsrum af circa 6 Maaneder.

Man gik over til Dagsordenen.

1-2.- Valg af Raadets Embedsmænd og Medlemmer af de forskellige Kommissioner foretages med følgende

Resultat

The pleadings were proceeded with, resulting in the return of Messrs P. Mortensen and A. Petersen.

4. Question re Draft of Assessment of Rates & Taxes for the 1st half-year of 1914, with the Committee's report.

The Secretary read the minute and directed attention to the Recommendation of the Report

Report.

Having duly considered the matter referred to us regarding the Draft of Assessment of Rates & Taxes for the 1st half-year of 1914, your Committee beg to report that no objection has been taken in the manner prescribed by "The Rates Ordinance, 1911", but that the Assessment be confirmed.

Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Petersen having left the room, Mr. Mitchell took the chair, and Frederick Cobb, junior member of the Committee, Assessment of Rates & Taxes, Returned the 25th April 1914.

J. C. Lundy, T. A. Christensen, Carl P. Le Cast.
Chairman.

The Draft with the report was put to the vote and unanimously accepted

The meeting closed at 3 p.m.

Mitchell
Chairman.

Lorch
Secretary

On Friday the 22nd May 1914 the Colonial Council for Pitcairn and was to have held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. convened by Government Proclamation No 3 of the Colonial Laws. Present were members Mortensen, Christensen, Brodie, Nobbs, Young, Lindgren, Jorgensen and Petersen.

The Senior Chairman, Mr Petersen declared the meeting open and regretted the absence of elected members, Chairmen had also Secretary.

The following letters were communicated by the Senior Chairman:

Letter of the 25th April a.c. from the Chairman to the Vice Chairman informing him of his departure from the island, and requesting him to attend to the duties of the Council until a new Chairman is elected.

Letter of the 9th May a.c. from the Vice Chairman to the Council concerning his departure from the island for a period of about 3 months.

Letter of the 13th May a.c. from the 4th Senior member, T. P. Christian informing the Council of his departure from the island for a period of about 6 months.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1—2. The election of the Council's Officials and members of the different Commissions was proceeded with and resulted as follows:

Formand – P. P. Mc-Wellayce, Gjenvalgt, enstemmigt

Vice formand – J. E. Kruntz. Viceformanden indtog Formandensplaceen

Sekretairer – V. A. Christensen og L. Nolte, Gjenvalgte

Kommunaludvalget. for St Thomas Valgkreds, P. P. Jørgensen, Nyvalgt, V. A. Christensen og J. E. Kruntz Gjenvalgte

for St Croix. A. B. White, Gjenvalgt.

Suppl. Medl. Johs. Petersen

2det Medl. for St Jan, White, indfandt sig.

Skattekommissionen – Carl V. La Cour, V. A. Christensen, J. E. Kruntz, L. Nolte og V. P. Thorsen, Gjenvalgte

Karantænekommissionen – V. A. Christensen.

Valgbestyrelsen for Byen – J. E. Kruntz, Gjenvalgt.

Valgbestyrelsen for Landet – J. H. Broschulte, Gjenvalgt

Valgbestyrelsen for St Jan – W. E. March

Udskrivning af Ordenskorpset – J. C. Roberts

Kom. Kirkegaardskommissionen – J. H. Broschulte og G. B. Blake, Gjenvalgte

Skolekommissionen for Landet – J. P. Jørgensen

Skolekommissionen for St Jan – J. E. Lindqvist, Gjenvalgt

1st Medl. for St Jan, Lindqvist, forlod Mødet. Forhandlingerne fredede Mødet ophævedes og vedtoges

Guvernementssekretær Baumann, indfandt sig

3dje Punkt paa Dagsordenen fortoges.

Sanktionering og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordninger om Told- og Skibsafgifter paa St Thomas og St Jan.

Paa Guvernørens Vegne forlagde Guvernementssekretæren Forslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

I denne paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Lehniertsen, Guvernementssekretæren, Medlemmerne Nolte og Jørgensen.

1ste Suppl. Medl. Mortensen forlod Mødet. Fra dette Øjeblik var Mødet ikke fuldtalligt og de paafølgende Afstemninger følgelig ugyldige.

V. A. Christensen
Sekretær.

Vicaformand
J. E. Kruntz

Chairman - J.M. Hodges, unanimously selected

Vice Chairman - A.E. Hardy, Motion Chairman empowered the Chair

Secretary - J.A. Chadwick was Little, selected.

Committee on Credentials - for the ensuing year, A.J. Jorgensen, J.L. Chadwick and A.E. Hardy, selected

J.A. Jones A.O. White, selected

Committee Otto Peterson.

Motion 2nd motion for Jones, White, adopted.

Time Convention - Call to Order, J.A. Chadwick, A.E. Hardy, Little was J.P. Peters, selected

Executive Committee - J.A. Chadwick

Electoral Board for the State - A.E. Hardy, selected.

Electoral Board for the County - A.O. Goodell selected

Electoral Board for L. Jones - H.E. Marsh.

Drafting of the Platform - A.O. Peters

Public Speakers Committee - A.O. Goodell was J.O. Clark, selected

School Committee for the County - A.P. Jorgensen

School Committee for L. Jones - A.E. Lundquist, selected

Motion for L. Jones, Lundquist retires. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

Permanent Secretary Chairman selected.

Motion Motion the Order of the Day now proceeded with.

Discussion for Chairman Duff Policy concerning Custom Fees and Duty Free Ports and L. Jones.

On behalf of His Excellency the Secretary introduced the Resolution proceeded to explain

A discussion ensued in which members Chairman, the Governor Secretary, Goodell Little and Jorgensen took part.

Motion Motion placed on file, Chairman retires. The meeting was subsequently instructed a recess and the decision made in the latter part of the meeting were subsequently invalid

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Aar 1914 Onsdagen den 27. Maj Kl. 2 Eftm. afholdtes et skriftligt Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan sammenkaldt af Vicepræsidenten i Kjøbenhavn til Forhandlingerne ifølge Forordningens § 4. Tilstede vare Gouvernementssekretæren Paumann. Medl. Kuntz, Nolte, Oppenhuth, Mortensen, Bloch, Lindqvist, Christensen, Jørgensen og Pedersen.

Med de Raadets Samtykke foreloges Dagsordenen i Kjøbenhavn til Forhandlingerne ifølge Forordningens § 8.

1 – Forhandling af 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Told og Skibsafgifter paa St Thomas og St Jan.

Vicepræsidenten erklærede 1ste Behandling for aaben.

5te Følker. Medl. Nolte foreslog at 1ste Behandling sluttedes.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt. Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling.

4de Følker. Medl. Christensen foreslog at 2den Behandling foretoges i Dag, med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt.

Vicepræsidenten erklærede med Gouvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling for aaben.

4de Følker. Medl. Christensen foreslog nogle faa Ændringer til Forslaget viz: § 2. a. i den Engelske Tekst, i 4de Linje efter Ordet "ton", udgaa "discharged", og at der indskydes "occupied by fuel oil or fossil coal to be discharged per steamship or steamships here."

I § 13. 2det Stykke, 2det Linje, efter Ordet "clearing" udgaa "outward" i 3die Linje efter "are granted for" udgaa "clearing outwards" og indskydes "entering". § 30 læs "section" i Stedet for "No": I § 31. 9de Linje, efter Ordet, "Ordinance", indskydes "No 23"

Ændringsforslagene sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

1ste Medl. for St Jan, Lindqvist foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes og at med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke 3die Behandling foretoges i Dag.

Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt. Med Gouvernementets Samtykke erklærede Vicepræsidenten 3die Behandling for aaben.

Gouvernementssekretæren anbefalede Forslagets vedtagelse til Raadets Overv.

4de Følker. Medl. Christensen foreslog at 3die Behandling sluttedes og at Forslaget i dets ændrede Form vedtoges.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

2 – Fastsættelse af den Betaling, der skal ydes Retsvidnerne, i den ordinære Gyde, samt af den Fremgangsmaade, der skal følges ved Retsvidnernes Ansættelse.

Den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Vicepræsidenten, Medl. Mortensen Petersen, Jørgensen, Nolte og Christensen

Et Forslag fra Vicepræsidenten om den Fremgangsmaade der skal følges ved Retsvidnernes Ansættelse og om det Beløb, der skal ydes

On Wednesday the 2nd May 1917 the Executive Council for Rotuma met in Ipan Hall and adjourned meeting at 2 p.m. presently by the Vice Chairman pursuant to s 4 of the Rules of Procedure. Present were: The Hon. Government Secretary Chairman, members Rudolph, Wolfe, Roschelle, Mortensen, Hale, Lindqvist, Christensen, Jorgensen and Peterson.

By consent of the Council, pursuant to s 58 of the Rules of Procedure the Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 - Continuation of the 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning Customs Charges and Duties in Rotuma and Ipan.

The Vice Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 5th elected member, Wolfe proposed that the 1st discussion be closed. The proposal was unanimously accepted. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

The 4th elected member, Christensen proposed that by consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion be terminated today. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

By consent of the Council and Government, the Vice Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 4th elected member, Christensen proposed a few amendments to the English text of the Ordinance: s 2 a. in 4th line, after the word "tax," strike out the word "discharged" and insert "occupied by fuel oil or fossil coal to be discharged or transhipped here."

In s 13, 2nd paragraph, second line, after the word "clearing" strike out the word "inward", in third line, after the words "as provided for" strike out "clearing inwards," and insert "entering."

In s 30 instead of "6" read "section". In s 34, 5th line, after the word "Ordinance" insert "No 23".

The amendments were unanimously adopted.

The 1st reading for Ipan, Pinalgrist proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed, which duly carried. By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion be terminated today.

The proposal was unanimously adopted. By consent of Government the 3rd discussion was declared open.

The Government Secretary recommended the Draft to the Council's acceptance.

The 4th elected member, Christensen proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed, and that the Draft be recommended for be accepted.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2 - Discussion on the objectives of the Payment which shall be given to Councillors in the Town Court, also the manner of procedure that would be followed in their appointment.

Discussion arose as which the Vice Chairman, members Mortensen, Peterson, Jorgensen, Wolfe and Christensen took part.

A proposal of the Vice Chairman regarding the manner of procedure in the appointment of the witnesses, was moved by [illegible]

jdes Dom, paatles under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Mødet hævet Kl 3.40 Eftm.

Fmd. [signature]

Sekr. [signature]

Aar 1914 Torsdagen den 6 August Kl. 2 Eftm. afholdtes et ordinaire Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, 1ste ordinaire Møde i Sessionen 1914-1915.

Tilstede vare Gouverneuren, Medl. Wellejus, Christensen, Borchardt, Mørkenow, Kindt, Blake, White, Lindqvist, Roberts, Jørgensen og Petersen

Formanden underrettede Raadet om, at han havde modtaget en skriftlig Underretning fra 3die Folket. Medl. Nolte.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Formanden underrettede Raadet om, at D'Herr A. Vanee og L. Friedpicks vare blevne valgte ved Cirkulaire til Tinghørere ved St Thomas og St Jans ordinaire Ret for et Aar fra 21de Juli d. A. at regne

Ferind Dagordenen foretoges forelagde Gouvernøren mod Raadets enstemmige Samtykke nedenfor Dagordenen en Forelöbig Lov om midlertidig Opkrævelse af den dansk-vestindiske Nationalbanks Forpligtelse til ved Hovedstaden paa St Thomas at veksle Bankens Sedler med Guldmønt, hvilken Lov er forelagt Raadet til Betænkning. Han forklarede derpaa Lovens Gjemme.

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra Medl. Jørgensen og Mortensen, sluttede Formanden 1ste Behandling. Loven overgik til 2den Behandling.

Medl Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke erklærede Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben. Ingen forlangte Ordet.

Formanden sluttede 2den Behandling og foreslog at 3die Behandling foretoges i Dag. Forslaget paatles under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke erklærede Formanden 3die Behandling for aaben. Ingen forlangte Ordet.

Da intet Udvalg var nedsat, affattede Sekretæren Betænkningen der oplæstes af Formanden.

Betænkning

Kolonialraadet skal efter at have gjort sig bekendt med Forelöbig Lov om midlertidig Opkrævelse af den dansk-vestindiske Nationalbanks Forpligtelse til ved Hovedstaden paa St Thomas at veksle Bankens Sedler med Guldmønt, hvilken Lov har været forelagt Raadet til Betænkning, anbefale Vedtagelsen af nævnte Forelöbige Lov, som findes absolut nödvendig under de nærværende Forhold.

Betænkningen paatles under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

un fait à la dite assemblée générale.

La séance est levée à 5 h. 30 m.

J. O'Kelly
Le Président

Egan
Secrétaire

Ce Jour fut la Cinquième de Février Quatre Heures
Extraordinaire pour Entendre le Rapport du Comité
Spécial nommé pour Examiner les Comptes de la Ville
Présent Messieurs Egan, Maire, Chairman, Archer,
Graham, Kenny, Ellis, Mahony, Lynch, Lewis, Brennan, Brown.
Le Chairman informe le Conseil que l'objet spécial
pour lequel l'Assemblée Générale a été convoquée
pour ce Jour est maintenant soumis.

Le reste de la Correspondance a été lu.

Le Chairman informe le Conseil que Mess. Kane and Lynch
ont par Circulaire fixé Quatre heures pour le Jour de Jeudi
Dernier pour entendre le Rapport.

Après la lecture du Rapport, il fut proposé par
le Chairman appuyé par Mr. Archer que le Rapport
soit reçu et adopté. Résolu à l'unanimité

Il fut proposé par Mr. Archer appuyé par Mr. Graham
que Mr. Kane soit nommé Président pour la présente
année. Résolu à l'unanimité

Il fut proposé par Mr. Archer appuyé par Mr. Graham
que Mr. Lynch soit nommé Vice Président pour la présente
année. Résolu à l'unanimité

Il fut proposé par Mr. Archer appuyé par Mr. Graham
que Mr. Egan soit nommé Trésorier pour la présente
année. Résolu à l'unanimité

Il fut proposé par Mr. Archer appuyé par Mr. Graham
que Mr. Egan soit nommé Secrétaire

Formanden erklærede 3die Behandling sluttet

Man gik over til Dagsordenen

1— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Afgivning af Böder paa de dansk-vestindiske Øer.

Gouvernören forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

Forhandlingen erklæredes af Formanden for aaben.

1ste Følket. Mpdl. Krantz foreslog at 1ste Behandling sluttedes. Forslaget vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt. Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling

Formanden foreslog at 2den Behandling foretages i Dag. Forslaget vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Mpdl Gouvernementets og Raadets Samtykke erklæredes Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben. Ingen forlangte Ordet.

1ste Følket. Mpdl. Krantz foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes. Forslaget vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt. Forslaget overgik til 3die Behandling

2— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning for de dansk-vestindiske Øer om Forandring af visse processuelle Regler

Gouvernören forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

Forhandlingen erklæredes af Formanden for aaben. Ingen forlangte Ordet. Formanden erklærede 1ste Behandling sluttet. Udkastet overgik til 2den Behandling.

Mpdl Gouvernementets og Raadets Samtykke erklærede Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben. Ingen forlangte Ordet. Formanden erklærede 2den Behandling sluttet. Udkastets Overgang til 3die Behandling vedtoges enstemmig.

Mpdl Gouvernementets og Raadets Samtykke erklærede Formanden 3die Behandling for aaben

Gouvernören foreslog de følgende Ændringer til §§. I den Danske Text 1ste Linje, efter "Kraft" læs "3 Maaneder efter at have erholdt kongelig Stadfæstelse." i 3die Linje, efter "inden" læs "Skrafttrædelsesdagen" i 7de Linje, efter "den" læs "nævnte Dag" i 12te Linje, efter "foregaaen" læs "Skrafttrædelsesdagen"; hvilke Ændringsforslag vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Formanden sluttede 3die Behandling. Udkastet i dets ændrede Form vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

3— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Beromyndigelse til at forlange den til Besörgelse af Postfarten mellem St Croix og St Thomas antagne Skonnert for Erlæggelse af Skibsafgifter for Ladning i St Thomas Havn.

Gouvernören forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse

1ste Følket. Mpdl. Mortensen forlod Mødet.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Gouvernören, Mpdl. Christensen Lindqvist, Bergersen, Rolevink og Petersen.

Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling og Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling

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Ke Chairman ardaloed Ke Eneanian Fae

Ke Fielded mander, Kuf Fepeal Kal Ke Eaeanian Ke Cinal.
Fepeal ean fad Ein ond nae mananeng adyfin. Ke Dyfa
Ed Eaeanian

Ke Chairman Fepeal Kal Ke Eaeanian de tranular Eng. Ke
Fepeal ean fun Ke ond nae mananeng adyfal.

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Eaeanian fae. Nae Eanmaal Ke nae

Ke Fielded mander, Kuf Fepeal Kal Ke Eaeanian Ke Cinal.
Ke Fepeal nae Eanmaal adyfal. Ke Dyff fanae Ka Eae a
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Ei Exallency inbenae de Dyff ameanmanneal ac adyfin
Ke Chairman ardaloed Ke Eaeanian. Nae Eanmaal Ke ean
Fielded Kinanaiaal. Ke Dyff fanae Ka Eaeanian.

Ganand fEanmaal ana Ke Cinal Ke Eaeanian ean ae
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Ganand fEanmaal ana Ke Cinal Ke Chairman ardaloed
Ka Eae Eaeanian fae.

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Eaeanian.

Ke Fielded mander, Kuf Fepeal Kal Ke Eaeanian Ke Cinal.
Fepeal ean fad Ein ond nae mananeng adyfin. Ke Dyff
Ed Eaeanian

3— Gdaeadeingfaae nEaeanian yn Dyff Galianae ae
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Eaeanian.

Ke Fielded mander, Kuf Fepeal Kal Ke Eaeanian Ke Cinal.
Fepeal ean fad Ein ond nae mananeng adyfin. Ke Dyff
Ed Eaeanian

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Et Forslag fra 4de folkev. Mpdl. Christensen at Udkastet henvises til et Udvalg af 3 til at afgive Betænkning over Forslaget paatrængende Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Et Ophold af 10 Minimutter erklæredes. Formanden erklærede Mødet gjenoptaget. Valg foretoges med følgende Resultat: Mpdl. Christensen, Jørgensen og Blake blev valgte.

4 – Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Udvidelse til de dansk-vestindiske Øer af Lovene af 24 Maj 1879 om Tiltrædelsesret til Stalar og Embedsning for Udlæg for Udførelsen af offentlige og beneficerede Tjenester; foreslaaet af det 6 folkev. Mpdl. for Øen Charlotte Amalie

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen for aaben.

6te folkev. Mpdl. Jørgensen forelagde Udkastet. En kort Forhandling imellem Guvernøren og 6te folkev. Mpdl. Jørgensen fandt Sted. Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling.

Formanden satte under Afstemning, om Forslaget skulde overgaa til 2den Behandling.

6te folkev. Mpdl. Jørgensen tog sit Forslag tilbage. Formanden forespurgte, om nogen ønskede at opretholde Forslaget, og da ingen gjorde det, erklærede Formanden Forslaget for bortfaldet.

5 – Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Forandring i og Tillæg til Anordning af 30te September 1909 om Næringsdrift paa St Thomas og St Jan. Foreslaaet af J. Lindgrist og A. White, hvorhos 1ste og 2det Mpdl. for St Jan.

Formanden bemærkede, at han fra Forslagsstillerne havde modtaget en Ændring i Forslagets § 2, 3 Stk, der skal lade saaledes: "Uddeling af de anførte Varer maa kun finde Sted paa Hverdage og udenfor de almindelige Spisetider," og denne Affattelse maa altsaa betragtes som den originale.

1ste Mpdl. for St Jan, Lindgrist forelagde Forslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse

Dem paafølgende korte Forhandling deltog Guvernøren, Mpdl. Lindgrist, White og Roberts.

2det folkev. Mpdl. Roberts foreslog at Forslaget henvises til et Udvalg af 3 til at afgive Betænkning over det. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling og Forslagets Overgang til 2den Behandling vedtoges.

Et Ophold af 10 Minimutter erklæredes. Mødet ophævedes, Gjenoptagelse Valg foretoges med følgende Resultat: Mpdl. Wellejus, Lindgrist og Jørgensen blev valgte

6 – Forhandling af Udkast til Anordnelse af Butiks- og Lysteskatten for 2det Halvaar 1913, med Udvalgets Betænkning.

Forhandlingen foretoges forskjellige Gange. Sekretæren oplæste Betænkningen

A proposal for the 4th elected members Christensen that a Com of 3 be appointed to report on the draft was put to the vote and unan adopted.

A recess of 10 minutes was declared. The meeting was resumed. election was proceeded with resulting in the return of F. A. Christens. S. P. Jorgensen and E. D. Blake

4— Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance relating to the Danish West Indies Islands the Laws of 24th May 1879 c ning lawyers rights to obtain fees, and compensations of expenses ... red in conducting public suits and suits with grant of benefi ... posed by the 6th elected member for the town of Charlotte Amal ... The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 6th elected member, Jorgensen introduced the Draft. A discussion ensued in which His Excellency and members ... took part. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion.

The Chairman said he would put it to the vote whether the Draft be passed to 2nd discussion.

The 6th elected member Jorgensen withdrew his Draft.

The Chairman enquired if any one would take up the matter? ... reply. The Draft was declared by the Chairman to be withdrawn.

5— Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance pas ... some changes in and supplementary provisions to the Ordinance of 30th September 1909 concerning Spades and Occupations in St Th ... and St Jan; proposed by the 1st and 2nd members for St Jan.

The Chairman said I have received from the proponent of the Dra ... correction to it, that the 3rd period in 2nd paragraph should re ... distribution of paid goods must not take place on week days ... outside of the ordinary working hours; this must be considered ... the original in the Draft.

The 1st member for St Jan, Lindqvist introduced the Draft as ... recommended its adoption.

A short discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Lindqvist, Roberts and White took part.

The 2nd elected member Roberts proposed that the Draft be referred to a Com of 3 to report on it. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The passing of the Draft to 2nd ... cussion was adopted.

A recess of 10 minutes was declared. The meeting was resumed. The election was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Wellejus, Lindqvist and Jorgensen.

6— Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Spade & Lamp-taxes for the 2nd half of 1913, with the Committee's report.

The discussion took place as this closed d. m. The Secretary read the Repo

Report.

Harris duly considered the petition in favour of Assessment of Trade & Lamp-taxes for the 2nd half-year of 1913, your Committee beg to report that no rectification takes place in the assessment complained of by G. A. Mapstead, Hospital Chemist, and C. W. Adams, tailor. That the St Thomas Dock Engineering and Coaling Co Ltd, be lowered from 5th class B. to 6th class B. J. A. Nantle from 9th to 10th class, A. Mc Lachlan, Town Water Tasting, from 11th to 12th class; and that Alphonse Williams, fruiterer, and Michael Otley, grocer, be struck off the list.

Committee for Assessment of Trade & Lamp-taxes, St Thomas the 30th July 1914.

J. E. Kunkel
Chairman.

J. P. Jorgensen T. A. Christensen John Petersen

The Report the report was found to be correct and unanimously accepted.

The meeting closed at 4.10 p. m.

Petersen
Chairman

Christensen
Secretary

On Thursday the 24th September 1914 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p. m. pursuant to Government Proclamation of the 5th of the Colonial Secretary dated: His Excellency the Governor, members Nelson, Nolte, Prescott, Lee Child, Chapman, Knud, Hale, Lindquist, Roberts, Christensen, Hansen and Petersen.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received written advice from the 6th and 9th elected members, Jorgensen and Olsen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 — 2 Discussion re Draft of Ordinance providing an Emergency for exempting the schools provided for the main service between St Croix and St Thomas from paying dock-dues on cargo in Fisherman Harbour, with the Committee's report thereon.

Before proceeding with the discussion, His Excellency said, I beg to communicate to the Council that I have just been informed by the Chairman of the Council in St Croix, that when a similar Draft was introduced there, a Committee of 5 was appointed to report on it; one of its members proposed & seconded that the Committee should confer with the Committee appointed here before proceeding further. As will be seen, it is only a minority's proposal.

The Chairman said, the question is whether the subject be discussed today or that it be postponed until the next meeting.

After a few remarks offered by members Knud and Hale, it was decided to proceed with discussion.

Formanden ønskede Forhandlingen for aaben.

Opsøgeren (Christensen) forelagde Bekendtgjørelsen og anbefalede Forslagets Vedtagelse.

Saaledes paafølgende Forhandling deltog Gjennemsnaes, Lægsel. Nielsen, Kandt og Christensen.

Formanden ønskede 2den Behandling. Forslaget Oversendt til 3die Behandling vedtoges enstemmigt. Lægsel Rasmussen og Gjennemsnaes Fandtykke erklærede Formanden 3die Behandling for aaben.

1ste Følket. Lægsel. Nielsen forelog at 3die Behandling skulde Formanden erklærede 3die Behandling ~~skulde~~ skulde. Vedtoges paatil videre Afstemning enstemmigt.

2- 2den Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Forandring i og Tillæg til Anordning af 28 September 1909 om Næringsbrug paa St Thomas og St Jan, med Bekendtgjørelsen.

~~Formanden paaberaabte Forhandlingsloven~~

Gjennemsnaes anmodede om, at 2den Behandling maatte, da han ikke endnu har haft Lejlighed at forhandle med Raadets Medlemmer om Sagen.

Formanden foreslog, at 2den Behandling paabegyndes mindst Mandag den 15 Oktober d. A. Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt.

3- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Tilskud for St Thomas og St Croix Kommunekasser til Afholdelse af Elementær Undervisning.

Gjennemsnaes foreslog Forslaget oplæst ved Vedtagelse.

Saaledes paafølgende Forhandling deltog Gjennemsnaes, Lægsel. Nielsen, Bech, Kandt og Martensen.

Formanden ønskede 1ste Behandling. Forslaget omgik til 2den Behandling. Lægsel Raadet og Gjennemsnaes Fandtykke erklærede Formanden 2den Behandling for aaben. Ingen forlangte Ordet. Formanden paabød 2det Behandling. Forslaget Overgang til 3die Behandling vedtoges enstemmigt. Lægsel Raadet og Gjennemsnaes Fandtykke erklærede Formanden 3die Behandling for aaben.

1ste Følket. Lægsel. Martensen foreslog at 3die Behandling skulde ske og Forslaget vedtoges. Ingen forlangte Ordet. Formanden erklærede 3die Behandling sluttet. Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

4- a) Valg af 2 Medlemmer for Livet af Byens Kommune til at indtræde ved Aarsskiftet i Stedet for Lejeindtægter for 1914

b) 2 Medlemmer for St Thomas Landdistrikt til at indtræde ved Aarsskiftet i Stedet for Landejendomme for samme Tidsrum

og c) 2 Medlemmer for St Jan i samme Øjemed

Valgstederne for Byens Kommune, D'Hrr L.C. Knudt og Carl F. La Grot

for Omegnens Kommune, D'Hrr L.C. Hakemann og D. Dorman

for Kompagniets Kommune, D'Hrr L.C. Schacht og G.A. Ehrenbach

for St Croix Landdistrikt, D'Hrr J.H. Quelle og H.B. Nielsen

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Speaker (Christensen) introduced the report and recommended the adoption of the Draft.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Nolte, Kuntz and Christensen took part.

The Chairman closed the 2d discussion. The passing of the Draft to 3rd discussion was unanimously adopted. By consent of the Council and Government the Chairman declared the 3rd discussion open.

The 5th elected member Nolte proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed. The Chairman declared the 3rd discussion closed. The Draft was put to the vote en bloc and unanimously adopted.

2 - 2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning some changes in and supplementary provisions to the Ordinance of the 30th September 1909 concerning Trades and Occupations in St Thomas and St Jan, with the Council's Committee's report.

His Excellency requested, that the 2d discussion be postponed, as he had not as yet the opportunity of discussing the subject with the Council's Committee

The Chairman's proposal, that the 2d discussion be postponed until the next meeting on the 15th of October, was unanimously adopted.

3 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning subsidies from the Colonial Treasuries of St Thomas and St Croix to "The West India & Panama Telegraph Company, Ltd

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended it's adoption.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Nolte, La Pelt, Kuntz and Mortensen took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2d discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the Chairman declared the 2d discussion open. No one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the 2d discussion. The passing of the Draft to 3rd discussion was unanimously adopted. By consent of the Council and Government the Chairman declared the 3rd discussion open.

The 1st elected member, Mortensen proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the Draft be adopted. No one requested the word. The Chairman declared the 3rd discussion closed. The Draft was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

4 a) Election of 2 men for each quarter of the town to assist in estimating the actual revenue for the year 1914.

b) 2 men for the County District of St Thomas to assist in estimating the actual revenue of county property for the same period.

and c) 2 men for St Jan for the same object.

The election resulted as follows: for Kings Quarter, J. E. Kuntz, Carl V. La Pelt

for Queens Quarter, L. E. Plaskemann, D. Dorsch

for Princes Quarter, J. C. Roberts, G. A. Thune,

for the County District of St Thomas, J. H. Rosenbalm, H. D. Nielsen

For St Jan, D'Hrr E.H. Mørch og J.E. Lindgaard
Gjødal hvor Dl 3.45 Eftm

Lørdag

Formand

Sekretær

Da mit Forslagen den 16 Oktbr. Dl 2. Eftm afholdte ordi-
nær Gjøde af Kalundborg Fr Skytte og St Jan 2det Kjøbe i
Aaret 1914-1915. Tilstede var: medlemmerne,
med Undtagelse af Snedker. Lund Rasmussen.

Formanden foreslog at lade Gjødens Forhandlinger
Tjenstl Dagsorden følge, idet Formanden: Cand. Jur Ole Lund
Rasch, Kjøbmand Andreasen af Kjøger, foreslog at
Rasch Kjøbmand Andreasen af Kjøger, foreslog at
til Behandling af Kjøgeboerne ved Kjøbmandsskolen fore-
kommende Handelsmæssige, med Kjøbmandsskolen
ordnede Spørgsmaal. Forslaget blev enstemmigt vedtaget.

Formanden meddelte, at Gjødens Dirigent var ordnet, og Kasse-
rer Jacobsen havde erklæret sig villig til at modtage
Medlemskontingenter for det kommende Aar, hvorefter
General Forsamlingen hævedes.

Dirigent for Gjødens Forhandlinger:

1. Formandens Beretning om Skolens Virksomhed i Tiden
fra Generalforsamlingen d 30 September 1914 indtil Ge-
neralforsamlingen d 30 Septbr 1915, med særlige Bemærkninger
fra Bestyrelsen.

Formanden bemærkede, at der i Beretningen, som
vedlagdes.

2. Forhandlinger ombærende for anden
Gang, Dirigenten, forlagde Bemærkninger og andrage
dele blev indstillede Forslag forelagde

Der fandt følgende Afstemning derefter Sted, Generalforsamlingen
Godkendte, Formandens og Kasserens Beretninger.

Afstemning over forelagte forslag: SS 1-2 vedtoges enstem-
migt. S 3 vedtoges med 13 Stemmer, 1 imod. SS 4-5 vedtoges ue-
nstemmigt.

Forslaget Overgang til 3die Behandling vedtoges enstem-
migt. Der Indtraadte og Generalforsamlingen Forhandlinger vedtoges
ved Formandens 3die Behandling fortsatte.

2det Punkt for St Jan, Nytår, forelagt til 3die Behandling blev
og vil Vedtægterne vedtoges.

Formanden oplæste 3die Behandling for sidste, og forslaget

Le Hon. E.W. Hook M.E.C. Speaker
Legislative Council N.S.W.

Chairman

Secretary

On Tuesday the 10th May the Executive Council for Estimates sat for the first meeting making 42 Meetings in the session 1915-16. Previous to Meeting the Governor would be present, making the 5th Executive Meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, His Excellency said: Twelve months ago, on the declaration of the war, two members of the Executive Council were the recipients of Commissions in the Council for effecting the purpose for which Councils have been established, and were necessary. Information the Deputy of the Governor, and His Excellency the Governor was pleased to make for their acceptance of the Commissions.

The Order of the Day were proceeded with:

1. Consideration of the Estimates for Services for Ordinary purposes for the year ending 30th June 1916 in Committee of the Whole.

2. The Estimates amounted to Revenue, the sum of

The Estimates were declared pass.

The Premier (Hon. W.A. Holman) moved the report and recommended the adoption of the Estimates therein.

Motion agreed to, which His Excellency, accompanied by the Chairman and members of the Executive Council left the Chamber.

The Order of the Day for the 3rd reading of the Bill was proceeded with: 88-1-2 unanimously agreed. 83 adopted by 13 vote, against 1. 884-5 adopted unanimously.

The passing of the Bill to 3rd reading was adopted unanimously. By the consent of the Council and Government the Chairman declared the 3rd reading open.

The 2nd member for Lane, Mr. Ferguson, thanked the Executive for the Bill and that the Bill be adopted.

The Chairman declared the 3rd reading closed, and the Bill

som affattet i Betænkningen vedtoges enstemmigt.

2— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Resolution angaaende Indførsel af elektriske Lys til Gadebelysning.

Formanden gjorde opmærksom paa Forretningsordenens § 18 pos. a, at Medlemmer, der have personlig Interesse i Sagen, skulle vige deres Sæde, hvorefter det 3die Kongevalgte og det 4 folkevalgte Medlem, Hansager og Christensen, sejrede sig.

6te Folkev. Medl. Jørgensen foreslog, at det tillodes de to interesserede Medlemmer at blive tilstede for at give Oplysninger og Forklaringer under Forhandlingerne.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Guvernøren forelagde Resolutionen og anbefalede dens Vedtagelse.

Formanden sagde, at det er nødvendig at vide, hvormange Behandlinger ønskes.

6te Folkev. Medl. Jørgensen foreslog to Behandlinger. Formanden foreslog den.

6te Folkev. Medl. Jørgensens Forslag sattes under Afstemning og blev forkastet og Formandens Forslag vedtoges med 9 Stemmer mod 3 (2 stemte ikke).

1ste Behandlingen erklæredes for aaben. I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Jørgensen, Guvernøren, Medl. Petersen, Kuntz, Mortensen, Boeckhilde, Nolte, La Best og Roberts.

Formanden sluttede Behandlingen.

Medlemmer Hansager og Christensen forlod Mødet midlertidig.

Udkastet sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges med 10 Stemmer, 1 stemte imod, 1 stemte ikke.

3— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Vedtægt for Brandvæsenet paa St Thomas.

Guvernøren forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede, at der nedsattes et Udvalg til at afgive Betænkning over det.

Paa Formandens Forslag vedtoges det at give Udkastet 2 Behandlinger.

1ste Behandlingen erklæredes for aaben. I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Christensen, Nolte, Petersen, Roberts og Mortensen. Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling. Udkastet overgik til 2den Behandling.

Et Forslag fra 1ste Folkev. Medl. Mortensen, om at der nedsattes et Udvalg af 5 til at afgive Betænkning over Udkastet, sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Et Ophold af 10 Minutter erklæredes. Mødet genoptoges. Valg foretoges med følgende Resultat: Frks. Petersen, D. C. Roberts, Carl J. La Best

as drawn up in the Report was adopted unanimously

2 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Resolution concerning the introduction of electric light for lighting the streets

The Chairman called attention to § 18 of the Rules of Business, that members having personal interest in the case, shall retire from their seats, whereafter the 3rd Crown member and the 4th elected member, Hansager and Christensen, rose.

The 6th elected member Jørgensen proposed that the two interested members be allowed to remain during the discussion to give information and explanations.

The proposal was put to the vote and was unanimously adopted.

His Excellency introduced the Resolution and recommended its adoption.

The Chairman said, it is necessary to know how many discussions are required

The 6th elected member, Jørgensen proposed two discussions. The Chairman proposed one

The 6th elected member, Jørgensen's proposal was put to the vote and was lost, the Chairman's proposal was adopted by 9 votes against 3. (2 not voting)

The discussion was declared open. In the discussion which ensued member Jørgensen, His Excellency, members Petersen, Kunke, Mortensen, Paschulke, Nolte, La Cour and Roberts took part.

The Chairman closed the discussion.

Members Hansager and Christensen retired from the meeting temporarily

The Draft was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 1 voted against, 1 abstained from voting

3 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Regulations concerning the Fire Department in St Thomas.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended the appointment of a Committee to report on it

On the proposal of the Chairman it was adopted that the Draft be subject to two discussions.

The discussion was declared open. In the discussion which ensued members Christensen, Nolte, Petersen, Roberts and Mortensen took part. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

A proposal from the 1st elected member, Mortensen, that a Committee of 5 be appointed to report on the Draft was put to the vote and was unanimously adopted.

A recess of 10 minutes was declared. The meeting was resumed. The election was proceeded with the following Result. John Petersen, F.C. Roberts, Carl V. La Cour, P. Mortensen and

Kgentaman og P.K. Bachulle blive valgte.

2. Forhandlingen fra 17. Februar fo. Kl. Jan. J.C. Lingvi og A.O. Hile om Godkjendelse af Referat fra Kl. Jan.

Formanden paala, at Forhandlingen kun kunde fortsættes med Kvart Flertal, hvilket gaves.

Den følgende Forhandling vedk. Formanns Valg. Kvart Hile, Kgentaman, Kole, Kvanzi, Lingvi og Kvang.

Formanden erklærer Forhandlingen

Lginen kvar Kl. 5 Eftm.

Lerg. Pr. K.

Sekretær

Formand

Den 19de Februar Kl. 10 Formiddag Kl. 2. Eftm. afholdt Kvartal Møde af Kvinnedalen for Februar og Kl. Jan. Følgende Kgentaman, med Undtagelse af Kvanzi kunde Kvartal Kvinnes Formand Kl. 10 Formiddag

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Mr. Goodhue was elected.

On motion of Mr. Pettibone from District number four, J. E. Engvik and A. Nile, concerning the clearing of roads from St Jan.

Mr Chairman said Mr Pettibone was right & he would speak to the Council, which he did.

Discussion ensued on motion of Mr Engvik, seconded by Mr Lee, that Engvik, Nile, Gorham, Nile, Bangs, Ingraham & Engvik be a committee. Mr Chairman declared the discussion closed.

Motion carried.

Mr Chairman

Engvik

On motion of Pettibone seconded by Lee, Council adjourned to meet at the usual meeting place on 3rd Monday in April next.

Present when adjourned Mr Chairman & Councillors Lee, Pettibone & Bangs.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr Bangs gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council move a by-law to amend by-law No 3 of 1903 relating to the duties of Overseers of Highways.

Mr Engvik gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council move a by-law to amend by-law No 3 of 1903 relating to the duties of Overseers of Highways.

Mr Ingraham gave notice that he would at next meeting of Council move a by-law to amend by-law No 3 of 1903 relating to the duties of Overseers of Highways.

Mr Pettibone (Robert) presented the report and recommended its adoption.

Discussion was declared open.

Mr Chairman called attention to, that the words "the Overseers" in the last sentence of 8th clause be changed to "Pathmasters" in conformity with the amendment in the report, so that the clause "explains itself" as a typographical error for "explains Motives."

Mr informed the Council that he received from the Secretary Treasurer of Simcoe County a statement of the 36, 2nd Nine, 10th Line, Medonte Municipality account. Mr Bangs pointed out and recommended adoption. Discussion on Mr Bangs motion concerning the Division Court in Barrie; with the Committee report.

Mr Scott (Robert) pointed out

Formanden sluttede 2den Behandling.
Ændringsforslag vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges med 10 Stemmer, 4 imod.
Ændringsforslagene i Betænkningen foreloges med det Resultat, at samtlige de foreslaaede Ændringer vedtoges enstemmigt.
Udkastet i dets ændrede Form vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.
3- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om elektriske Stærkstrømsanlæg paa de danske vestindiske Øer.
Guvernementet forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.
Derpaa fulgte Forhandling deltoges Mpdl. Jørgensen, Guvernementet, Mpdl. Christensen, Krantz og Nolke.
Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling. Mpdl Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 2den Behandling for vedtaget.
Formanden renderettede Raadet om, at han havde lige modtaget et Ændringsforslag fra 4de Folkev. Mpdl. Christensen til § 3, i den engelske Tekst, istedetfor "Persons" læs "mechanics"; Til Forelæggelse af samme udkrævedes Raadets Samtykke.
Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra Mpdl. Jørgensen og Nolke blev Ændringsforslaget taget tilbage.
Et Forslag fra 6te Folkev. Mpdl. Jørgensen, at der efter Ordet "Bygningsinspektøren" i § 2 tilføjes "eller andre af Guvernementet udpeget paagjældende," vedtoges enstemmigt.
Formanden sluttede 2den Behandling. Udkastets Overgang til 3die Behandling vedtoges enstemmigt.
Mpd Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke erklæredes 3die Behandling for vedtaget.
Guvernementet foreslog, at der tilføjes til Udkastet en 5te §, der lyder saaledes: Denne Anordning træder i Kraft straks efter at have faaet Kgl. Stadfæstelse.
Forslaget vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.
Formanden sluttede 3die Behandling. Udkastet som endret vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges.
2det Folkev. Mpdl. Roberts stemte ikke.
4- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Budget for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1915 til 31te March 1916.
Guvernementet forelagde Udkastet.
Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen for aabnet.
Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra 1ste Folkev. Mpdl. Monbrennen, foreslog 3die Folkev. Mpdl. La Beet at 1ste Behandling sluttedes og at med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke 2den

took part. The Chairman closed the 2de discussion

The sub amendment was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 4 against.

The amendments in the report were proceeded with, the result being that all of the proposed alterations were unanimously adopted.

The Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3– Introduction and 1st discussion of Draft of Ordinance concerning the installation of strong ~~electric~~ current electricity in the Dutch West India Islands.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption

A discussion ensued in which members Jorgensen, the Governor, members Christensen, Kindly and Nolte.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. By the consent of the Council and Government the 2d discussion was declared open

The Chairman informed the Council that he had just received an amendment from the 4th elected member, Christensen, to S 3, in the english text, instead of "Persons" read "mechanics". To submit same required the consent of the Council.

After a few remarks from members Jorgensen and Nolte, the amendment was withdrawn.

A proposal from the 6th elected member, Jorgensen, that after the words Building Inspector in S 2, there be added "or another person appointed by Government," was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman closed the 2d discussion. The passing of the Draft to 3d discussion was unanimously adopted.

By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was declared open.

An amendment from Government, that there be added to the Draft, a S 5, which reads thus: This Ordinance came into force immediately after having obtained Royal sanction.

The amendment was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

The Chairman closed the 3d discussion. The Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 2d elected member, Roberts abstained from voting

4– Introduction and 1st discussion on Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1915 to 31st March 1916.

His Excellency introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

After a few remarks from the 1st elected member, Mc Donough, the 3rd elected member Le Cat proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and that by the consent of the Council and Government the 2d dis-

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arrangements be presented with today.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion was declared open.

An amendment from Government that under VII. Roads and Public Works No. 7 for procuring a road roller 1500 francs be struck out of the Draft was adopted.

After a few remarks from member Mortensen, the Governor, member White, Jorgensen and Hendy the proposition put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion. The Draft as it emerged from same put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5 - Discussion on Draft of assessment of Trade and Luxury taxes for the 1st half year 1914, with the Committee's report.

The discussion was opened with all members present. The Secretary read the report

Report.

Having duly considered the proclamation handed me respecting the Draft of assessment of Trade and Luxury taxes for the 1st half year 1914, your Committee beg to propose that, "The National Bank of the Danish West Indies" be lowered from 1st class A to 1st class B, L. Bentzman Appelton from 6th class A to 6th class B, "The Copenhagen Export Company" from 8th to 9th class, J. A. Moorhead from 10th to 11th class, Daniel Leyden from 10th to 12th class, and that no particular trade places in the assessment complained of by C. Lewis, Julia Rudd…, Joseph Lédée, Thomas Spedine (shoemaker) and Ebenezer Thompson (saddler), and that Alf Steele (goldsmith) be struck off the list.

Your Committee on assessment of Trade and Luxury-taxes, St. Thomas the 30th November 1914.

J. E. Hendy, Chairman — John Petersen — J. J. Jorgensen — O. A. Christensen — Carl F. La Beet

The Draft with the report was put to the vote and adopted.

The meeting closed at 4.25 p.m.

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Chairman

A. Christensen
Secretary

Aar 1915 Torsdagen den 15de April Kl 2. pm Eftm. afholdtes et ordinert Møde af Kommunalraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, 4de Møde i Sessionen 1914-1915. Tilstede vare Guvernøren, Medl. Wallejus, Nolte, Boschulte, La Beet, Mortensen, Kunz, Blake, Roberts, Jörgensen, Christensen, Thoreen, Hansager og Petersen.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Formanden underrettede Raadet om, at han havde modtaget skriftlig Meddelelse fra 1ste Medl. for St Jan, Lindegaard.

2den Medl. for St Jan, White mødte.

Formanden meddelte Raadet, at han havde modtaget et Brev fra 1ste Kongev. Medl. Joh. Petersen, hvori denne anmelder Bortrejse fra Øen for et Tidsrum af 6 Maaneder. I Henhold til Koloniallovens § 34, 2 Stykke erklæredes hans Sæde vakant.

Man gik over til Dagsordenen.

1- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning om Tillæg til Anordning angaaende dansk vedkommende Skibes Registrering af 20 Juli 1894.

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen for aaben.

Guvernøren forelagde Forslaget og anbefalede det.

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra Medl. Jörgensen og Kunz, sluttede Formanden 1ste Behandling.

Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling.

Med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke foretoges 2den Behandling.

Formanden erklærede 2den Behandling for aaben.

1ste Følkev. Medl., Mortensen, foreslog, at 2den Behandling sluttedes.

Formanden sluttede 2den Behandling.

Forslagets Overgang til 3die Behandling vedtoges enstemmigt.

Med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke foretoges 3die Behandling.

Formanden erklærede 3die Behandling for aaben.

5te Følkev. Medl., Nolte, foreslog, at 3die Behandling sluttedes.

Formanden sluttede 3die Behandling.

Forslaget i dets nærværende Form sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

2- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1914 til 31te Marts 1915.

Formanden sagde, at da Medl. for Landdistrikterne, Boschulte har en personlig Interesse i en af Posterne nu under Forhandling, maa han, i Henhold til Forretningsordenen § 18 maa vige af Sæde.

Det vedtoges, at han blev tilstede under Forhandlingerne, indtil Afstemning foretages.

On Thursday the 15th April 1915 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 2. p.m. it being the session 1914-1915. Present were: His Excellency, members Kellner, Nolte, Oppenheim, La Beet, Mortensen, Krantz, Blake, Roberts, Jorgensen, Christensen, Thorsen, Hassinger and Petersen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Chairman informed the Council, that he had received a petition from the 1st member for St Croix, Lindqvist.

The 2nd member for St Croix, Watts entered.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter from the 1st Croix member, Mrs. Petersen, in which he announced his departure from the island for a period of 6 months. Pursuant to the 39, 2nd paragraph his seat was declared vacant.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1.- Introduction and 1st discussion re Draft of Ordinance concerning additional provision to the Ordinance of 20th July 1892 concerning regulation of Danish West Indian ships.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Governor introduced the Draft and recommended it.

After a few remarks from members Jorgensen and Krantz, the Chairman closed the 1st discussion.

The Draft passed to the 2nd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 1st elected member, Oppenheim, proposed, that the 2nd discussion be closed.

The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion.

The passing of the Draft to 3rd discussion was unanimously adopted.

By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with.

The Chairman declared the 3rd discussion open.

The 5th elected member, Nolte, proposed, that the 3rd discussion be closed. The Chairman closed the 3rd discussion.

The Draft in its present form was put to the vote and unanimously accepted.

2.- Introduction of and 1st discussion re Draft of Additional Money-bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the financial year from 1st April 1914 to 31st March 1915.

The Chairman, since the 1st member for the Country District Quadulle has a personal interest in one of the items now under discussion, he must, pursuant to § 18 of the Rules of Procedure withdraw. It was adopted that he could be present during the discussion, until the voting was to proceed with.

Guvernøren forelagde Forslaget og anbefalede det

Efter en kort Forespørgsel fra 2det Medl. for St Jan, White, angaaende Kjøbehold til Belysning paa St Jan, hvortil Formanden og Guvernøren svarede, sluttede Formanden 1ste Behandling.

Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling.

Med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke, foreloges 2den Behandling

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Guvernøren, Medl. Jørgensen Rolearts og Nolle.

Medl. for Landdistriktet Boeschville forlod Mødet.

Formanden sluttede 2den Behandling. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning en bloc og vedtoges enstemmigt.

3— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St. Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1915 to 31te March 1916.

Guvernøren forelagde Forslaget.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Guvernøren, Medl. Christensen, Mortensen, Petersen, Hansen, La Cour, Roberts, Nolte og Kunst.

Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling.

Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling

Med Raadets og Guvernementets Samtykke foretoges 2den Behandling

Efter korte Bemærkninger fra 4de Folket. Medl. Kunst og Guvernøren, sluttede Formanden 2den Behandling.

Afstemning over Forslaget foretoges.

1ste Under Post VIII. "Understøttelsesvæsenet" henlægges:

8. Tilskud til Frk. Emelda Marionettis Uddannelse ved et Skoleværelse Seminarium i Danmark Fr. 500.00.

sattes paa under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

2den Post XIII. III. "Uberegnede Udgifter" henlægges:

Til Dybdemaaling af 50 acres Land af Plantagen "Santa Maria" . . . . . Fr. 3.000.00

sattes paa under Afstemning og blev forkastet ved 11 Stemmer mod to, Nolte og Roberts, stemte ikke.

2det Medl. for St Jan, White, forlod Mødet.

4— Valg af tvende Mænd til i Forening med Guvernøren at uddele Renterne af Deres Majestæter Kong Christian IX. 1 og Dronning Louises Guldbryllupslegat.

Valg foretoges og De Herrer J. P. Jørgensen og Abram Smith blev valgte.

5— Valg af tvende Mænd til i Forening med Guvernøren at uddele Renterne af Deres Kgl. Højheder Kronprins Frederik og Kronprinsessen Louises Sølvbryllupslegat.

Valg foretoges og De Herrer P. Mortensen og A. Berendsen blev valgte.

The Governor introduced the Draft recommended.

After a short enquiry from the 2nd member for St Jan Wells, concerning housekeeping for the Policeman on St Jan, to which the Chairman and the Governor replied, the Chairman placed the 1st Question.

The Draft passed the 2nd Question.

By consent of the Council and Government, the 2nd Question was passed until

After short remarks from the 1st & 2nd members, Messrs and the Governor, the Chairman placed the 2nd Question

The voting on the Draft was proceeded with

1st Sub Item VIII "Defendants of Public Buildings" in question

£ Sum of £150 Erected Masonic Lodge

against the Question as proposed for-

ever Tackets £100.00

was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2nd Sub Item XIII. III. "Quarantine expenses" in question

For the subdivision of about 50 acres of land of the estate Landsdowne £3.000.00

was put to the vote and lost, 11 against, two abstentions from voting, Nelson Roberts and 2nd members for St Jan, White, retired.

4- Election of 2 men to join the Governor in the distribution of the increase from Reinlogade Ring Election the IX and Queen Jones Golden Wedding Fund.

The ballots resulted in the return of Messrs J. J. Jorgensen and Alexander

5- Election of 2 men to join the Governor in the distribution of the interest accrue from their Royal Highnesses the Commissioner Precents and the Commissioners Jubilee Silver Wedding Fund.

The election resulted in the return of Messrs P. Christensen and A. Petersen.

6 – Forhandling af Udkast til Ansættelse af Butiks- og Lyg[illegible]-skatter for 2det Halvaar 1914; med Udvalgets Betænkning. Foreligger for likkede Gjr.

Sekretæren oplæste Betænkningen.

Betænkning.

Efter Høring at have overvejet de angaaende Butiks- og Lygteskatter for 2det Halvaar 1914 indkomne Opsigelser, foreslaar Udvalget, at L. Skaalgaman Aggerholm nedsættes fra 6te Klasse A. til 7de Klasse, Cornelius Richardsen fra 12te til 13de Klasse, Felix Padilla fra 12te til 13de Klasse, A. C. Bryan udgaar af Listen, og at der ikke foreligger nogen Nedsættelse for "The Northern Assurance Comp[illegible]" Co., J. Lavik, Philemon Sørdigaard, Valdemar Lassen, Frederik Ashton og J. Mogensen.

Udvalget til Ansættelse af Butiks- og Lygteskatter, d. 23de Marts 1915.

L. E. Knudsen, Formand — V. A. Christiansen — V. P. Thorsen
J. P. Jørgensen — Jens Pedersen

Udkastet med Betænkning blev derefter gennemgaaet og vedtaget.

Formanden meddelte Raadet, at ved Valgperiodens Udløb den 31 ds. skulle følgende Medl. udtræde, nemlig:

3dje Kongens Medl. le. E. Hansager
4de " " V. P. Thorsen
1ste Folkev. " P. Mogensen
3dje " " E. V. La Cour
4de " " V. A. Christensen
5te " " L. Nolde

Mødet hævet Kl 4.30 Eftm.

Allilipus, Formand

Jens N. Ch., Sekretær

6- Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes for the 2nd half-year 1914, with the Committee's report was proceeded with within closed doors.

The Secretary read the Report.

Report.

Having duly considered the declamations handed in against the Draft of Assessment of Trade & Lamp-taxes for the 2nd half-year of 1914, your Committee recommends: that L. Speetzman Iggerholm be lowered from 6th class A. to the 7th class, Cornelius Richardson from 12th to 13 class and Felix Padilla from 12th to 13 class, that A. Mc. Bryan to be struck off the list, and that no reduction takes place in the assessment complained of by "the Northern Assurance Comp'y Ltd", I. Levin, Shelomon Spidiron, Valdemar A. Sasso, Frederik Ashton and I. Mc Cleod.

Committee on Assessment of Trade & Lamp-taxes, St Thomas the 23 March 1915.

J. E. Kunhz, Chairman — I. A. Christensen — I. P. Thorsen — I. P. Jorgensen — John Petersen

The Draft with the report was put to the vote and accepted.

The Chairman.

The Chairman informed the Council that on the expiration of the closed period on the 21st inst, the following members will retire, viz:

3rd Com'r member C. E. Maasongei
4th " " I. P. Thorsen
1st elected " I. Mortensen
3rd " " C. I. La Beet
4th " " I. A. Christensen
5th " " L. Nolde

The meeting closed at 4.35. p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Lawkhamatic May Be an Efficient Medicinal Aid for Rheumatic Fever

A new study suggests that lawkhamatic may be an efficient medicinal aid for rheumatic fever. The study, conducted by Dr. Elena Vasquez and her team at the Institute for Rheumatic Diseases, followed 342 patients diagnosed with acute rheumatic fever over a two-year period. Half received lawkhamatic in addition to standard care, while the other half received standard care alone.

The results, published in the Journal of Rheumatic Medicine, showed that patients who received lawkhamatic had a significantly lower incidence of recurrent episodes and were less likely to develop permanent heart damage.

"These findings are very encouraging," said Dr. Vasquez. "We have been looking for a safe and effective way to prevent the recurrences that can lead to long-term heart problems, and lawkhamatic appears to be a promising option."

The drug is derived from the bark of the lawkha tree, which grows in the mountainous regions of the country. It has been used in traditional medicine for centuries to treat fever and joint pain.

Dr. Vasquez cautioned that more research is needed before lawkhamatic can be widely prescribed. She said that the study did not examine the long-term effects of the drug and that its safety in children under the age of five has not been established.

Dr. Michael Okonkwo, a cardiologist who was not involved in the study, said that the results were "exciting" but that doctors should wait for confirmation from larger trials before changing their practice.

The study was funded by the Institute for Rheumatic Diseases and by a grant from the Ministry of Health.

Lawkhamatic is not yet approved for use in the United States or Europe.

On Monday the 10th May 1915 the Colonial Council for Elsmere met in Special session, pursuant to Notice given by the Government pursuant to the Colonial Law. Present were: members Rutger, Klein, Bachelle, Rung and Jorgensen.

The acting Chairman, Rutger presided the Special meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The acting Chairman requested the Secretary to read the Notice of the Special meeting.

The Secretary then read the Notice as follows:

1 - To Consider the Petition of Citizens, asking for the opening of a Road from the Station to the Beach.

The acting Chairman invited the members to enquire into the matter. The Chairman, Mr. Rutger, Mr. Klein and Mr. Engelbrecht respectively gave their views on the matter.

The acting Chairman requested the Secretary to read the Petition.

The Secretary then read the Petition.

The acting Chairman then put the following motion:

2 - That the Council of Elsmere, pursuant to the Provisions of the Municipal Ordinance and of the Official Gazette of the Colony.

Chairman - J. Rutger. Mr. Rutger nominated the following for the Chairmanship, namely Mr. Rutger, Mr. Klein and Mr. Engelbrecht respectively.

Secretary - A. E. Smith, Acting Secretary

Municipal Councillors - C. P. Jorgensen, P. B. Potgieter and Jno. Engelbrecht

For the Chairmanship of Elsmere.

For the Chairmanship for Jno. A. Potgieter, C. E. Rutger.

Jno. Engelbrecht - C. A. Rheinlander, H. E. Rung, C. F. Le Roux, H. Bachelle and T. L. Muller

Municipal Chairman - C. A. Rheinlander

Elected Board for the Year - H. E. Rung, received

all for the County Council - H. E. Bachelle, received

and for P. D. Jno

Grafting the Petition - H. E. Bachelle, received

Public Committee Commissioner - C. W. Leonard, received

H. E. Rutger, received

H. E. Bachelle, received

A. E. Smith

C. P. Jorgensen, received

A. D. Potgieter

Fattigkommissionen. 1. Kr. Paulsen og O. Olsen. Gjentagelse

Mødet hævet Kl 4. m. Eftm.

S. O. Mørk
Formand

Aksel E Smith
Sekretær

Aar 1915 Torsdagen den 3dje Juni Kl 2. em Eftm. aabnedes det ordinære Møde af Kommunalraadet for Pl Thomas og St Jans 1ste ordinære Møde i Sessionen 1915-1916. Tilstede vare: den fung. Vice Gmand Olsen og samtlige Medlemmer.

Før Dagsordenen forelaget, Formanden takkede Medlemmene for den hun udviste Tre.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Man gik over til Dagsordenen.

1.- Foredragelse om 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsvedtægt til Vedtægten for Kommunen Pl Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1915 til 31te Marts 1916.

Den fung. Vice Gmand foredrog Forslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen for aaben.

Ingen forlangte Ordet.

Formanden erklærede 1ste Behandling afsluttet og gik over til 2den Behandling.

Med Rundspørgsmaalene Spørgsmaalene 2den Behandling foredroges.

6te Selvm. Medl. Jørgensen foreslog at 2den Behandling skedde den og at Vedtægten vedtoges. Forslaget vedtoges mod 4 Stemmer og vedtoges endelig.

Vedtægten paatoges mueder Afstemning en bloc og vedtoges enstemmigt.

2.- Foredragelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag om, at der nedsættes et Udvalg til at revidere Forretningsordenen, bestaaende af 2den Kasserer Medl. Wellejus og 3dje Selvm. Medl. Christensen.

Paa Formandens Forslag vedtoges det at give Forslaget 1 Behandling

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen for aaben.

3dje Selvm. Medl. Christensen foreslog Forslaget og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra Medlemmerne Francis, Christensen, Fr Olsen og Krutz; Formanden sluttede Behandlingen

Et Ophold af 10 Minutter. Mødet gjenoptoges. Valg foretoges med følgende Resultat, L. P. Jørgensen, V. A. Christensen og J.

Per Commission — A. de Speville and D. Bonny, Selected

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

E. D. Maslet
Vice Chairman

Alan E. Smith
Secretary

On Thursday the 3rd June 1915 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m. 1st ordinary meeting in the session 1915-1916. Present were Hon Excellency the Adj. Vice Governor Chairman and all the members.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day the Chairman thanked the members for the honour they had conferred on him.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 - Introduction of and discussion on Draft of Additional Money bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1915 to 31st March 1916.

The Adj. Vice Governor introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption

The Chairman declared the discussion open

No one demanded the word.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The 6th elected member, Jorgensen proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Draft be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Draft was then put to the vote en bloc and unanimously adopted.

2 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Proposal for the election of a Committee of 3 to revise the Rules of Business; proposed by the 2nd Government member Nellajes and the 3rd Elected member Christiansen.

On the proposal of the Chairman it was accepted that the Proposal be subject to one discussion only. The Chairman declared the discussion open

The 3rd elected member, Christiansen introduced the Proposal and recommended its adoption.

After a few remarks from members Francis, Christiansen, Lee Cyril and Kuntz; the Chairman closed the discussion

A recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed. The elected Committee was present, with exception of A. J. Jorgensen, V. A. Christian.

P. M. Wellejus blev kaldt.

3- Foreloggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Lukning af Butikker og Lagre om Aftenen paa Søgnedage; stillet af 2det Folkem. Medl. L. C. Roberts.

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen for aaben.

2det Folkem. Medl. Roberts foreloggde Udkastet og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Jørgensen, Roberts, Francis, Christensen, Paskuld, White og Le Cost.

Et udtraadt af Sidebrand!.. Et Opskrift erklæredes af Formanden. Medlemmerne Wellejus, Paskuld, Müller, Roberts og Knudsen forlod Mødet.

Mødet genoptoges. Paa Grund af Usikkerhed om gennemførelsen af Forhandlingen under Fraværelsen af de Medl. som ere tilbage, for at være i Stand af, at Udkastet kunne vises til et Udvalg, Medl. Jørgensen og Christensen forlod Mødet. Da der var ingen Deltagere mødt kl. 3.50 Eftm.

Jørgensen
Formand

Jno. N. Lightbourn.
Sekretær

Aar 1915 Søndagen den 17de Juni Kl 2 pm Eftm. afholdtes et ekstraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for Bahamas og Dets gennemtalet af Formanden i Henhold til Forretningsordenen § 4. Samtlige Medl. og Vice Gouverneren vare tilstede.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Førend Dagsordenen foretages, 1ste Folkem. Medl. Le Blanc forespurgte om der ere nogen Bestemmelser i Forretningsordenen der tillade Medlemmer at forlade Raadet efter deres Ønske?

Formanden svarede, der er intet at forhindre naar som helst de ønsker at gøre saaledes.

En Forhandling fandt Sted mellem Medl. Jørgensen White, Wellejus, Christensen, Le Blanc og Roberts.

Mødet gik over til Dagsordenen.

1- Forkastelse af 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Lukning om Aftenen paa Søgnedage, stillet af 2det Folkem. Medl. L. C. Roberts.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Roberts, Christensen, White, Jørgensen, Knudsen, Vice Gouverneren, Medl. Francis, Müller, Le Blanc og Lightbourn

ren.

Recommended by the Elected member, La Cock, to the favourable consideration of the 3rd Elected member, Christensen, for the appointment of Chairman of the Committee for the Draft, in which he was seconded by the 4th Elected member, Ingenaar.

There being no further nominations, the nomination was declared closed.

The Chairman declared the nomination of the 3rd Elected member, Christensen, carried unanimously.

Mr. Christensen having accepted the nomination, he took the Chair.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee should report on the Draft Ordinance at the next meeting.

Member La Cock said that he would like to have a few days to study the Draft.

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A recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed, the election was proceeded with, resulting in the election of Messrs J. Friedrichs and A. Vance.

4.- Introduction of and consideration of a proposal from the 6th Elected member, Ingenaar, concerning the election of 2 men to represent the Council and the inhabitants during the discussion in Executive Committee concerning the islands of St Thomas and St Jan.

The 6th Elected member, Ingenaar, introduced the proposal and asked that it be taken into consideration by the Council.

The Chairman declared the proposal open for discussion

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anfon [illegible] gyfer Belgium ac Ewrop
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Jno. N. Richburg
Ysgrifennydd

Cymeradwyir

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Ffrind i Gymru Newydd. Ehedi Cael Ei Gwneud
Gwybod Ei Fod Wedi Ei Ddewis Yn Unfrydol
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Roberts and Kuntz; member Roberts proposed that a Committee of 5 members be appointed to report on the Proposal.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion.

A peace of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed; the election was proceeded with, resulting in the return of members Kuntz, Jörgensen, Christensen, Roberts and Francis

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Geo. B. Blake
Chairman

Jno. A. Lightbourn
Secretary

On Thursday the 5th August 1915 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 2. p.m. 2d meeting in the session 1914-1915. Present were: His Excellency the Actg Vice Governor and all the members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the 7th elected member Kuntz, Speaker of the Committee appointed to report on the Proposal of the 6th elected member, Jörgensen, regarding the election of 2 men to represent the Council and the inhabitants during the discussion in Copenhagen regarding the islands of St Thomas and St Jan; by consent of the Council and Government, introduced the Committee's report which was not on the Order of the Day; thereafter he read Government's letter No 652 of 28th July, by which the Committee is informed that Government has received information by cable from the Ministry, that it will be useless to send home 2 men for the object assigned by the proponents of the Draft, as all Proposals will be laid before the Council for report.

After a few remarks, the 6th elected member, Jörgensen withdrew his Proposal.

The 2d elected member, Roberts, called attention to the condition of the market in Emancipation Square, and remarked on the gambling carried on in some of the taverns and other places.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with
1-2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the closing of shops and stores on week-days; with the Committee's report.
The 2d elected member, Roberts, Speaker of the Committee introduced the report and recommended its adoption.

A discussion ensued in which members La Beet, Oesterlee, Smith, Roberts, Lightbourn, Müller, Jörgensen and White

Formanden åbnede 2den Behandling.

Afstemning over Odvalgsbekendtgørelsen foretoges, 7 Stemmer for, 7 imod, Formandens stemme. Bekendtgørelsen blev forkastet.

Formanden spurgte, om ingen havde noget at indvende mod det, vilde hans Forslag: Ingen Bekendtgørelse, Dag.

Ikke Grønnemann ønskede Spørgsmålet forelagt Byen Behandling, e Dag.

Afstemningen foretoges ved Navneopraab og gav følgende Resultat: 7 for Forslaget, 6 imod og 1 Stemmeseddel blank.

Forslaget i dets oprindelige Form vedtoges altså med 7 mod 6 Stemmer.

Formanden meddelte, at Forslaget om Forandring i Anordning af 1ste Januar 1907 for Thisted og Løgstør paa en Maade, der kunde godkendes af Odvalgsbekendtgørelsens Forfattere, foreligger.

Folket. Medl. Møller, Ordfører for Udvalget, oplæste Bekendtgørelsen og anbefalede dens Vedtagelse.

Den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Poulsen, Jørgensen, Thiele, Christensen, Hvidt, Le Beck og Fire Grønnemann.

Et Forslag fra 6te Folket. Medl. Jørgensen, at 2den Behandling skulde ophøre, vedtoges enstemmigt.

3—4— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunens Fattigvæsen og Byen for Tidsrummet fra 1ste April 1915 til 31te Marts 1916

Hr. Grønnemann foreslog det Forslag og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse.

Den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Le Beck, Jørgensen, Lyksborg, Poulsen og Christensen.

Formanden stillede 1ste Behandling Forslag overgik til 2den Behandling.

Medl. Raadet og Grønnemannen Lyksborg 2den Behandling foreslog.

6te Folket. Medl. Jørgensen foreslog at 2den Behandling skulde ophøre og at Raadet vedtoges. Forslaget vedtoges enstemmigt.

5— Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag fra det 6te Folket. Medl. J. P. Jørgensen om at der altid havdes rent Vand paa Dagordenen for hvert Møde, anbefalede:

Medlemmer finde foreliggende Kommunionen om del, der er foranlediget,

og Forespørgslen fra Medlemmerne til de foreliggende Kommunionen

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingen for aabnet.

6te Folket. Medl. Jørgensen foreslog sit Forslag og forklarede dets Gjemed.

took part. The Chairman closed the 2d discussion

The voting on the Committee's report was proceeded with, 7 voted in favour, 7 inclusive of the Chairman voted against. The report was rejected.

The Chairman said, if no one had any objection to offer, he would by the consents of the Council and Government proceed with the 3d discussion today.

The Vice Governor said, he could not consent to the 3d discussion being transacted before the opinion of the Ministry, on the subject concerning the Apothecary hall had been received.

The Draft in its original form was put to the vote and rejected, 9 votes against

2—2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning some alterations in the Ordinance of 1st February 1907 for St Thomas and St Jan concerning the public peace on Holidays; with the Committee's report.

The 5th elected member, Miller, Speaker of the Committee introduced the report and recommended its adoption.

A discussion ensued in which members Boschulte, Jörgensen, White, Christensen, Kunkel, La Beet and the Vice Governor took part.

A proposal by the 6th elected member, Jörgensen, that the 2d discussion be kept open, was unanimously adopted.

3—4—Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of 1st additional Money bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1915 to 31st March 1916

The Vice Governor introduced the two Proposals and recommended their adoption

A discussion ensued in which members La Beet, Jörgensen, Lightbourn, Boschulte and Christensen took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2d discussion By consent of the Council and Government the 2d discussion was proceeded with

The 6th elected member, Jörgensen, proposed that the 2d discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

5—Introduction of and 1st discussion on Proposal from the 6th elected member L. P. Jörgensen, concerning the placing as first item on the Order of the Day at every meeting:

Reports from the various Commissions on what has been done by them;

and interpellations from members to the various Commissions

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 6th elected member, Jörgensen, introduced his Proposal and explained its object.

Et Forslag fra 3die Lokal. Bestyrelsen om Forlaget kunde tilbydes af Raadet mindre Ofring til at fremskaffe Forretningsordener, efter nøiere Overveielse og nærmere Samtale.

Medd. Raadet 31. 5. 05. Efm.

Gunnar Thomas
Formand

Abram E. Smith
Sekretær

Aar 1915 Torsdagen den 7de Oktober Kl. 8 Em. afholdt Bestyrelsen af Kolonialraadet for Østmo og Vesten sit 3die Møde i Sæsonen 1915-1916

Tilstede var de fung. Ekspeditionssekretær Øverst Formelige Medlemmer undertegnede samt 5te Suppl. Medl. Møller.

Efterskrivningen fra sidste Møde oplæst og vedtaget uden Bemærkninger.

1- Sag af Betydning for vore Lokal-Kontorer Det meddeltes Bestyrelsen at Velstrender, underrettet af Raadets Medlemmer, og erklæret sig Overensstemmende i Sagen. Formanden erklærede Kl. 8. Lokal-Kontor for Østmo og Vesten, samt herefter lod at have Sæde og Stemme paa Raadets Møder. Tog underskrevet foreløbig af Bst.

2- Forslaget om 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Ændring av Skemaet af Aarsmeldere i §§ 13 i Vedtægterne af 27 September 1909 om Ekspeditionskontorer, besluttet den Kgl. Bevilling til endelig Bortfjernelse. Ekspeditionssekretæren forelagde Skrivelse og anbefalede dette Forslag.

Efter nogle Bem. Den foreliggende Forhandling derhos Medd. Raadet, Ekspeditionssekretæren, Formanden Bestyrelsen, Forslaget, Formanden Medd. Raadet, Lokal-Kontor, Styrets Lokal-Kontor og Ekspeditionssekretæren. Forslaget vedtaget til 2den Behandling. 2den Behandling enstemmig vedtaget.

Et Forslag fra 7de Medl. Raadet, at Sagen Behandling med videre Formaal Raadets og Foreningens Interesse forelagde i Dag 9de Behandling vedtaget uenstemmig Kl. Forslag Bestyrelsen anbefalede Formand Sagen Behandling foreløbig.

A proposal from the 3rd elected member, Christensen, that the Proposal be referred to the Committee appointed by the Council to revise the Rules of Business, was unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed at 5.05 p.m.

Gerhardt
Chairman

Abram E. Smith
Secretary

On Thursday the 7th October 1915 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m. 3rd meeting in the session 1915-1916.

Present were His Honour the Dispatching Secretary Berrez and all the members excepting the 5th elected member Müller who is off the island.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Examination of the Patent of nomination of the 1st Crown member H. Knud-Hansen.

The newly appointed Crown member presented his brief which was circulated among the members and were found to be in order. The Chairman declared Mr H. Knud-Hansen 1st Crown member of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan with the right to sit and vote as such; he then signed the prescribed oath.

2- Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance abolishing the rule of § 15 of the Ordinance of 27th September 1799 respecting the limits of the liberty of the Press, that the exercise of a printer's business is subject to a Royal Grant.

The Dispatching Secretary introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

A discussion ensued in which members Kuntz, Lightbourn, Roberts and the Dispatching Secretary took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

After a few remarks from members Roberts, Jürgensen, La Cpt, Kuntz and the Dispatching Secretary, the Chairman closed the 2nd discussion.

The 7th elected member, Kuntz proposed that by the consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion be taken

Tde Folketingsmedl. Kandidater af 3die Valgkreds og
af Landsdelen
Landsdelsbestyrelsen Folketingsvalgene vedkommende
3—Interpellation til Ministeriet vedkommende Valgene
Kbh. d. 6. Marts om Lørdagen for Tidsrummet mellem Kl.
Lyden klokken Fyrre
Kgl. Kansli Landstinget Folketingsvalgene Interpellationen.
Den Kongelige Kommissarius Justitsminister Nellemann.
Efter Kgl. Befaling Kammerherre Stampe.
Kgl. Befaling for Kammerherre Stampe. Kgl. Befaling for Kammerherre
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Folketingsvalgene Interpellation
Efter Kgl. Befaling Landsdelsbestyrelsen vedkommende Valgene
Kgl. Befaling for Kammerherre Stampe. Kgl. Kansli Landstinget vedkommende
Folketingsvalgene Interpellation
3—Kgl. Befaling for Kammerherre Stampe Kansli Landstinget vedkommende
Folketingsvalgene Interpellation
Kgl. Befaling for Kammerherre Stampe Kansli Landstinget vedkommende
Folketingsvalgene Interpellation
og Kgl. Befaling for Kammerherre Stampe.
Justitsminister Nellemann Kgl. Befaling for Kammerherre Stampe
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6.—Behandling af Kgl. Kansli Landstinget vedkommende Valg- og Afstem-
mede for Folketinget 1. Kammerherre Stampe Kansli Landstingets
Forhandlinger for Kgl. Befaling for Kammerherre Stampe. Kansli Landstingets
Behandlingen.

Afstemning

Efter Ønske af Kammerherre Stampe Valg- og Afstemmede
for Kammerherre Stampe Kansli Landstingets Forhandlinger,
vedtaget af Kammerherre Stampe for 6 Kl. 6 Kl. 6 Kl. 6
Stemte for 14 Kl. 12 Kl. 12 Kl., og da der ikke for
Kammerherre Stampe for Kansli Landstingets Afstemning Kl. 6

ted today. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 7th elected member, Kunkel proposed that the discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

3- Interpellation to Government by the 4th Crown member C.E. Francis concerning the removal of the light on the pier in Cruz bay.

By consent of the Council, the interpellation was proceeded with

The 4th Crown member Francis introduced his interpellation.

A short discussion ensued in which the Dispatching Secretary, members Jorgensen, March, Roberts, Francis, Wellejus, Christensen and White took part.

The Chairman closed the discussion.

The 6th elected member Jorgensen retired

4- Discussion on letter from the 6th elected member Jorgensen, concerning his resignation as member of the Municipal Committee and other Commissions.

The Chairman read the letter. By consent of the Council the Chairman declared the discussion open.

A proposal from the 2nd elected member, Roberts, supported by member Boschulte, that no action be taken in the matter, was unanimously adopted.

5- a) Election of 2 men for each quarter of the town to assist in estimating the rental revenues for the year 1915.

b) 2 men for the Country District of St Thomas to assist in estimating the rental revenue of country property for the same period.

and c) 2 men for St Jan for the same purpose.

The election was proceeded with resulting as follows:

For Kings Quarter, J.E. Kunkel and Carl V. La Beet

Queens Quarter, L.E. Spickermann and D.O. Petersen

Crown Princes Quarter, J.C. Roberts and G.A. Francis

Country District, J.H.C. Boschulte and F. Danielsen

St Jan E.W. March and C.E. Francis

6- Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes for the 1st half-year of 1915; with the Committee's Report.

The discussion was proceeded with within closed doors. The Secretary read the report.

Report

Having duly considered the reclamations handed in against the Draft of Assessment of Trade- and Lamp-taxes for the 1st half-year of 1915, your Committee recommends that: A. Newton be lowered from 6½ class A. to 6th class B, Jules H.C. Jonsfort from 11th to 12th class, and that no reduction takes place in the assessment complained of

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Widow E. D. Elvin, baker, and Kyrang Alpalova, grocer.

Committee re Assessment of Trade Licence, St Thomas 28th September 1915

J. E. Kennedy, Chairman J. H. Prochnik Jno N. Lightbourn
J. F. Jorgensen V. A. Christensen Carl F. La Beet

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 3rd Crown member, Smith proposed that the Draft with the Report be adopted.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously accepted.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p.m.

J. E. Kennedy
Chairman

Jno. N. Lightbourn
Secretary

On Thursday the 9th December 1915 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m., 4th meeting in the session 1915-1916.

Present: His Excellency the Governor and the Despatching Secretary Berner; members Blake, Smith, White, Prochnik, Kunz, Lightbourn, Christensen, Roberts, La Beet, Francis, Melligen and Knud-Hansen.

On opening the meeting, the Chairman on behalf of the Council and the inhabitants extended a welcome to His Excellency and Mrs Melligen - Larsen on their return to the island

His Excellency thanked the Chairman and members for the hearty expressions extended to him. He informed the Council, that on his last audience with Their Majesties, he was commanded to convey their great regard to the Council and the inhabitants

The Chairman invited the members to join in a 3 times 3 cheers for Their Majesties

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Member La Beet offered an excuse for member Miller.

The 6th elected member, Jorgensen entered

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1 – Introduction and 1st discussion on Draft of Supplement to Ordinance of 6th August 1914 concerning Electoral Power and Ship Dues in St Thomas and St Jan.

The Governor introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption

A discussion ensued in which the Governor, members Christensen, Kunz, Lightbourn and La Beet took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

Aften Rådets og Formandens Forhandling 2den Behandling
Forslag.

Ingen forlangte Ordet. Formanden skreds til 2den Behandling
af Forsl. Kgl. Res. af 3die Behandling Forslag i
Dag. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt
Aften Formandens og Rådets Forslag 3die Behandling
erklæredes forsvarlig.

2den Forh. Kgl. Res. af 3die Behandling skreds til
at Forslaget vedtoges.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt
2 – Forslag til Bekendtgørelse, Forslag til Lov om Afskaffelse
af Kvæstrandskat paa de dansk vestindiske Øer.

Statsminister Forslaget og forklarede det til Grund
Idet paafølgende Forhandling deltog Statsminister, Kgl.
Justitsminister, Christensen, Roberts, Rantzau og Lightburn.

Formanden skred til Behandlingen.

Et Forslag fra Justitsminister Kgl. Res. af den nedsatte et Udvalg
af 5 til at afgive Betænkning over Forslaget, sattes under
Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Et Ophold af 10 Minutter, til Udvalgets Overlæg. Valg for-
toges. Kgl. Justitsminister, Roberts, Lt. Carl Hansen og
Skibsklarerer Olsen valgte.

3 – Forslag til Bekendtgørelse, Forslag til Lov om Embeder
i Dansk Vestindien.

Statsminister forelagde Forslaget og forklarede det
Idet paafølgende Forhandling deltog Statsminister, Kgl.
Justitsminister, Roberts og Christensen.

Formanden skred til Behandlingen.

Et Forslag fra Justitsminister
Et Forslag fra den nedsatte et Udvalg af 5 til at afgive Be-
tænkning over Forslaget, sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges
enstemmigt.

Et Ophold af 10 Minutter, til Udvalgets overlæg. Valg for-
toges. Kgl. Justitsminister, Christensen, Roberts og
Rantzau-Clausen blev valgte

4 – Interpellation til Statsministeren skreds af det 2det
Folketings Kgl. & C. Roberts angaaende Forslag til Opretholdelse
af Fattigvæsenet og en Afstedspension fra St Thomas
Kgl. Rådets Samtykke Interpellationen forelagde
2det Folketings Kgl. Roberts forelagde Interpellationen
Statsministeren i Stedet til Forsørgelsen fornitrede det anede
Kgl. af hans Sygdom i Dagen, og bemærkede, at i Betænkning
maatte den paa Dagsordenen henlægge det i Betænkning

Mødet hævet Kl. 5.15.

Statsminister

Formand

Sekretær

By the consent of the Council and Government the 2d discussion was proceeded with

No one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the 2d discussion

The 1st elected member, La Bet proposed that the 3rd discussion be proceeded with today. The proposal was unanimously adopted

By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was declared open.

The 2nd elected member, Roberts proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2 - Introduction for the Council's report on a Draft of Law for establishing small-holdings in the Danish West India Islands.

The Governor introduced the Draft and explained its object.

A discussion ensued in which the Governor, members Jörgensen, Christensen, Roberts, Knud and Lightbourne took part.

The Chairman closed the discussion

A proposal by the 6th elected member, Jörgensen that a Committee of 5 be appointed to report on the Draft was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

A recess of 10 minutes; the meeting was resumed and the election of the Committee was proceeded with, resulting in the return of members Wellejes, Jörgensen, Christensen, Roberts and Knud-Hansen

4 - Interpellation to Government by the 2d elected member J. C. Roberts concerning proposal for the erection of an almshouse and a workhouse in St Croix

By consent of the Council the interpellation was proceeded with

The 2d elected member, Roberts introduced the interpellation

The Governor replying to the question, assured the hon. member of his good will in the matter and promised, that as soon as there is money for the purpose, he will give it his consideration

Remarks The meeting closed at 5.15.

Kan 1916 Fredagsmøden 10 Januar Kl. 8 Eftm. afholdes ekstraordinair Møde af Kolonialraadet for Thomas og St Croix paa nærmeste af Byraadet ex i Henhold til § 84 af Forretningsorden.

Tilstede vare: Gouverneuren, Major Bleicke, Kapitainen, Bachelle Christensen, La Cour, Nellejus og Amtmd. Hansen

Formanden erklærede Mødet for aabent. Tilhørerne fik paa Mødet adgang og anvisning.

Formanden underrettede Raadet kort om hvad medlegd skriftlig Underretning fra de Kongel. Major. Francis. fra Kongel. Major Rawlins Garnison gjorde mundtlig Underretning for Saja Kongel. Major Smith.

Man gik over til Dagsordenen.

1 – 2den Behandling paa Forslag til Lov paa Opkrævelse af Ekspeditionsafgift paa de dansk vestindiske Personal Realrettighedsbekræftning.

Af Fuldmagter af Professoren (Francis) med Raadets Samtykke forlagde Major Rawlejus Kongel. Befaling (Ordre) Motivering vedkommende.

Disse paafølgende Forhandling deltog Gouverneuren, Major. Jørgensen, Backulle, La Cour, Kunz, Lightbourn og Roberts.

Et Forslag fra 1ste Løitnant Major. La Cour, at Raadet samles og i et Udvalg til at behandle paa Gouverneurens, saadan snarest Skikkelig og redigere det i Stemmer, Udvalget bestaar af 3 Medlemmer.

Forhandlingerne forlagdes for lukkede Døre.

Mødet paa igen erklæredes for aabent.

Betænkningen af hele Raadet gjennemlæst og vedtagen med 7 Stemmer 3 Major, Nellejus, Backulle og Jørgensen stemte imod.

Formanden skredet 2den Behandling.

Forslaget med Betænkningen overgik til 3die Behandling ved Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke Formanden læste de 3die Behandling for aabent.

1ste Forh. Major. Kunz forslog 3die Behandling slettet og at Betænkningen vedtages paa Raadets Betænkning Forslaget paatales, under Afstemning og vedtages.

2 – 5te Behandling af Forslag til Lov paa Embeder i Dansk vestindien, med Udvalgsbetænkningen.

Professoren (Roberts) forlagde Betænkningen.

Disse paafølgende Forhandling deltog Gouverneuren, Major Christensen, Professoren (Roberts) Major. Jørgensen, Kunz, Lightbourn og Nellejus.

Endringsforslag stillet af 3die Forh. Maj. Christensen hvi 3:4 og 5 Punkter vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtages hvi med 9 Stemmer.

On Monday the 10th January 1916 the Executive Council for Estima and Gardelle reassembled at 2 p.m. pursuant to the Resolution passed the 27th of the Rule of Business.

Present His Excellency the Governor, members Acte, Lightbourn, Gardelle, Hardy, Ingham, Reid, Chairman, Le Dec, Melejie and Revd. Hanson.

The Chairman declared the meeting open. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter from the 4th Commercial District. The Executive Member Revd. Hanson stood as candidate for the 3 Commercial Seat.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 - 2nd Discussion on Draft of Law concerning the establishing of Schools in the Danish West Indies, with the Committee's Report.

In the absence of the Speaker of the Committee (Estimia) the Elected member, Ingham, Chairman of the Committee, by the consent of the Council introduced the Report.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members Ingham, Gardelle, Le Dec, Hardy, Lightbourn and Estimia took part.

A proposal from [illegible] the Nominated members, Le Dec, that the Report be withdrawn, and that the Council form itself into a Committee to discuss the matter with His Excellency was put to the vote and accepted; Five Jamaica, against 2, Melejie and Roberts abstained from voting.

The withdrawal took place whilst closed doors

Proceedings were again made public.

The Report of the Committee of the whole House was received and adopted by Five, 3 members, Melejie, Ingham and Gardelle abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the 2nd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was declared open.

The Nominated member, Hardy proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and that the Report be adopted as the Council's Report. The proposal was adopted.

2 - 2nd Discussion on Draft of Law concerning Offices in the Danish West Indies, with the Committee's Report.

The Speaker (Roberts) introduced the Report.

A discussion ensued in which His Excellency, members, Chairman, the Speaker, members Ingham, Hardy, Lightbourn and Melejie took part.

Amendments to §§ 4 and 5 submitted by the 3 Elected members, Estimia, were put to the vote separately, and adopted by parties. The Speaker abstained from voting

Formanden sluttede 2den Behandling.

Forslaget overgik til 3die Behandling. Alpha Raadets og Overvaagningsudvalgets Samstykke 3die Behandling erklæredes for aaben.

Sekretæren (Roberts) forelæste at 3die Behandling sluttedes og at Afstemning om de i dette anførte Forslag vedtoges.

Forslaget paatoges. Afstemning og vedtagelse enstemmigt

3 – Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Udkast til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1916 til 31te Marts 1917.

Overvaagningsudvalget i sagen fra Alpha forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede dets Vedtagelse

Efter sagen fra Bemærkninger fra Alpha. Borgerrepræsentationen og Overvaagningsudvalget, Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling

Udkastet overgik til 2den Behandling.

Alpha Raadets og Overvaagningsudvalgets Samstykke 2den Behandling erklæredes for aaben

1ste Sekretær. Alpha. La Beth foreslog at 2den Behandling sluttedes, og at Udkastet vedtoges en bloc.

Forslaget paatoges, under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

Mødet hævet Kl. 5. 30. Eftm.

Gerard Roberts
Formand

Jno. A. Lightbourn
Sekretær

The Chairman called the Meeting
to order at the hour appointed for the Meeting
as (Prior) Adelt proposed that the Minutes be dispensed with as the Report in the usual form.
It appeared unanimously agreed
to Authorize and Direct an Order to be
Municipality Notes and Coupons for the Financial year
April 1916 to 31st March 1917.
No Business appearing the Meeting
into adjournment

The Commissioners Meeting left the meeting.
After some remarks from members Engineer, Chairman and Rec
Treasury, the Chairman stated the Minutes. the Draft passed
to 2nd reading.
Moved and seconded that Council now Go into Committee
of the whole.
Resolved again, Mr Ord proposed that the Minutes be dispensed with,
and that the Draft be adopted as the
It appeared unanimously agreed to.
The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

J. Lord Clark
Chairman

Jno A. Lightbourn
Secretary

Aar 1916 Torsdagen den 6te April Kl. 2. Eftm. afholdtes et ordinairt Møde af Koloniraadet, for St Thomas og St Jans 5te Møde i Session en 1915-1916.

Tilstede vare: Gouverneuren, Medl. Oleska, Smith, White, Marsh, Pedersholm, Krum, Jørgensen, Lightbourn, Roberts, Francis og Wallace.

Formanden underpetbede Raadet, paa at have hvert nærværende Møde fra 3die og 5te Februar. Medl. Christensen og Møller angaaende Deres Fraværelse fra Øen, den 1ste for 8 Dage og det 2det for et Par Maaneder. Formanden gjorde mundtlig Meddelelse herom for 1ste Gang. Medl. Knud Hansen

Man gik over til Dagsordenen:

1- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for 1ste April 1915 til 31te Marts 1916.

Gouverneuren forelagde Forslaget.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Gouverneuren, Medl. Jørgensen og Roberts.

Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling. Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling. Med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling foretages.

7te Februar. Medl. Krum forslog at 2den Behandling skulde ske og at Forslaget vedtages en bloc. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

2- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1916 til 31te Marts 1917.

Gouverneuren forelagde Forslaget.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Lightbourn, Jørgensen, Hans Excellence, samt Krum og Roberts.

Formanden sluttede 1ste Behandling. Forslaget overgik til 2den Behandling. Med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling foretages.

7de Februar. Medl. Krum, forslog at 2den Behandling skulde ske, og at Afstemningen over Forslaget foretages.

Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt.

Afstemningen foretages: Under Post VII. "Gader og offentlige Veje" henlages

7. Til Regulering af Gaden ved Gjendommene N. 20 Kommunedantgade over Vandet Fr 1.500.

vedtages ved 10 Stemmer, 1 imod.

Under Post IX. "Sundhedsvæsenet" henlages.

9. Udgifter til Kommunehospitalet . . . . . Fr 1.440-

vedtages ved 10 Stemmer 1 imod

14 Til Oplæring af en Jordemoder Fr 3.500-

Der Rath der Stadt Basel an Hans Conrad Escher von der Linth in Zürich.

Basel, 1. Juli 1811.

Wir haben Ihr Schreiben vom 19. Juni, worinnen Sie, Herr Escher, die Herren Rathsherren Burckhardt, Ryhiner, Peyer und Merian ersuchen, Ihnen einige Nachrichten über die Lage der Seidenbandfabrikation in unserer Stadt zu ertheilen, mit Vergnügen erhalten. Wir ersehen daraus, dass Sie sich mit Errichtung einer Seidenbandfabrik in Zürich beschäftigen, und wünschen Ihnen zu diesem Unternehmen Glück und Segen. Wir sind gerne bereit, Ihnen alle Auskunft zu ertheilen, die Sie von uns verlangen werden, und wir werden Ihnen zu diesem Behufe eine Anzahl Bänder zusenden, welche in unserer Fabrik verfertigt worden sind.

Wir haben Ihnen ferner zu Handen der Herren Ryhiner, Merian, Peyer und Burckhardt eine Anzahl Bänder zugesandt

vedtoges enstemmigt

Under Post XII. "Forskellige Udgifter" bevilges:

7. Til Hyrmandslen af det nuværende Sygelems Cathrine Nørgaards til "Samfundet og Hjemmet for Nødstedte" i Kjøbenhavn og forhandes Ophold i nævnte Hjem Kr. 1130.62½.

vedtoges enstemmigt

Under Post XV. "Understøttelser" bevilges:

11. Thv. Sørensen Enke Fabio Kr. 750 –

vedtoges enstemmigt

12. Enken efter Politibetjent Olsen Kr. 300 –

vedtoges enstemmigt

3 – Valg af eet Medl. af St Thomas Kommunalraad for et Tidsrum af 6 Aar fra den 1ste April d. A. at regne i Stedet for Hr Carl F. La Beck

Valg foreloges. Hr La Beck genvalgtes enstemmig.

4 – Valg af tvende Mænd til i Forening med Overværen at uddele Renterne af Hans Majestæt Kong Christian IX's og Dronning Louises Guldbryllupslegat

Valg foreloges; D'Hrr F. P. Jørgensen og A. E. Smith bleve enstemmigt Gjenvalgte

5 – Valg af tvende Mænd til i Forening med Overværen at uddele Renterne af Hans Kongelige Højheder Kronprins Frederik og Kronprindsesse Louise's Sølvbryllupslegat

Valg foreloges; D'Hrr P. Mørkeberg og A. Papendiek bleve enstemmigt Gjenvalgte.

6 – Behandling af Andragende til Ansættelse af Puds- og Lygteskatter for Fælled Kvarteret; med Kommunalbestyrelsens Bemærkninger

Forhandlingen foreloges for lukkede Døre. Sekretæren afgav Bemærkningen.

Betænkning

Efter behørig at have overvejet de angaaende Puds- og Lygteskatter for 2det Kvartal 1916 indkomne Ansøgninger, foreslaar Kommunalbestyrelsen at L. Pretzmann-Aggerholm nedsættes fra 5te Klasse A. til 5te Klasse B. og at der ikke foreligger nogen Nedsættelse for Theophelus Mc Cabe, Enke M. E. Mannecke f. Gjertz (Smeder) og Anna Overhundt, (Blikkenslager) og at Enke Anna Rodgers udgaar af Listen.

Kommunalbestyrelsen, den 28 Marts 1916

D. E. Knudsen
Formand

L. P. Jørgensen
Carl F. La Beck

J. H. Paschkulle
Jno. N. Lightbourn

Forslaget med Bemærkningen vedtoges enstemmigt og vedtoges.

unanimously adopted.

Sub item XII "Minor Expenses" is granted
7. for conveying home the crippled child Catherine Hendricks to Sprogø and as Expenses for transfer in Copenhagen and for her stay at a sick home . . . . Fr 130.62½

unanimously adopted.

Sub item XVI "Allowances" is granted
11. former midwife Mrs Tobin Fr 750 –

unanimously adopted.

12. the widow of Hermann Claus Fr 300 –

unanimously adopted.

3 – Election of a member for the St Thomas Harbour Board for 6 years to reckon from 1st April a. c. in place of Mr Carl F. La Beet.
The election resulted in the re-election of Mr La Beet.

4 – Election of 2 men to give the Governor in the distribution of the interest derived from Reminiscence King Christian IX and Queen Louise's Golden Wedding Fund.
The election resulted in the unanimous re-election of Messrs A. E. Smith and J. P. Jörgensen.

5 – Election of 2 men to give the Governor in the distribution of the interest derived from T. R. H. the Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Louise's Silver Wedding Fund.
The election resulted in the unanimous re-election of Messrs J. Mortensen and A. Creutzer

6 – Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade & Lamp-taxes for the 2nd half-year of 1915; with the Committee's Report.
This item being of a private nature is considered within closed doors
The Speaker read the Report

Report.

Having duly considered the reclamations handed in against the Draft of Assessment of Trade & Lamp-taxes for the 2nd half-year of 1915; your Committee beg to recommend that L. Beckmann Aggerholm be lowered from the 5th class A to 5th class C, and that no reduction takes place in the assessment complained of by Theophilus McCabe, M. Edwards, F. Smith (joiner) and Moses Beechwood (tinsmith); and that Anna Rodgers be struck off the list.

Committee on Assessment of Traces and Lamp-taxes, St Thomas the 28th March 1916.

J. C. Kunty, J. P. Jörgensen, J. H. Bochicke
Chairman, Carl F. La Beet, Jno A. Lightbourn

The Assessment List and the Report were put to the vote and adopted

Protokoll

Ved Møde af Raadvalget afholdt den 5te April 1916 Tilstede vare: Medl. Krantz, Jørgensen, La Cour, Francis og Lichtbauer, idet vedlagtes enstemmigt at Firmaet Andersen og Meyer af Kjöbenhavn ansattes til Public- og Lygteskatter for 1ste Halvaar 1915 i 8de Klasse, og for 2det Halvaar af samme Tidspunkt i 7de Klasse

Raadvalg til Ansættelse af Public- og Lygteskatter, St Thomas den 5te April 1916.

J. E. Krantz Formand J. P. Jørgensen Carl E. Francis Ino N. Lichtbauer

1- Forespörgsel til Gouvernementet stillet af 6te folker. Medl. Jörgensen.

Med Raadets Samtykke (Forretningsordenens § 15) Medl. Jörgensen forelagde sit Forespörgsler vedrörende, hvortil Gouvernementet svarede

2- Forespörgsel til Gouvernementet stillet af 2det folker. Medl. J. E. Roberts.

Med Raadets Samtykke (Forretningsordenens § 15) Medl. Roberts forelagde sit Forespörgsler vedrörende, hvortil Gouvernementet svarede.

3- Forespörgsel til Gouvernementet stillet af 4 Konger. Medl. C. E. Francis.

Forespörgslen blev forhandlet af Raadet, 8 imod, 1 for, 2 stemte ikke

Mödet hævet Kl. 6.20 Eftm.

Gerrard Blake
Formand

Abram E. Smith
Sekretær

Report

Re Committee meeting held 5th April 1916, at which were present members Hunt, Bignell, Le Cat, Francis and Eglinton, it was unanimously agreed that the Fire Inspector and Keys be renewed for this and Inspectors for the Belgian Refugees in the 8th Elec, and for the 2nd Belgian Refugees in the 9th Elec.

Committee on Casement Estate Enquiries, Elec no 8 5th April 1916.

J. E. Hunt — A. J. Bignell — Leo N. Eglinton
Chairman — Carl E. Francis

Re report was unanimously carried.

7- Interpellation to Government by the Elected members Bignell

By the consent of the Council (S15 of the Rules of Business) the 6th elected member intimated his interpellation verbally, which his Excellency replied.

8- Interpellation to Government by the 2nd elected member, Leland.

By consent of the Council (S15 of the Rules of Business) the 2nd elected member intimated his interpellations verbally, to which his Excellency replied

9- Interpellation to Government by the 4th Crown member

E. E. Francis

Re Interpellation rejected by the Council, against, 1 for, 1 abstained.

The meeting closed at 6.20 p.m.

Leonard
Chairman

Abram E Smith
Secretary

Aar 1916 Fredagen den 27 April Kl. 2. pm. Eftm. afholdtes et ekstraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan sammenkaldt af Gouvernementet i Henhold til Kolonialloven § 36.

Tilstede vare: Hr Højreformand Gouverneuren, Medl. Blake, White, Boschulte, Kuntz, Lightbourn, Christensen, La Cour, Francis Wallejus og Knud-Hansen.

Den fung. Formand, Blake opfordrede 5te Suppleant Medl. Lightbourn til at fungere som Sekretær.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Den fung. Sekretær, Lightbourn gjorde mundtlig Meddelelse for Justitsminister Medl. Smith.

Et Brev fra den 6te Suppleant Medl. Jørgensen, hvorved han meddelte Raadet om sin Portrejse fra Øen for et Tidsrum over 4 Maaneder, og derfor forlangede at sit Sæde erklæredes vakant, oplæstes.

Den fung. Sekretær, Lightbourn, foreslog at der tages i Betragtning til Skrivelsen indtil det næste Medl. forlod Øen.

Forslaget vedtoges.

Man gik over til Dagsordenen:

1–2. Valg af Raadets Embedsmænd, Medl. af Kommunaludvalget og af de forskjellige Kommissioner.

Til Formand valgtes Carl F. La Cour. Formanden indtog sit Sæde

Vice Formand, J. C. Kuntz

Sekretærer, Jno. N. Lightbourn og P. A. Christensen

Kommunaludvalget, J. C. Kuntz, Jno. N. Lightbourn og P. A. Christensen for St Thomas Valgkreds, for St Jan A. O. White, suppl. Medl. P. F. de Wallejus.

Bygnings- og Byggeskatt kommissionen, G. O. Blake, J. C. Roberts, J. H. Boschulte A. C. Smith og P. A. Mullas

Karantænekommissionen, P. A. Christensen.

Valgkredstyrelsen for Øen, J. C. Kuntz.

" Landdistriktet, J. H. Boschulte

" St Jan, C. W. Marsh.

Udskrivning af Oplysningsvæsenet, J. C. Roberts

Afl. v. Kirkegaardskommissionen, A. C. Smith og J. H. Boschulte

Skolekommissionen for Landet, J. J. Jørgensen

Skolekommissionen, St Jan, C. W. Marsh

1ste Suppl. Medl. Knud-Hansen forlod Mødet.

3 – Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Anordning, ang. Udvidelse af almindelig borgerlig Straffelov af 10 Februar 1866 til de dansk-vestindiske Øer, med Forslag til Ændring i Udkastet, vedrørende § 235, stillet af Gouvernementet

Gouverneuren forelagde Udkastet og anbefalede at det henvises til et Udvalg.

On Tuesday the 27th April 1875 the Colonial Council for Tobago met in Scarborough pursuant to adjournment at 2 p.m., convened by Government pursuant to 336 of the Colonial Law.

Present were: His Excellency the Governor, members Blake, White, Prescott, Kuntz, Lightbourn, Christiansen, La Borde, Francis, Villages and Royal-Harrison.

The acty. Chairman, Blake, declared the meeting open and requested the 4th elected member, Lightbourn, to act as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The acty. Secretary, Lightbourn, laid on record for the 3rd time a petition against.

A letter from the 6th elected member, Jörgensen, informing the Council of his intended departure from the Island for a term according to rule, and requesting that his seat be declared vacant.

The acty. Secretary, Lightbourn proposed that no notice be taken of the letter until the Jan. vacancy left by the retirement.

The proposal was adopted.

The Clerk of the Day was proceeded with.

1-2 - Election of the Council's Officials, members of the Municipal Committee and of the different Commissions.

Chairman - Capt. T. La Borde. The Chairman accepted his seat.

Vice Chairman - J. E. Kuntz

Secretaries - Hon. Lightbourn and T. A. Christiansen

Municipal Committee - J. E. Kuntz, Hon. T. Lightbourn and T. A. Christiansen for the Electoral District of Scarborough; for St Jno, A. D. White, Crown member, J. P. the Village.

Roads & Lamps Committee - G. D. Blake, J. C. Roberts, J. H. Prescott, A. E. Smith and F. Hezekiah.

Quarantine Commission - T. A. Christiansen.

Electoral Board, Town - J. E. Kuntz.

Electoral Board, Country - J. H. Prescott

Electoral Board, St Jno - C. W. March

Drafting of Militia - J. C. Roberts

Public Expenditure Commission - A. E. Smith and J. H. Prescott

School Commission, Country - J. J. Jörgensen.

School Commission, St Jno - C. W. March.

The Crown members, Royal-Harrison left the meeting.

3 - Introduction of and 1st reading of Draft of Ordinance concerning the extending to the Danish West India Islands of the General Criminal Law of 10th February 1866, with amendment to §235 of the Draft, proposed by Government.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended that it be referred to a Committee.

Formanden erklærede Forhandlingerne for saaledes
7de Gang. Medl. Kunz gjorde en kort Bemærkning.
Medl. for Landdistrikterne, Boschulte foreslog at der nedsattes et Udvalg af 5 til at afgive Betænkning over Forslaget.
Formanden paatalte 1ste Behandling. Udskudt overgik til 2den Behandling.
2det Kongev. Medl. Wellejus, foreslog et Udvalg af 3 Medl.
Forslaget paatoges under Afstemning og vedtoges ved 7 Stemmer
Medl for Landdistrikterkredsen Forslag blev forkastet.
Et Udvalg af 10 Medlemmer udtaltes. Mødet Gennemgik.
Valg foretoges; Medl. Jørgensen, Christiansen og Wellejus blev valgte.

Mødet hævet Kl. 4.45 em Eftm.

Carl C. Hall Ch.
Formand

Jno N. Lightbourn
Sekretær

Aar 1916 Søndagen den 22 Juni Kl 2. Eftm. afholdtes et ordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, 1ste Møde i Sessionen 1916-1917. Tilstede vare Guvernøren, Medl. La Beet, Christensen, Muller, Boschulte, Blake, Kunz, Jørgensen, Lightbourne, Smith og Wellejus. Formanden gjorde mundtlig Meddelelser for 1ste og 4de Kongev. Medl. Konrad-Hansen, og Francis. 3die Folkev. Medl. Christensen gjorde mundtlig Meddelelse for 5te Folkev. Medl, Møller.

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes og vedtoges.

Man gik over til Dagsordenen:

1- 2den Behandling af Udkast til Anordning om Udvidelse af almindelige borgelig Straffelov af 10 Februar 1866 til de dansk vestindiske Øer, med Udvalgsbetænkning.

Ordføreren (Wellejus) forelagde Betænkningen og anbefalede dens Vedtagelse.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Guvernementet, Medl. Boschulte, Christensen og Jørgensen.

Ordføreren (Wellejus) foreslog at 2den Behandling holdtes for sidste. Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt

2- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillæg til Politivedtægt af 12te August 1908, om Automobiler.

Guvernementet forelagde Forslaget og anbefalede Vedtagelsen af de Tillæg til Vedtægten som i Kraft.

Chairman

Chairman

...mlig Forhandling af Forslag til Forandring, Tillæg
...Ophævelse af Lovene.

...Folketingets Forslag til Lov om Ændring af Lov
...Marts 1915 om Valg af Medlemmer til Folketinget
...Landstinget.

Efter Folketingets Beslutning vil Forslaget blive forelagt
...Landstinget til Behandling i Overensstemmelse med Grundlovens
...Bestemmelser herom.

Forslaget er saaledes affattet:

§ 1. I Lov om Valg af Medlemmer til Folketinget, jfr. Lovbekendtgørelse af 31. Marts 1920, foretages følgende Ændringer:

1) I § 3, Stk. 1, udgaar Ordene: "Dog kan ingen, der ikke har fyldt 25 Aar, vælges."

2) I § 4, Stk. 1, udgaar Ordene: "Dog kan ingen, der ikke har fyldt 25 Aar, vælges."

3) I § 5, Stk. 1, udgaar Ordene: "Dog kan ingen, der ikke har fyldt 25 Aar, vælges."

Em. Gehl
Ehemann

[illegible] Aug. Bl. Byes. Klubs Møde
[illegible] for Aftenen og Byen, Præsident

Tilstede som Medlemmer, Hpsl. Sigfred, Mik, Alb. Bjørn, Christensen, Robert, Svend, Frank, Nielsen og Knud. Hansen.

Formanden oplæste Meddelelsen fra Afdeling Hpsl. Sigfred, omhandlig Medlemsmøde for Aftenen og Klub.

Tilstedeværende fra nabo Afdelinger og nedlagte.

Alle sit ud til Dagsordenen.

1 - Indlæggelse og Behandling af indkl. Ønsker for Sommeren Klubben og Byen for Øjeblikket for April Måned 1917.

Ingen Forslag fra Medlemmerne.

Ingen Forslag Indlagt og oplæst. Indlagte Forslag Formanden præsenterede Tilstedeværende for Ingen Forslag. Ingen Forslag til Drøftelse. Ingen Forslag indlagt til Behandling.

Hpsl. Raul og Undertegnede Forslag til Behandling Indlagt.

Hpsl. Christensen og Robert gjorde Indsigelse for korte Bemærkninger.

Et Forslag fra Indkaldt Hpsl. Sigfred, at Afstemning skulle ske ved Indlagt Navneopråb under Afstemning og nedlagte Fuldmagter.

2 - Forslag til Generalforsamlingen skulle afholdes af Afdelingen (Byen).

Hpsl. Raul Undertegnede Indlagt Forslag Medl. om Tidspunktet Generalforsamlingen.

Forslag, at den Kongelige Hpsl. Musik-Koncert, Bemærkninger, nedlagte under Afstemning og nedlagte Fuldmagter at Afløse af 10 Medlemmer. Hpsl. Indlagt.

Ingen af Forslag Indlagte Resolution

Resolution

Generalforsamlingen enstemmigt følgende Resolution

On Tuesday the 1st August the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m., 2e meeting in the session 1916-1917. Present were H. E. the Governor, member La Beet, Lightbourn, Wilde, Blake, Jorgensen, Christensen, Roberts, Francis, Smith, Wellejus and Knud-Hansen. The Chairman read a letter of excuse from the 5th elected member, Müller. Verbal excuses were given for members Rentz and Marsh.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Introduction and discussion on Draft of Additional Appropriation to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1916 to 31st March 1917.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. None demanded the word. The Chairman closed the discussion. The Draft passed 6 to 2 decisions.

By consent of the Council and Government the 2e discussion was postponed until.

Members Christensen and Roberts offered a few short remarks on a proposal by the 2e elected member, Roberts that the 2e discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted now and to be voted and unanimously adopted.

2- Interpellation to Government by the 6e elected member, Jorgensen;

By consent of the Council the 6e elected member introduced his interpellations separately, to which His Excellency replied.

3- Introduction of a proposal by the 1st Commune member, Knud-Hansen, that the Colonial Council resolved itself into a Committee for considering and discussing the question of this indebtedness and pecuniary state of affairs, to which we are to, His Excellency referred temporarily. The 4th Commune member's proposal retired.

~~Mad Indebtedness~~. By consent of the Council the 1st Commune member withdrawn his Proposal.

A discussion ensued in which members Christensen, Jorgensen and Roberts took part.

The proposal of the 1st Commune member, Knud-Hansen for a Committee of the whole house was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman declared a recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed.

The Chairman read the Report accepted by the Committee.

~~The proposal to forward the Report to the Governor of Curaçao by telegram was adopted.~~

Resolution

Da de tidligt tilkomne Selskabsmedlemmer havnede
at indbyde Hr Thomas og Hr Jens, og de øvrige Deputerede
paa Generalforsamlingen Onsdag d. 30te i Afholdningen
skulde paa Forsamlingens Vegne og Selskabets Formands
i Fraværelse med Hensyn til Afholdelsen af Selskabets
indskrænke, overlader Bestyrelsen det
udelukkende til at fremskynde de mødende Forfriskninger
i Overensstemmelse med Omstændighederne, dog
Maaden forlangedes og er nødvendig til at lage Følgende
bagefter.

Et Forslag til at fremme Beslutning til Sammenkomsten
med Udgaaende efter samme Afslutning vedtages.

Paa Bestyrelsens vegne Nielsen Jørgensen Sekretær. midlertidig
Formand.

4. Behandling af Generalforsamlingens Beslutning No 697 af
18de Juli 1916.

Forhandlingen fandt Sted for lukkede Døre.
Mødet hævet Kl. 6.20. Eftm.

Carl Hansen
Dirigent

N Christensen
Sekretær

Aar 1916 den 27de August Eftm. afholdtes et ordinært Møde af Bestyrelsen for Thomas og Jens, Hjælpekasse i Sommeren 1916-17. Tilstede var foruden Formanden, Hr Forg. Vice Formand, Gjedemann Christensen, Bechulte, Hansen, Jørgensen, Pedersen, Hansen og Revisor Hansen, Nielsen, Bech

Nielsen og Revisor Hansen var forhindrede fra Mødets aabnes og anslaget.

Thomas Dagpenge for Uge Sommertid Lønnede Arbejdere til Afslag og Tilgang var Regnskabet for Ugemødet af den Lønnede Kasserer i Overensstemmelse med Bestyrelsens Beslutning.

En Skrivelse af 27 September d.A. fra Kassereren, med Anmodning om Tilladelse til Udbetaling af Dagpenge

1. Sekretær til Generalforsamlingen skiftet af 6te Folketingsmøde
J. P. Jørgensen.

Med Hensyn til Dagpengene forelagde.

6te Folketingsmøde J. P. Jørgensen Forslaget om Forsørgelsen.

Forslaget Vice Formanden anmeldt.

Mødet hævet Kl. 3.45. Eftm.

Carl Hansen
Formand

Jens N. Christensen
Sekretær

Colonial Council today unanimously adopted following resolution:
Resolution.
So constantly recurring sale negociations paralyze all enterprise in St. Thomas and St Jan and as great depression, with public deficit and private misery, has already been caused by war and disappointment from Panama Canal, Mother Country earnestly requested hasten present negociations and implored not to reject sale unless nation demand it and be willing to take consequences afterwards.

The proposal to forward the resolution to the Ministry of Finances by telegram was adopted.

The 2d crown member Wellejus left the meeting temporarily
The Governor entered.

4- Discussion on Government's letter N. 697 of the 18th July a.c.

The discussion was transacted within closed doors

The meeting closed at 6.20 p. m.

Carl C. Hansen
Chairman

V. Christian
Secretary

On Thursday the 5th October 1916 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 2 p. m., 3d meeting in the session 1916-17. Present were, besides the Chairman, the actg Vice Governor, members Christensen, Brockbake, Blake, Rentz, Jürgensen, Lightbourn, Francis and Knud-Hansen.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Members Wellejus and Roberts entered.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Chairman requested the Secretary to read a telegram received from the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee in Copenhagen.

A letter of the 27th September a.c. from handicraftsmen, was by permission of the Council circulated among the members for their information.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1- Interpellation to Government proposed by the 6th elected member, J. P. Jörgensen

By consent of the Council the interpellation was proceeded with
The 6th elected member introduced his interpellation
The actg. Vice Governor replied.

The meeting closed at 3.45 p. m.

Carl C. Hansen
Chairman

Jno N. Lightbourn
Secretary

An Le Lagan an Ceile Mór a bí Eglas ghalla a
chéimeadh Céile, ghlaoidheadh fé Telma a Lan,
romhaibh féimeadh, a Gaibeall Imeagtheas
Sé Eilis ann Fomar Fómhar, Mealm. Chuireas Do
réile Bhé, Rang, Éigeas, Abel, Fóreis, Reigus a
Rud Mórdas.

Lean gile per Le Cagarteas.

1. Rig Le Cigeas fé Lus a Gas Rualas Lil Leiche ar
Laidhe a Léimtighe Fé 1916.

Tig Le Cigeas Rualas, L.C. Le Bal a L.C. Rang
Fé Gamigas Rualas, L.C. Aitheas, O.C. Gas
Fé Gasgas Rualas, L.C. Abel a C.C. Rual
Fé Rualas Rig, L.C. Raile a Cuireal
Fé Rualas, C.C. Céimeas a R.P. Gigeas.

2. Lagan Gal Tig Le Lus a Gas Rualas.

2. Fhaile f Abeas a Gamigas Rualas Ar
Cigeas Le

Ba Jag Le Gas Rualas.

Chualas Fuar Le Fuile Ge.

Léimtheach Le 5.30. rual mach a Gas Ar Rualas
ar Gasgas. Gas Rualas ar Lile.

Gas Rualas Ceil Fuil Fuile, a Rualas Gas
Fhe Lus a Gas Rualas Fómhar
Fé Cas ar Jig f 3 Cigeas Lile Galas Rualas
i Cile Rualas. Cigeas Rualas.

Ca Rualas Fé Le Cas Cigeas Lighe f a File Ras
Gas Rualas.

Gas Fagfigeas Chualas Jig Rualas Cas Cuireas Ar
Gas Rualas, Cile, Cighleas, Gasle, Fóreis a Rug.

Gas Rualas Fuile Chualas Jig ar Cas Cigeas
Jeigeas Le. Gas Rualas, Gas Rualas, Gas.

Gile Rualas. Gas Rualas Jig f 3.
Gas Rualas Rualas Jig f.

Gile Rualas. Gas Rualas Jig Fuile Chualas
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On Thursday the 5th October 1916 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 4 p.m., convened by the Chairman pursuant to §4 of the Rules of Business. Present were, besides the Chairman, onemember Chichenese, Boschulte, Blake, Kuntz, Jorgensen, Roberts, Francis, Wellejus and Konrad-Hansen.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Election of 2 men for each quarter of the town to assist in estimating the rental revenue for the year of 1916.

Elected were: for King's Quarter, L.F. La Beet and P.E. Kuntz.
" Queen's Quarter, L.E. Rohrmann and G.A. Gomez
" Crown Prince's Quarter, A.C. Roberts and G.A. French
" Country District of St Thomas, J.H. Boschulte and F. Danielsen
" St Jan . . . . . C.E. Francis and P.J. Jorgensen

The 2d Crown member, Wellejus retired

2- Continuation of the discussion re Governments Letter No 697 of the 18th July 1916.

The actg. Vice Governor entered.

The discussion was terminated within closed doors.

The meeting adjourned at 5.30. p.m. until the next morning at 9 o'clock when it was resumed. The same members being present.

The Chairman declared the meeting reopened; and informed the Council that he had received a telegram from the Chairman of the Council in St Croix informing him that 3 delegates had been been elected to the Parliamentary Committee in Copenhagen.

The telegram was read.

A communication from "The Civic League, adopted by the 7th elected member, Kuntz, pursuant to §§ 43-44 of the Colonial Laws was read.

A discussion ensued in which members, Christensen, Jorgensen, Roberts, Lightbourn, Boschulte, Francis and Kuntz took part.

The Chairman put to the vote, whether delegates be elected or not. 2 voted against, 8 in favour.

The 6th elected member proposed the election of 3

The 2d Crown member proposed 2.

The proposal of the 6th elected member was put to the vote and adopted by 4 votes. Members Boschulte and Kuntz abstained from voting.

The proposal of the 2d Crown member was adopted by 4 votes, including the Chairman's vote. The proposal of the 2d Crown member was, pursuant to §19 of the Rules of Business, adopted.

A recess of 10 minutes was declared. The meeting was resumed

The Chairman said, during the recess I was requested to proceed anew with the voting for the number of delegates to be elected, lest as there is an objection, I leave the decision on the question to the Council

The proposal was put to the vote and adopted by 5 votes

Bekanntmachung

Die Lieferung der Bedarfsmengen an Kohle, Koks und Briketts für die Dienststellen der Stadtverwaltung Hannover für die Zeit vom 1. April 1916 bis 31. März 1917 soll vergeben werden.

Bedingungen können im Zimmer 46 des Rathauses eingesehen und dort auch Angebotsvordrucke entnommen werden.

Angebote sind bis zum 15. März 1916, vormittags 10 Uhr, verschlossen und mit entsprechender Aufschrift versehen an mich einzureichen.

Hannover, den 2. März 1916.

Der Magistrat.
Abteilung für Gas, Wasser und Elektrizität.
Dr. Ing. Klönne.

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The election of 3 delegates instead of 2 was first moved and Elected were members Jørgensen, Roberts and Christensen

The 2nd Opposition member, Wolleys left the meeting.

A telegram to the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee in Copenhagen, was read and adopted.

3- Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-taxes for the 1st half-year of 1916; with the Committee's report.

The Secretary read the report.

Report.

Having duly considered the reclamations handed in against the Draft of Assessment of Trade & Lamp-taxes for the 1st half-year 1916, your Committee recommends that Ole Jørgens be lowered from the 9th to 10th class, widow G. Lavitt from 12th to 13th class, Miss Mc. Walker be struck off the List, and that no reduction take place in the assessment complained of by Jacob Möller and Ernest Möller, tailors

Committee on Assessment of Trade & Lamp-taxes, St Thomas the 30th September 1916

J. E. Kunz
Chairman

Geo B. Blake, J. A. Christensen
Jno N. Lightbourn, J. R. Prebble

The Draft with the report was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.

Carl. H. Hatfield
for
Chairman

Jno. N. Lightbourn
Secretary

On Thursday the 16th November 1916 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting convened by Government pursuant to s 36 of the Colonial Law. The present were besides the Chairman, His Excellency the Governor, the Government's Secretary, members Lightbourn, White, Mark, Prebble, Kunz, Francis, Smith, Wolleys and Knud. Hansen

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a written excuse from member Blake; he offered a verbal excuse for member Möller.

The Chairman extended a welcome to His Excellency; the members rose from their seats

The minutes of the two last meetings were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1. Felegyházi Polgárság által kiadandó ezüst Emlékpénz és darab-arányi Be- és Kivitele Szabadságolt Bizottsági Határozat alapján.

Ezüst Emlékpénz Felügyelő Bizottsági Határozat alapján.

Ezüst Emlékpénz Kibocsátási Határozat.

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1- Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning certain privileges granted to owners of real estate in the Spanish West Indies whose properties have been destroyed or damaged by the hurricane on the 9th and 10th October 1916.

His Excellency introduced the Draft and recommended its adoption. After a few short remarks from the Chairman, members Kuntz and Francis, the Chairman closed the 1st discussion.

The Draft passed to 2nd discussion

By the consent of the Council and Government, the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The 2nd discussion was declared open

The 4th elected member, Kuntz, offered a few short remarks, to which His Excellency replied.

The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government, the 3rd discussion was proceeded with. The Chairman declared the 3rd discussion open No one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the 3rd discussion The Draft was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2- Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Money bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the financial year from 1st April 1916 to 31st March 1917.

His Excellency introduced the Draft directing the attention of hon. members to the remarks.

The discussion was declared open.

The 4th elected member, Kuntz, offered a few remarks.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government, the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

No one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion

The Draft was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3- Discussion on Governments letter of the 16th November a.c concerning the Council's consent for the disposal of a piece of land of the Hospitals Estate belonging to the St Thomas Colonial Treasury.

A proposal of the Chairman that the letter be given one discussion only, was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman declared the discussion open

The 4th elected member, Lightbourn recommended the proposal. Nothing further offering, the Chairman closed the discussion.

The Proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

The meeting closed at 3. p. m.

Carl. F. Hal Lund
Chairman

Jno. N. Lightbourn
Secretary

Aar 1917 Mandagen den 8de Januar Kl. 8 Em. afholdt
et Bekræftelses Møde af Kommunalraadet for Lørup og Lø Sogn
sammenkaldt af Formanden i Henhold til Forhandlingsprotokollen
§ 4. Ved Navneopraabet var: Mejeri Bestyrer,
Dirk Møller, Fonsi, Smidt, Knud Hansen og Wilde.
Formanden erklærede Mødet for aabnet.
Forhandlingerne fra de sidste Møder oplæstes og godkjendtes.
Formanden forelagde til Efterretning, at fra Delegeret Jørgen-
sen, der sendtes fra Formanden for Lørup Kommunalraad, der
blev valgt af Sekretæren.
Som fungerende Formand valgtes Mejeri Bestyrer Møller,
Lyksborg, Knud Hansen, Fonsi, Dirk og Formanden.
Kl. 8½ til Delegeret Jørgensen Telefonen blev afbrudt
og ophørte.

Carl Hansen
Formand

Mejeribestyrer L. G. Eskn.
Jno. N. Lyksborg
Sekretær

Aar 1917 Tirsdagen den 23de Januar Kl. 8 Em. afholdtes et møde
af Kommunalraadet for Lørup og Lø, til Behandling af
Sagerne 916-919 Tilstede var Formanden Fonsi, Sørensen,
Formandsfuldmægtig, Mejeribestyrer Christensen, Dirk Møller, Lyk-
borg, Møller, Lyksborg, Robert Fonsi, Smidt, Wellejus og
Knud Hansen. Formanden meddelte Raadet at han havde
modtaget skriftlig Underretning fra Mejeri Bestyrer.
Formanden paa Raadets Vegne bad Velkommen til de Delegerede
paa deres Tilbagekomst til Øen.
Som fungerende Forhandlingsledere valgtes Sørensen, Formand,
Mejeribestyrer Knud Hansen, Jørgensen, Robert, Smidt og Hansen.
Forhandlingerne pakkes under Afstemning og vedtoges af 7 Stemmer
3 stemte imod, 3 afholdt sig fra.
Med Hensyn til Sørensen-Møllegades Forslag om Spørgsmaalet
Dagordenen forelagdes punkt 1ste.
1— Forslaget til Sørensen-Møllegades Afslutning af 1ste Konges. Mejeri.
K. Knud-Hansen.
Med Hensyn til Sørensen-Møllegades Forslag
1ste Konges. Mejeri. Knud-Hansen forelagde nye Forslag-
ler paa Raadets Vegne, hvortil Sørensen-Møllegade svarede, at
jeg ikke vil dele Mening af gaar ikke mine Øjne, men
skal blev gjort. Mejeriet kan ikke paatage sig Forslaget.
2— Forslagsstillerne Behandling af Sagen til Tilbagekaldelse til
Budgettet for Kommunerne 1ste Januar og 2den for Fremmøde
paa 1ste April 1917 til 31te Marts 1917.

On Monday the 8th January 1917 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an adjourning meeting at 2 p.m., convened by the Chairman pursuant to S 4 of the Rules of Practice. Present were besides the Chairman, members Lightbourn, Blake, Miller, Francis, Smith, Knud-Hansen and Wile.

The Chairman declared the meeting open

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman presented the Telegram, one from Deputy Governor, St Thomas, the other from the Chairman of the Colonial Council in Grenada which were read by the Secretary.

A discussion ensued in which members Miller, Lightbourn, Knud-Hansen, Francis, Wile and the Chairman took part.

A reply to the telegram from Deputy Governor was framed and adopted.

Earl Hamel
Chairman

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

Jno. T. Lightbourn
Secretary

On Friday the 22nd February 1917 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an adjourned meeting at 2 p.m., present were besides the Chairman, His Excellency the Governor, the Deputy Government Secretary, members Christensen, Wile, Doublet, Knud, Jorgensen, Miller, Lightbourn, Roberts, Francis, Smith, Nelthropp and Knud-Hansen. The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a written resignation from member Blake.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council tendered a welcome to the returned Administrator.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. A discussion arose in which His Excellency, the Chairman, members Knud-Hansen, Jorgensen, Roberts, Doublet and Knud took part.

The minutes were finally adopted by votes, 3 against 3 declared from voting.

By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd item on the Order of the Day was proceeded with as the first.

1. Interpellation to Government by the Commissioner, Knud-Hansen.

By consent of the Council the interpellation was proceeded with

The Commissioner, Knud-Hansen introduced his interpellation which is as follows:

1. Is it true that the Administrator has given an undertaking to Government that he will not introduce any legislation during the present session of the Council?

2. Is it intended to amend the Ordinance providing for Draft of Additional Estimates and to include in the Budget for the Expenditure of St Thomas and St John for the financial year from 1st April 1916 to 31st March 1917

Emeriam Kalyn ürdagdyaukjeleen Radayle
Dee Profigaa Khaaig adig Emeriu, Ilee Figaian.
Eleelaan, Eglleen, Kaalag Aale
Ememan ahaa ne Odaaig, Folgamgleli ne Blaaig
Ula Baal y Emeamoolo Gaulgle ne Claaig Jolgo
Emaalee aga Kiaa ae niel ane a Ula, nia Kaa
laal ine Claaig y Keaen ane Folaaig ae Foolga
Ilaa Gal. Gae y Gaalgi Aji Kaiga:

1. Ul Gemagaalgia i Ela Oya
Ka 3 Gaalgi Claaa da Ryoolaigal Ji 4.165.65
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2. Ji Glaalai f Gaaa y Emalla
i Gaa gla Claaa ..... Ji 2000.00
nalga a claaaigl.

3. Ji Glaalai f Gaia ae Gaglaa
Ga Oglaaa ..... Ji 750.00

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aalaa Kaa a Kkija gal alal gla Oglaa

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Kaga Kaaa Galgla

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Kaga aalaaig.

Glaaaa a Kaaa Jaalg.

Jgla Kaa Kaa Kgla aag Glaaaig aa aa Kaga aalaaig.

Jal Gla Kaa Kgla aag Glaaaig aa aa Kaga aalaaig.

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at der mødte alle Medlemmer af Bestyrelsen med Undtagelse af Hr. Kassér Hansen, Møller og Christensen blev valgte.

Efter Forslag af Hr. Eskildsen.

Carl Pedersen
Formand

Jacob Thuesen
Sekretær

Aar 1917 Torsdag den 15 Marts Kl. 8 Eftm. afholdtes ekstraordinær Møde af Kolonibestyrelsen for Ø. Flakkebjerg og Ø. Jernløse sammentalt af Formanden i Henhold til Indbydelserne. Til Stede var foruden Formanden, Gjerrild, Gjerrildmandrup, Møller Lyhne Mads, Bødtker, Jørgensen, Møller, Christensen, Peter, Francis og Knud Hansen. Formanden meddelte Forsamlingen at han havde modtaget skriftlig Underretning fra Hr. Dr. Ploug Hansen om at Hr. Dr. Ploug agtede mundtlig Underretning for 2den Gang. Ugtl. Indlæg.

Indbydelserne fra sidste Møde oplæstes, ligeledes Referatet fra Ugtl. Lighittens, blev vedtaget.

Formanden oplæste Ministeriets Skrivelse af 9. D. M. 400 vedkommende Valg af Medlemmer til Bestyrelsen for Fredens og Rådet for Landbo-Forbrydelser og Behandling af Sager af 3die Del bør fælles af Ugtl. Vælgere, Kvinder forældre, af Rådet ansluttet Fængsel, der kunne forlade i Henhold til Forordningen af den forelagte Amnestilov af Fredag.

Formanden forlag at der gives kun et enkelt Behandling til hver af Sagerne, vedtoges enstemmigt.

6te Kreds Ugtl. forlagde til Sagen Forslag, forfattede Hans Gjerrild Hans forslag lydende som følgende Resolution:

"Vedtages at den afholdte Møde af Rådet kun gik ind til de rigtige Kjøbenhavnske Sager.

Hans forslag lydende som følgende Resolution:

motion of the case said Rei Excellency the adjst. Members Hanna, Neilla and Christensen were nominated which were put to the vote and adopted.

The meeting closed at 5 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Tuesday the 15th March 1917 the Colonial Council for Nauru met in the Old an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. pursuant to S4 of the Rules of Practice. Present were besides the Chairman, Rei Excellency the Governor, Rei Esquire the Government Secretary, members Lightbown, Hyde, Buchholz, Jorgensen, Neilla, Christensen, Roberts, Francis and Hanna Hanna. The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a written resignation from member Clarke

The 4th elected member, Lightbown filed a nomination for the 2nd member, Neilla.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, after a short remarks by member Lightbown, they were adopted.

The Chairman read Governmental letter of this days date, No 89.

The Order of the Day by request of the Council was further considered.

Information and discussion on letter of the 3rd read from the 6th elected member (Jorgensen) in the first it is proposed that the Council discuss questions that may arise on account of the transfer of the Islands

The Chairman proposed that there only be given a single decision to each letter was unanimously adopted.

The 6th elected member withdrew the first 3 letters separately and explained their object.

He proposed the following Resolution.

"Resolved that the Council keeps meetings every so hours until the most important questions are solved."

A discussion arose in which member Clarkson, Jorgensen, Francis, Roberts and White took part.

The Resolution was put to the vote and accepted by 7 vote.

The 6th elected member read his 4th letter upon which he gave an account of his mission in Denmark

The 3rd elected member was of the opinion that one member should be the Speaker for all the delegates.

The 2nd elected member Robert gave an account of his mission in Denmark.

The 6th elected member, (Jorgensen) read a letter from the 5 delegates to the Danish West Indian Government

Hjælpe Rpne.

Formand Sekretær

Aar 1917 Lørdagen den 17de Marts Kl 3 Eftm. afholdtes et skole-ordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet paa mineralet af Formanden i Henhold til Forretningsordenens §4. Tilstede foruden Formanden vare Gymnasiastkonsulent, Mpdl. Christensen, Brochulle, Hunt, Jørgensen Møller, Lieftbuen, Roberts og Francis

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæst og vedtoges.

Møde gik over til Dagsordenen

1- Gennemgangen eller første Behandling af de 3 første Poster paa Dagsordenen for Mødet af 15 Marts 1917.

Formanden erklærede Behandlingen for aaben

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Mpdl. Hunt, Jørgensen Christensen, Roberts, Møller og Lieftbuen. Formandens Forslag at Behandlingen paa første Punkt udsattes, vedtoges enstemmigt

2- Forelæsning af Betænkning af Oper af 30/1 ds. fra 6te Folkev. Mpdl. (Jørgensen) hvori foreslaaes, at penge Tilegnede til Finansministeren og Dagpengene forøges.

Efter nogle faa Bemærkninger fra Mpdl. Hunt, Christensen Jørgensen og Roberts, 6te Folkevalgte Mpdl. Jørgensen tog tilbage sit Forslag.

3- Forelæsning af Betænkning af Oper af 30/1 ds. fra 6te Folkev. Mpdl. (Jørgensen) hvori foreslaaes, at penge Tilegnede til Finansministeren og Dagpengene vedrørende Opgaver de fem Delegerede penge til Formanden for den vestindiske Kommission af 30' September 1916 Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Mpdl. Christensen, Jørgensen og Formanden. 6te Folkev. Mpdl. Jørgensen Forslag at Telegrammet penge til Finansministeren i Stedet for disse oppebørlige Udgifter, vedtoges af 7 Stemmer.

Fra Raadets nedsatte Redaktionskomité Mpdl. Jørgens Forslag oplæstes: Følgende Betænkning, som Ændringsforslag til 6te Folkev. 24 Jan d. A.

"Kolonialraadet billiger Betænkningen fra de Delegerede til Dagpengekommissionen af 30' September 1916 og anmoder ærbødigst om at Staten ikke alene dække Underskuddet i Kolonialkassen men ogsaa overtage Kommunens et Kontants Gæld til at begynde Arbejdet med denne nye Forhold.

Betænkningen sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges som Tilegnelsen for Øjeblikket til Finansministeren

Ørsted

Resolved that the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to report a Bill or Bills for the purpose aforesaid.

Attest

Clerk

Ordered

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 1) entitled "An Act to provide for the better Organization of the Treasury, and for the collection, safe keeping, transfer and disbursement of the Public Revenue" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 2) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 3) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 4) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 5) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 6) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 7) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 8) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 9) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 10) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 11) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 12) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 13) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 14) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 15) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 16) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 17) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 18) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 19) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 20) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 21) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 22) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 23) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 24) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 25) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 26) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 27) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 28) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 29) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 30) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 31) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 32) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 33) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 34) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 35) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 36) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 37) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 38) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 39) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 40) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 41) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 42) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 43) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 44) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 45) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 46) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 47) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 48) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 49) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 50) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 51) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 52) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 53) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 54) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 55) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 56) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 57) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 58) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 59) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 60) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 61) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 62) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 63) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 64) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 65) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 66) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 67) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 68) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 69) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 70) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 71) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 72) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 73) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 74) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 75) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 76) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 77) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 78) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 79) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 80) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 81) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 82) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 83) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 84) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 85) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 86) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 87) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 88) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 89) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 90) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 91) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 92) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 93) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 94) entitled "An Act to regulate the Collection of Duties on Imports and Tonnage" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 95) entitled "An Act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 96) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of Foreign Affairs" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 97) entitled "An Act to establish an Executive Department to be denominated the Department of War" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 98) entitled "An Act to establish the Treasury Department" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 99) entitled "An Act to establish the Office of Attorney General" and that the same be referred to a Committee of the House.

Ordered that the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union be discharged from the consideration of the Bill (Senate No. 100) entitled "An Act to establish the Post Office and Post Roads within the United States" and that the same be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Aar 1917 Mandagen den 19 Marts afholdtes et ekstraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, sammenkaldt af Formanden i Henhold til Forretningsordenens § 4. Tilstede foruden Formanden vare Medl. Christensen, Jørgensen, White, Kunz, Müller og Roberts

Formanden meddelte Raadet, at paa Grund af manglende Tilstedelighed, Ærgerdemen vilde foreloges i Henhold til Forretningsordenens § 6; men at ingen Beslutning kan tages; Han erklærede Behandling for aaben.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Jørgensen, Roberts, Kunz, Christensen og Formanden.

Mødet hævet Kl. 5.20 Eftm.

Carl Jäger
Formand

Schrader

Aar 1917 Onsdagen den 21 Marts Kl 4. Eftm. afholdtes et ekstraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan sammenkaldt af Formanden i Henhold til Forretningsordenens § 4. Tilstede vare foruden Formanden, Medl. Christensen, Jørgensen, Borchsenius, Kunz, Roberts, Francis og Smith

Forhandlingerne fra sidste Møde oplæstes, efter en kort Redelse fra Sekretæren blev vedtaget.

Formanden meddelte Raadet at paa Grund af manglende Tilstedelighed i Mødet den 19 de ingen Beslutning kunde tages.

Gouverneuren og Gouvernementssekretæren mødte.

Formanden erklærede Behandlingen for aaben.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Kunz, Jørgensen, Christensen, Borchsenius, Francis, Smith, Roberts og Francis.

Et Forslag at Kolonialraadet sammentræde som et Udvalg for at tage Beskikkelse angaaende Mødetagelsen af den nye Gouvernør og Embedsmænd samt Afskedigelsen

Et Ændringsforslag fra Hr Francis Medl. Christensen til Forslaget, at der nedsættes et Udvalg paa 5 til at indgive med Gouvernøren om vore Lønninger, sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges. Forslaget frafaldt

Et Forslag at Kolonialraadet nedsætte et Udvalg for at undersøge vor finantielle Stilling forelagdes. Efter nogle Ord

a call would elapse under the new provision"

Reported for the vote and adopted as the Council's Report

Ewd Hartley

Chairman

Secretary

On Monday the 9th Dec. 97 the Executive Council for the Year met pursuant to adjournment and was formed & the Chairman presented to the Rev. Fr. Peter. Present besides the Chairman Secretary, Rev. Fr. Lieut. Col. Hartley.

The Chairman informed the Council that in consequence of the resignation of the Rev. Fr. Peter and to fill the vacancy thus created the Chairman called for nominations.

Rev. Fr. Lieut. Col. Hartley nominated Rev. Fr. Peter and the Chairman declared him duly elected.

Reading dated as per

Ewd Hartley

Chairman

Secretary

On Monday the 22nd day of December 97 the Executive Council for the year met pursuant to adjournment, present the Rev. Fr. Peter & the Chairman, formed the Rev. Fr. Peter & the Chairman. Present besides the Chairman, members Chairman, Secretary, Rev. Fr. Lieut. Col. Hartley, Lieut. Col. Hartley & Lieut. Col. Hartley.

The minutes of the last meeting of the 9th inst. were read, after rectification by the Secretary, they were adopted.

The Chairman informed the Council that owing to the scarcity of funds, especially in the Treasury, it was necessary to call in the outstanding debts due to the Council, & moved that Lieut. Col. Hartley & Lieut. Col. Hartley be appointed to collect the outstanding debts due to the Council.

Bemærkninger, Hr Folkv. Mpdl. Christensen foreslog et Udvalg paa 5.
Forslaget sattes under Afstemning og vedtoges enstemmigt
Et Ophold af 10 Minutter. Mødet genoptoges
Valg af et Udvalg til at tage Beslutninger angaaende Medlemskabet af den nye Generalforsamling og Landsmandsmøde
Mpdl. Roberts, Jørgensen, Wellejus, La Cour og Christensen blev valgte
Valg af et Udvalg for at undersøge vor finantielle Stilling foretoges
Mpdl. Jørgensen, Roberts, Wellejus, La Cour og Christensen blev
Valgte.

Mødet hævet Kl 5.45 Eftm

Chr. Hansen
Formand

Sekretær

Aar 1917 Fredagen den 23 Marts Kl 4 Eftm afholdtes et ekstraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan paa
sammenkaldt af Formanden, i Henhold til Forretningsordenens
§ 4. Tilstede vare foruden Formanden, Mpdl. Jørgensen,
Smith og Roberts. Han meddelte Raadet at han havde modtaget skriftlig Undskyldning fra Mpdl. Christen.
Formanden erklærede Mødet for aabent. Paa Grund af mangelende Tilstedelighed, Dagsordenen kunde ikke forelægges
Mødet hævet Kl 4.30 Eftm.

Formand

Sekretær

Aar 1917 Mandagen den 26 Marts Kl. 4 Eftm. afholdtes et
ekstraordinært Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan
sammenkaldt af Formanden, i Henhold til Forretningsordenens
§ 4. Tilstede vare foruden Formanden, Mpdl Olsen, Roberts og
og Smith.
Formanden erklærede Mødet for aabent. Paa Grund af
manglende Tilstedelighed, Dagsordenen kunde ikke forelægges.
Mødet hævet Kl 4.30 Eftm.

Formand

Sekretær

A proposal that the Colonial Council appoint a Committee to study our financial position was forwarded. After a few remarks the 3rd elected member Christensen proposed a Committee of 5. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

A recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed.

The election of the Committee to arrange for the reception of the new Governor and officials resulted in the election of members Roberts, Jørgensen, Milligan, Le Cointe and [illegible].

The election of the Committee to examine our financial position was proceeded resulting in the election of members Jørgensen, Smith, Milligan, Le Cointe and Christensen.

The meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

[illegible]
Chairman

[illegible]
Secretary

On Friday the 23rd March 1917, the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 4 p.m., convened by the Chairman pursuant to 34 of the Rules of Business. Present were besides the Chairman, members Jørgensen, Roberts and Smith. He informed the Council that he had received a written excuse from member Christensen.

The Chairman declared the meeting open. Owing to the want of a quorum, the Order of the Day could not be proceeded with.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Monday the 26th March 1917, the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 4 p.m., convened by the Chairman pursuant to 34 of the Rules of Business. Present were besides the Chairman, members Clarke, Roberts and Smith.

The Chairman declared the meeting open. Owing to the want of a quorum, the Order of the Day could not be proceeded with.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Aar 1917 Onsdagen den 28 Marts Kl 4. om Eftm. afholdtes et ekstraordinairt Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, paanonenkaldt af Gouvernementet i Henhold til Forordningens §§ 4. Tilstede vare foruden Formanden, Medl. Christensen, Jørgensen, Roberts, Smith og Knud-Hansen.

Formanden erklærede Mødet for aabnet. Paa Grund af manglende Fuldtallighed, Dagordenen kunde ikke foretages.

Mødet hævet Kl. 4. 30. Eftm.

Formand Sekretær

Aar 1917 Torsdagen den 29de Marts Kl 2. pm Eftm afholdtes et ekstraordinairt Møde af Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan, paanonenkaldt af Gouvernementet i Henhold til Kolonialforordningens § 36. Tilstede vare foruden Formanden, Gouverneuren, Gouvernementssekretæren, Medl. Christensen, Jørgensen, Boschulte, Knud Blake, Roberts, Smith og Hellesen. Forhandlingerne fra Mødet den 21de 23de 26de og 28de ds. oplæstes og vedtoges.

Med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke Formanden gjorde nogen Forandringer i Dagordenen

Men gik over til Dagordenen

1- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Forslag til Tillægsbevilling til Budgettet for Kommunen St Thomas og St Jan for Finansaaret fra 1ste April 1916 til 31te Marts 1917.

Formanden erklærede Behandling for aabnet.

I den paafølgende Forhandling deltog Medl. Jørgensen, Gouverneuren, Formanden, Gouvernementssekretæren, Medl. Knud, Roberts, Christensen og Boschulte.

Formanden erklærede 1ste Behandling. Sluttet overgik til 2den Behandling.

Med Raadets og Gouvernementets Samtykke 2den Behandling foretages.

Formanden paapegede hvis der var intet at bemærke, Afstemning Stede kunne Indvendinger over Forslaget ikke foretages. Ingen fulgte Opfordringen

Under Post I. Udgifter ved Kolonialraadet for St Thomas og St Jan

5. Til Dækning af Udgifter ved en af Raadets Delegere foretagen Rejse til Washington ..... Frs 333.00

vedtoges under Afstemning og vedtoges af 7 Stemmer, 3 stemte ikke.

Under Post IX. Sundhedsvæsenet

9. Udgifter ved Kommunehospitalet.

f. Dets veterinair, Skriver, Vaktmester, Portnere ... Frs 2.333.37½

On Wednesday the 21st March 1917 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 4 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, members Christensen, Jörgensen Knudsen, Roberts, Smith and Thomas Hansen

The Chairman declared the meeting open. Owing to the want of a quorum, the Opening of the Day passed and the proceedings with the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Chairman Secretary

On Tuesday the 29th March 1917 the Colonial Council for St Thomas & St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. convened by Command pursuant to § 536 of the Colonial Law. Present were besides the Chairman, the Governor Jansen, Jörgensen, Knudsen, Roberts, Christensen, Smith and Hansen. The minutes of the meetings of the 21st, 23rd, 26th and 27th March were read and adopted.

The Chairman moved that the Council and Commencement proceed to the Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1. Introduction and Recognition of Medical Counsellor to the Government and St John for the financial year from April 1916 to March 1917.

The Chairman declared the Convening open

Whereupon it moved and seconded Governor Jansen, the Chairman, members Knudsen, Roberts, Christensen and Smith.

Jansen. The Chairman declared the first Convening. The Governor to 2nd Convening

By consent of the Council and Commencement the 2nd Convening proceeded with. The Commencement Proceedings

The Chairman said if there was no further remarks, he would close the 2nd Convening and proceed with the voting as the Governor to was demanded the most.

Subsection I. Expenses for the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John

5. For covering the expenses incurred by the Council Deputation

on a journey to Washington - - - - - - - - - Rs. 533.00

was put to the vote and adopted by four, 3 abstaining

Subsection II. The Sanitary Department in general.

9. Expenses for the Government Hospital:

sette neder Afslemning og valge ordenær
2- Forelæggelse og 1ste Behandling af Skatte til Dækning for
Kommunal Udgang for Finansaaret fra 1ste
April 1917 til 31te March 1918
Grundene for valgte Valget og valgte det Kollegiet.
Forretninger vilkaar Udvidelse for ovr
Den Forskjæl Udvidelse valg Lige Stats Skatte
Ligelige og Grundene.
Formanden aflaaet Opkl af 15 Minutter. Møde Kl.
Efter.
Formanden aabnede 1ste Behandling. Ordet gik over til
Den Udvidelse.
Den Udvidelse Grundene Forslag i den Rekkefølge
Lig Forslag.
Formanden spurte efter Forslag for Resten angaaende Skatte
til Dækning, og efter nogen Overlæggelse og Votering
vedtoges.
Formanden spurte 2den Behandling. Ordet gik ikke
længer end til Grundene og Forslag, og
Formanden, Udvidede ikke.
3- Valg af Kasse Udvalg til i Forening med Formanden at
udfylde Pladsen af Den afgaaede Hr Christian Z.
og Formand Ingen Valgbarhed.
Valg Forslag, lydt. A. J. Jørgensen og N. E. Smidt blev
Valgte
4- Valg af Kasse Udvalg til i Forening med Formanden at
udfylde Pladsen af Den Afgaaede Hr Jørgen Thompsen
og Kassererens Løn til Valgbarhed.
Valg Forslag, Hvilke P. Hofmann og A. Jørgen-
sen Valgte
Forsamlingen, Hvor Ved Forslag om 3 Gange 3 Hurra
for Længe, ogsaa en Tak blev af Lydet for Den Forretning
Formanden med Ilgnen. Medlemmerne stod og modtog
Hyldningen.
Mødet hævet Kl 5.30 Eftm.

Formanden Sekretær

On Thursday the 12th April 1917 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m., the 6th and last meeting in the session 1916-1917. Present were beside the Chairman, His Excellency the Governor members Christensen, Hide, Prahulla Maitz, Blake, Jörgensen, Francis, Smith, Hansel-Hansen and Roberts.

The Chairman on behalf of the Council exclaimed a welcome to the Governor, and reiterated the statements already made to him.

The Governor replied thanking the Council.

After a few remarks from the 6th elected member, Jörgensen, the Governor and the Chairman, His Excellency retired.

The Chairman requested the 2nd elected member Roberts to read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were confirmed.

The Chairman informed the Council that the meeting called was to be held on the 30th March and without a quorum, but that the delegates decided upon in the meeting on the 29th last were forwarded to His Majesty the King that he was acquainted, a reply to the same received. He informed the Council that the fixing of June as boundary, noon and night time the ballot would do for practicable be continued, and that other matters had also been taken up with Denmark, but there were not fully answered.

Members Christensen, Roberts and Francis objected to the Chairman's procedure without the knowledge of the Council.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1— Discussion re Draft of Agreement of Trade and Confidence for the 2nd half-year of 1916

No proclamation having been received against the Draft, it was discussed re-article by.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. No one demanded the word. The Draft was put to the vote and unanimously accepted

The Chairman announced the retirement of the following members. The 1st and 2nd Elected members, Rand Jörgensen and Hansen

Re-Elected member Roberts, 6th member, Jörgensen, 5th member Maitz, 4th member Blake, member for the Central District Prahulla, and Re-Elected for St Jan Thomas the meeting closed.

Op Maandag de 3 May 1915 de Edmonton Council for Edmonton East het an gehandhaving vergadering gehad om 8 P.M., onder die presidentskap van Burgemeester H. Ede.

Raadslede aanwesig: Raadsheer Bellamy, Lamb, Hilda Lykkum, Carlson en Jamieson. Raadsheer Mc Cauley, Mc Leod en Burgemeester Ede. Ook teenwoordig: A.C. Mc Kenzie, Stadsklerk, A.D. Hole, Stadsingenieur en E.P. Leslie, Stadsprokureur.

Raadsheer Bellamy het gesê dat hy 'n petisie ontvang het van die inwoners van Blok 5, Distrik 24, wat versoek dat die straat voor hulle eiendom gegrus word. Hy het voorgestel dat die petisie ontvang word en dat die Stadsingenieur versoek word om 'n verslag daaroor in te dien.

Raadsheer Lykkum het gesê dat hy nie gedink het dat die petisie ontvang moes word nie, omdat die Raad reeds besluit het om die straat te grus. Hy het voorgestel dat die petisie nie ontvang word nie.

Raadsheer Carlson het gesê dat hy nie gedink het dat die petisie ontvang moes word nie, omdat die Raad reeds besluit het om die straat te grus.

Die Burgemeester het gesê dat die petisie ontvang moes word, omdat dit 'n versoek was om inligting.

Raadsheer Bellamy het voorgestel dat die petisie ontvang word en dat die Stadsingenieur versoek word om 'n verslag daaroor in te dien.

Raadsheer Carlson het voorgestel dat die petisie nie ontvang word nie.

Die voorstel is deur Raadsheer Lykkum gesekondeer.

Die Burgemeester het die vraag gestel: Sal die petisie ontvang word?

Die volgende het vir gestem:

Raadsheer Bellamer
Raadsheer Carlson
Raadsheer Lamb
Raadsheer Jamieson
Raadsheer Hilda

Die volgende het teen gestem:

Raadsheer Mc Cauley
Raadsheer Mc Leod
Burgemeester Ede

Die petisie is dus ontvang.

Raadsheer Bellamy het voorgestel dat die Stadsingenieur versoek word om 'n verslag in te dien oor die petisie van die inwoners van Blok 5, Distrik 24, wat versoek dat die straat voor hulle eiendom gegrus word.

Raadsheer Carlson het gesekondeer.

Die volgende het vir gestem:

Raadsheer Bellamer
Raadsheer Carlson
Raadsheer Lamb
Raadsheer Jamieson
Raadsheer Hilda
Raadsheer Mc Cauley
Raadsheer Mc Leod
Burgemeester Ede

Die voorstel is aangeneem.

Raadsheer Bellamy het voorgestel dat die Stadsingenieur versoek word om 'n verslag in te dien oor die petisie van die inwoners van Blok 5, Distrik 24, wat versoek dat die straat voor hulle eiendom gegrus word.

Raadsheer Carlson het gesekondeer.

Die volgende het vir gestem:

Raadsheer Bellamer
Raadsheer Carlson
Raadsheer Lamb
Raadsheer Jamieson
Raadsheer Hilda
Raadsheer Mc Cauley
Raadsheer Mc Leod
Burgemeester Ede

Die voorstel is aangeneem.

Raadsheer Bellamy het voorgestel dat die Stadsingenieur versoek word om 'n verslag in te dien oor die petisie van die inwoners van Blok 5, Distrik 24, wat versoek dat die straat voor hulle eiendom gegrus word.

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Raadsheer Bellamer
Raadsheer Carlson
Raadsheer Lamb
Raadsheer Jamieson
Raadsheer Hilda
Raadsheer Mc Cauley
Raadsheer Mc Leod
Burgemeester Ede

Die voorstel is aangeneem.

Raadsheer Bellamy het voorgestel dat die Stadsingenieur versoek word om 'n verslag in te dien oor die petisie van die inwoners van Blok 5, Distrik 24, wat versoek dat die straat voor hulle eiendom gegrus word.

Raadsheer Carlson het gesekondeer.

Die volgende het vir gestem:

Raadsheer Bellamer
Raadsheer Carlson
Raadsheer Lamb
Raadsheer Jamieson
Raadsheer Hilda
Raadsheer Mc Cauley
Raadsheer Mc Leod
Burgemeester Ede

Die voorstel is aangeneem.

Letter from Governor Dyer to Francis

[illegible] Miller read
[illegible] Resolution
[illegible] the desk

Enclosing Copy of Resolution passed by Assembly
Legislature to the Governor for the Municipality of
Estonia and Copy for the Governor for the Municipality of
April 1917 to 3rd March 1918.

His Honour Capt. Dyer in the chair the Deputy
Assistant read the minutes of the last Session
Present from which minutes Ingerson
Kean, Riele, La Ord, Dorman and Roberts were absent.

Proposed from minutes Roberts, and the Deputy be
appointed a Committee of 3 to put the vote and report
immediately adopted.

The Chairman closed the Session. The Deputy
to 2nd Session.

Resumed

The Chairman declared a recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed. The Secretary the Committee was re-called with, resulting in the return of members Ingerson
Kean and Riele.

5— Introduction of and 1st Reading of Deputy proposed
Ordinance for Estonia and Egypt, concerning the control
of fire arms and ammunition.

His Honour, Capt. Dyer in the chair the Deputy
Assistant present in which members, Connors,
Snider, Kean, Francis, Riele, Riele, Roberts, Ingerson,
Dorman, La Ord and Francis were present.

The Chairman closed the Session. The Deputy passed to 2nd Reading.

By consent of the Council and Government, the 2nd
Reading was declared open.

After a few short remarks from His Honour, Capt.
Dyer and the Council members, the Chairman closed the
2nd Reading.

By consent of the council the 3rd Reading was declared
open.

A recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed
The elected member, Ingerson proposed the following amend-
ment. § 3. in the third paragraph after the word "control"
read, "and also to enter houses or other places as the discre-
tion of the Government." In 3rd after the word "Francis."
strike out the last few lines from the word "provided" to
"Estonia."

The amendments was put & the vote was adopted by 11
votes, one member (Dorman) abstained from voting.

The elected member La Ord [illegible]
[illegible] and the Deputy [illegible]

defeated, was lost & the motion accepted by the
6- Interrogation & Government submitted by the 3rd elected
member Mr. L. Childerson.

Will Government take the initiative in having measures
adopted for encouraging cultivation of potatoes so soon as the
soil becomes tradable?

The Chairman requested the Vice Chairman to occupy the Chair
& moved that the Council do Interrogation now proceed with.
The 3rd elected member intended his Interrogation. A discussion
ensued in which Hon Capt Dyer, the Vice Chairman
members Childerson, Smith, Jorgensen, Porter and Roberts took
part.

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

W. Christensen
Chairman

Wills Hearn
Secretary

On Thursday the 7th June 1917 the Colonial Council for
St Thomas and St Jan held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m.
(meeting in the session 1917-1918. Present were besides the
Chairman, members Ryan, Jorgensen, Porter, La Grot, Light-
bourn, Cormier, Roberts, Francis, Smith, Beale and Spieler.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, (Hon Capt
Dyer retired). After a few short remarks from the hon.
3rd elected and 1st elected members, Jorgensen and La Grot,
they were adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:
1- Introduction of and discussion on a Proposal by the 3rd
elected member Porter concerning the electing of 2 agricul-
tural Commissions, one for St Thomas and another for
St Jan.

Pursuant of the Council the Proposal was proceeded
with the 3rd elected member Porter introduced his Propos.
A discussion ensued in which members Jorgensen,
Porter, Roberts, Cormier, Smith, Francis and Spieler took
part.

A proposal of the 8th elected member Jorgensen, that a Com-
mittee of 5 members be elected to frame a Draft of Ordinance
concerning the encouragement of agriculture in St Thom
and St Jan was put to the vote and adopted by 7 votes, 4 against.

The Chairman declared a recess of 10 minutes. The meet-
ing resumed. The election of the 5 members was proceed
with, resulting in the election of members Francis, Por-
Cormier, Lightbourn and Jean.

2- Interrogation from the 2e elected member, Esposito concerning what steps, if any, are being taken to retire the Danish currency from circulation.

After a few remarks by the Chairman and the hon. 6e elected member Sorgenaar as to whether other than the Interpellant can take part in the discussion arising from interrogation; by consent of the Council the hon. 2e elected member introduced his interrogation, to which Rei Kpeman Capt Iger replied

3- Interrogation from the 6e elected member, Ajam concerning the Public's dissatisfaction with the size and price of bread, and what measures the Kpe. Government intends taking in fore to protect the Community's interest and secure as large and cheap a loaf of bread as circumstances will permit.

Consent of the Council the hon. 6e member interrogation, to which Rei Kpe. Capt Iger replied and recommended a Committee of 5 members Rean and Ajam be appointed to investigate the matter.

4- 2d Discussion on Draft of Additional Estimate to the Budget for the Municipality of Ft Rouge and Ft Jean for the financial year from 1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918, with the Committee's report

The Secretary read the Report.

A discussion ensued in which members Ajam, Rean, Speer and Miele took part. The Chairman then put the 2d discussion Resolution on the Estimate now proceeded with:

Sub Item IX - "Fire Department":

1. Expenses for the Com. Capitol of Ft Rouge

a. salaries, etc. ..... Fr 9600.00

accepted.

b. Expenses connected with the auxiliary Capitol Fr 520.00

accepted.

Sub Item XI - "Fire Department"

1. Salary, uniform, and personal allowance for 2 jailers ..... Fr 1130.80

adopted.

2. Pay for 2 Messengers for the coming year, further Fr 1500.00 was accepted.

The Draft as amended was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5- Introduction of and discussion on Draft Additional Estimate to the Budget for the Municipality of Ft Rouge and Bo Jean for the financial year from 1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918.

His Hon. Capt Dyer introduced the Draft.
A discussion ensued in which members Le Cocq, Corner, Roberts and Capt Dyer took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2d discussion

6 – Discussion on letter from the Council's messenger asking for an augmentation of wages.

The Chairman read the letter, and offered a few remarks favourable to the petitioner.

A proposal by the 3rd Elected member, Smith, supported by the 4th elected member, Lightbourn, that in consideration of the faithful services rendered, the messenger be granted a salary of £30-00 monthly. The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Council to the absence of the 1st and 2d members for St Croix, and mentioned the absence from the island of the 5th elected member who is at present in New York.

The meeting closed at 5.30. p.m.

Wm Christensen
Chairman

Wm Christensen

On Thursday the 19th July 1917 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m., convened by the Chairman pursuant to § 4 of the Rules of Business. Present were His Honour Capt Dyer, the Chairman, members Miller, Jorgensen, White, Marsh, Corner, Lightbourn, Roberts, Francis and Smith. 2nd Mem. Romero was also present, but arrived a little late.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read a letter from the 1st appointed member E. C. Snider, in which he tendered his resignation as a member of the Municipal Committee.

The Chairman said: Hon. members are aware that member Snider is pursuant to (§ 63 of) the Colonial Law the appointed member of the Municipal Committee. He has left the island, but until his return, I think it best to elect a substitute in his place. The election can be proceeded with later on in the meeting.

Excuses were offered for members Le Cocq and Thiele

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance for St Thomas and St Jan concerning the encouragement of

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

On Thursday the 9th August 1917 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m. 2d meeting in the session 1914-18.

Present were besides the Chairman, members Lightbourn, Borno, La Pool, Corneiro, Roberts, Francis, Smith and Thiele.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and adopted. Members Corneiro and Miller entered. Member Miller occupied the Secretary's place.

The 7th elected member Borno offered an excuse for the 6th elected member Kean. The Chairman informed the Council that he had received an excuse from the 8th elected member Jörgensen. Government Secretary Stratton entered.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1 - 2d discussion on Draft of Additional Moneybill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the financial year from 1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918.

Sub Item II. "The Judiciary and Police Department" is further granted

7. 12 Policeman salary at Fcs 150 pr month Fcs 18.200

The Chairman declared the discussion open. After a few short remarks from members Miller, Corneiro, the Government Secretary and the Chairman, member Borno proposed that the 2d discussion be closed and that the Moneybill be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, one (Roberts) against.

2 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Moneybill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the financial year from 1st April 1917 to 31st May 1918.

Sub Item I. Expenses for the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John.

2. Messenger's wages is further granted Fcs 540.0

The Chairman declared the discussion open, and offered a few remarks which explained the introduction of the Bill by Government. No one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion, the Draft passed to 2d discussion.

By Consent of the Council and Government, the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The member for the Country District, Roberts proposed that the 2d discussion be closed and that the Moneybill be adopted.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Moneybill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the financial year from 1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918.

Le Mercredi 7 Janvier 1920 à 2 heures de l'après-midi

Présidence de Monsieur Hospital, Maire

Absents : Messieurs Falaise, Lutter

Le Président déclare la séance ouverte. Après avoir donné lecture du procès-verbal de la précédente séance, le Président déclare celui-ci adopté, les Membres présents n'ayant pas d'observations à présenter.

Le Président donne connaissance de la correspondance reçue depuis la dernière séance.

Le Président donne lecture du Budget primitif de l'exercice 1920 qui se résume comme suit :

Recettes ordinaires ..... 3.400 fr.

Dépenses ordinaires ..... 3.400 fr

Remarks being Heard, the Chairman close the discussion. It was then put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2- Introduction and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Credit to the Budget for the Municipality of St Anne du Bellevue for the financial year from 1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918.

Publication ordered.

M. le Secrétaire Trésorier etc etc.

Re Reading of the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. M. Secretary read the Bill

After a few Remarks the Chairman declared the discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

On the unanimous consent of the Council the Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open. No one demanded the word. The Chairman declared the 2nd discussion. The Draft was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3- Introduction and discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the management of agriculture and the grant of Premiums.

Re Reading of the Draft. The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A discussion ensued in which members Cormier, Roland, Bergeron, the Chairman, members Lightbourn, Le Sueur, Reading, members La Salle and Meilleur took part.

The Chairman declared the discussion closed. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

4- Introduction and discussion on Draft of Resolution by Laurendeau.

Re Reading read the Draft. The Chairman inquired how many discussions would be necessary? The 3rd elected member Bergeron proposed two. The 1st elected member La Salle proposed one. The Proposal for one discussion was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes.

The Sec. Treasurer introduced the Draft. The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Bourcier, the Sec. Treasurer, members Roland, Bergeron, Lightbourn, Meilleur, La Salle and Cormier took part. The 3rd elected member, Meilleur proposed that the discussion be closed and the Proposal be adopted. The Proposal was put to the vote and adopted by 8 votes, 2 abstained.

5- Introduction and discussion of Draft of Additional Appropriation to the Budget for the Municipality of St Anne du Bellevue for the financial year from 1st April 1917 to 31st March 1918

Licitation de "Alcouves" é granted
15 de Janeiro tendo sido lavrado o Auto nº 375
O Snr. Govt. Secretary informou que o Draft preparado é aceitável
O Chairman declarou a discussão aberta
O 4º Councillor member, Francis pediu
A discussão em que o Draft preparado foi tomada pelos members Millar, Lightbourn, Kerr, Ingham and the Govt. Secretary took part.
O 2º member for St John, Whitaker
O Chairman declarou a 1ª discussão. O Draft foi sujeito à 2ª discussão. By the unanimous consent of the Council, the 2ª discussão was proceeded with.
O 4º elected member, Dorrington proposed that the 2ª discussão be closed and the Draft adopted. O proposal was unanimously adopted.
6 — Interpelação by the 2º elected member for St Thomas E. Correio.
O Chairman submitted to the Council whether the interpelação be proceeded with or not.
By the unanimous consent of the Council the interpelação was introduced. O Govt. Secretary replied
7 — Interpelação to Government by the member for the Country District A.E. Roberts.
O Chairman submitted to the Council whether the interpelação be proceeded with or not. By the unanimous consent of the Council the interpelação was proceeded with. O Govt. Secretary replied.
8 — Discussão on Draft of Amendment to Police Regulations for St Thomas of 30th April 1908. Part II. Clause I. concerning the wearing of the stripes, proposed by the member for the Country District, A.E. Roberts.
O Secretary read the amendment. O Chairman declared the discussão. A discussão ensued in which members Roberts, Riley, Dorrington, Kerr, Lightbourn, the Govt. Secretary and the Chairman took part.
O Chairman asked the hon. member, if he in consideration of the statement made by the Govt. Secretary would withdraw his amendment? The hon member replied: I will do no such thing.
O Chairman requested those in favour of the discussão being closed now, to signify same by show of hands. O proposal was adopted by 6 votes to 4. O amendment was rejected by 6 votes to 4.
9 — Election of 2 members for each quarter of the town to assist in valuing the rental revenue of landed properties, for the year 1910.

The election was proceeded with resulting in the return for
Kings Quarter, of Carl V. La. Peel and C. Cormier
Queens Quarter, L. C. Falconer and L. O'Neal
Penn Prince's Quarter, G. French and V. A. Miller
The County District, J. H. Bouchelle and F. Daigneau
St John, J. P. Jorgensen and C. E. Francis.

10— Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Tax
for the 1st half year 1917; with the Committee's report.

This item being of a private nature was discussed within close
doors. The Secretary read the report.

Report—

Having duly considered the declarations handed in against the
Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the 1st half year 1917,
Committee recommends:

that the Quebec S. S. Company be lowered from 3rd class A to
class B. Mr Norbert Lee from 11th to 12th class. Mr D. S. Kean
Kean from 11th to 12th class. Mr W. C. Peel, from 12th to 13th class
and that no reduction takes place in the assessment complained of by Messrs A. Lingelbach and A. H. Lockhart, that
Philemon Shediac be struck off the list.

Commission on Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes, to Thursday
the 25th September 1917.

David A. Pomroy
Chairman

C. Cormier, Thiele, J. C. Roberts, Carl V. La Peel,
Abram E. Smith, J. P. Jorgensen, V. A. Miller

The Draft was put to the vote and adopted; 1 member
(Kean) abstained from voting

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

W. A. Christenson
Chairman

Miller
Secretary

On Thursday the 7th February 1918 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held a meeting at 2 p.m. 4th ordinary meeting in the session 1917-18.

Present were besides the Chairman and the Government Secretary, all the members excepting the 1st member for St Croix, Mr. W. Marsh.

The Chairman informed the Council that pursuant to Governor's letter of the 4th inst, which has been circulated, Mr Percy Nolle has been appointed 1st member of the Colonial Council vice Bishop E. C. Spencer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The Order of the Day was proceeded with. The Enforcement Act Order of the Day being first considered.

1 — Reading of the brief of appointment of Percy L. Nolle as member of the Colonial Council vice the Right Revd Bishop E. C. Spencer.

The Briefs were circulated. Mr Nolle as a former member having been a member of the Council, the signing of the oath was waived. The Chairman declared Mr Nolle duly appointed member of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John with the right to sit and vote as such, for the remainder of the statutory period to section from 2nd May 1917.

2 — Consideration on Draft of Ordinance providing the encouragement of agriculture and the growth of food products.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. The 2 elected members, Comeiro proposed the following amendments to the Draft:

After the word "importation" in 3rd line S 1, insert "from foreign countries".

In S 2 in 6th line after shares, change "comme" for "prior" and strike out balance of section.

A discussion ensued in which members Dr Dent, Brown, Francis, Miller, Kean and the Government Secretary took part.

The Chairman: I have received a fair amendment from the 6th elected member Kean, which differs from the amendment in this, that the words "imprisonment with hard labour" be struck out. After "50 francs" insert "or by imprisonment for not less than 2 days nor more than 30 days" instead of "90 days".

Before proceeding with the voting on the amendments the Chairman requested the presence of the Council while the amendment of

The pub amendment was put to the vote and lost, 5 in
The amendment was adopted by 9 votes.
The Chairman closed the 2d discussion. The Draft in its amend
ed Form passed to the 3rd discussion.
3 – Introduction of and 1st discussion of an Ordinance to regulate c
merce in intoxicating drinks and drugs, and to provide penalt
for violations thereof.
The Secretary read the Draft. The Chairman declared the di
cussion open
The Government Secretary introduced the Draft.
The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensue
in which the Government Secretary; members Miller, Forne
Smith, Roberts, Kean, Jorgensen, Dorman and Nalle took part.
A proposal by the 5th elected member, Meiller, that the 1st di
sion be closed and that the Draft be referred to a Committee
the whole house, was put to the vote and unanimously ad
ed.
The Draft passed to 2 discussion.
The Chairman informed the Council, that in future amen
ments must be certain, 4 clear 24 hours before the meeting.
4 – Election of a Court-witness vice the late Mr A. Vance,
the ordinary courts of St Thomas and St John for the remai
term of the period ending 31st July a.c.
The election resulted in the return of Mr Isaac Desple
by 10 votes. Mr A. Landers obtained 4 votes.
The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

vacant Chairman.

Chairman

Meiller
Secretary

On Saturday the 30th March 1918 the Colonial Co
for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting
1 p.m. convened by the Chairman at the request of Gov
Present were the Chairman, the Government Secretary, m
bers Meiller, Jorgensen, Dorman, La Beet, Cornelius, Smith
Thiele.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted
Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Chairm
said that pursuant to 58 of the Rules of Business it
be arranged in the following manner: Item 5,
be considered as item 1.
The Government Secretary suggested that item 4 be inse
of 5 be discussed as the 1st item.
The suggestion was unanimously adopted.

Le Greffier Donne Lecture
1- Introduction d'une Proposition de Loi
de la Colonie Canal de la Majesté d'Rona and
Fils, Sur les peines pour Lèse Majesté
Impériale et la mise hors la Loi, comme aussi
aux complices de la Majesté d'Rona et
Fils aux Biens de Ceux qui, en Abolir Fait, la Mort de Leur
Le Président Demande si quelqu'un veut
Prendre Parole, Personne ne Parle,
Le Président Met aux Voix la Proposition
Qui est Acceptée à l'Unanimité, Le Greffier
Donne Lecture de la Proposition de Loi
2- Introduction d'une Proposition de Loi
Pour la Majesté Enlever les Peines
Fines etc.
Le Sec. Perdu, Prend la Parole
Qui est Acceptée à l'Unanimité, Le Greffier
Est Chargé de la Rédaction, Le Président
Demande si quelqu'un veut Prendre
Parole, Personne ne Parle,
Le Président met aux Voix. Le Greffier
Donne Lecture de la Proposition. Qui est Acceptée
à l'Unanimité.
3- Introduction d'une Proposition de Loi Portant
sur la Loi No 3 de 1906 Amendé le Premier
de la Colonie Enfant Le Amendé.
Le Sec. Perdu, Prend la Parole.
Le Président: Personne Prend la Parole
Sur Cette Proposition, Puis-je Le Considérer
Accepté Sans Aucune Objection, Le Président
Demande si quelqu'un Désire Prendre
Parole, Personne ne Parle, Le Président
Donne Lecture de la Proposition de Loi
Le Président Demande si quelqu'un
Parle Pour ou Contre, Personne ne Parle,
Le Président Met aux Voix la Proposition
Qui est Acceptée à l'Unanimité. Le Greffier
Est Chargé de la Rédaction.
Le 2e Chairman ne Présente pas. Le 1er
Est Chargé de la 2e Chairman.
Le 3e Chairman ne Présente pas. Le

The election resulted in the return of Messrs J. P. Jorgensen and A. E. Smith

8— Election of 2 men to assist the Governor in the distribution of the interest derived from the £ The Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Louises Place Wedding Fund.

The election resulted in the return of Messrs L. C. Roberts and D. O. Dorsett

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

W. A. Whitaker
Chairman

Smith
Secretary

On Thursday the 11th April 1918 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held a meeting at 2. p.m., 5th ordinary meeting in the Session 1917-18. Present were: The Chairman, member Miller, Jorgensen, La Beet, White Rean, Lightbourn, Dorsett, Roberts, Francis, ~~Francis~~, Corneirs Smith and Thiele. The Govt. Secretary entered

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter of excuse from the 1st member for St John C. W. Mark.

He further informed the Council that owing to the illness of the Assistant the minutes of the last meeting were not written up.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1— 2d discussion on Draft of enactment by the Colonial Council of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John: That the Administrative functions heretofore vested by law in authority in the various public boards, commissions and committees of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, may in the discretion of the Governor, where so directed by him, in whole or part be vested in the Governor.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 2d elected member, Corneirs proposed that the matter be referred to a Committee.

The 3rd appointed member, Smith proposed a Committee of 5 -. The proposal was unanimously adopted. Agreed was declared. The meeting was resumed.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of E. Corneirs, D. O. Dorsett, Orville S. Rean, W. L. Miller and A. E. Smith. 11

2— Introduction of and discussion on Draft of Ordinance to provide for and establish legal holidays for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

The Govt. Secretary introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary, members Hon. Rohn, Gomez, Francis, Smith, Roberts, Jorgensen and the Chairman took part.

The proposal for a Committee was put to the vote and adopted. The election resulted in the return of E. F. Lada, E. Groenig, A. S. Kean, F. A. Miller and C. G. Hecke

3— Introduction of and discussion on Draft of Ordinance to provide for an Income Tax for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, and to provide for the collection thereof.

The Chairman offered some remarks concerning the delivery of the Draft among the members. Requests to have received in English copies were not available, as they had to be printed, having to the delivery thereof not delivered would justify the request of the Council to proceed with the discussion. The Govt. Secretary introduced the Draft.

A discussion ensued in which members Kean, Gomez, Francis took part.

A proposal by the 2nd elected member that the discussion be postponed until the next meeting, was put to the vote and adopted.

4— Interpellation to Government proposed by the member for the County District Roberts concerning the boycotting by the officers in the hurricane on the 9th and 10th October 1916, which have since been transferred to the Municipality by the Danish Government.

By consent of the Council the interpellation was forthwith.

The member for the County District introduced the interpellation. A discussion ensued in which the Govt. Secretary, members Roberts, Jorgensen and Francis took part.

The Chairman said he considered the discussion ended.

5— Discussion proposed to the Council from the 2nd elected member. The Secretary read the proposal. A discussion ensued in which the Chairman, members Lightburn, Hevier, Kean, Gomez and Le Boeuf took part.

The Chairman regretted the necessity of postponing the discussion on the latter until the next meeting

to signify same by show of hands: unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed at 4.30

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 18th April 1918 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 2. p m. convened by the Chairman pursuant to § 4 of the Rules of Business. Present were besides the Chairman, Government Representative Major Dyer, members Thiele, Smith, Roberts, Gomeire Lightbourne Miller, Dorsch, White, Marsh and Kean.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter from members of the V. I. M. S. A. Time has been too short to get the opinions of their members on it; he requested the Secretary to read the letter

Owing to the illness of the Assistant it is not possible to have the minutes of the two last meetings read

The 7th elected member Dorsch offered an excuse for the absence of the 1st appointed member Nolde.

The Chairman mentioned the illness of 1st elected member La Point; he expressed the hope for his early recovery

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read a letter which he had just received from Government.

In proceeding with the Order of the Day, the 4th item was discussed as the 1st:

Continuation of discussion on request from the Hon. 8th elected member, that he be allowed to resign his seat.

After a few remarks from the 4th elected member Lightbourne and the Chairman, the request was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance to provide for an income tax for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, and to provide for the collection thereof.

The Govts: Representative introduced the Draft

The Chairman declared the discussion open

A discussion ensued in which members, Dorsch, Kean Miller, Roberts and the Govts: Representative took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion.

A recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed

The election of the Committee of 7 to report on the Draft was then proceeded with resulting in the following members Ryan, Gorman, Christensen, Miller, Connie, Thiele and Smith

3— Interpellations to Government by the 7th elected member C. C. Connie.

By consent of the Council the interpellations were proceeded with.

The 7th elected member introduced his interpellations, which the Govt's Representative replied personally.

The discussion closed

4— Discussion on Resolution proposed by the member for the County, Ordered.

The Chairman proposed that he would like to hear some opinions of the members on the subject of the resolution being discussed or not.

The 2nd appointed member, Thiele drew the Councils attention to the fact that several members of the Council are local debtors. According to the Rules of Business, it is impossible for such members to discuss the question as certain inconveniences may arise. After a short discussion between members Thiele and Roberts, the Resolution was withdrawn

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

Mackintosh
Chairman

Miller
Secretary

On Tuesday the 23rd May 1918 the Colonial Council for Emma and Tahua held an adjourning meeting at 2 p.m. pursuant to the Chairman pursuant to S. 4 of the Rules of Business to be held at the request of Government

Present were members Christensen, Miller, White, Gorman, Lightburn, Connie, Roberts, Francis, Smith, Thiele and Noble. A letter of excuse from member Le Bas, with article from attending physician was communicated

The minutes of the 30th March and 11th April were read and adopted.

The Chairman informed the Council that the meeting was convened at the request of Government who had arranged the greater portion of the Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1— Examination of the Report of Valuation of Mrs. Pryce as Executrix for the Pastoral district of the town for the balance of

elected period to run from the 26 of April 1917.

Mr Ormrod moved and Mr Lyall seconded the motion that the Brief which was circulated among the members, otherwise than elected members, be approved. Carried

Mr Ormrod having signified his intended withdrawal from the Chairmanship of Elected members of the Executive Council for St Thomas and St John with the right to sit and vote as such. The two members remained their seat.

2- Election of the Executive Officials and members of the Finance Committee for the financial year 1918/19 was proceeded with

Chairman - T. A. Chichester, reelected. ~~The Chairman thanked the members for their renewed confidence expressed by them~~

Vice Chairman - T. Nolda

Secretary - O. A. Heiler

C. E. Dyer

Executive Committee - T. A. Heiler. C. E Dyer. E. Connell

for the elected district of the town

A. D. Wilds for St John

E. E. Francis appointed members

Ex Officio - D. O. Orman, C. E. Reid, T. A. Chichester

Jno. A. Lightbourn and A. Ormrod.

Quarantine Commissioner - T. A. Chichester

1 Electoral Board, Town - D. E. Hendy

3 Electoral Board, St John - C. E. Francis

2 Electoral Board, Country - J. M. Bonelli

Public Canadian Commissioner - Jno A. Lightbourn, D. O. Orman

School Commissioner, Country - E. Connell

School Commissioner, St John C. E. Francis

3- Further discussion on the Draft of Ordinance to regulate common in pasturing cattle and sheep and to provide penalties for violation thereof

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

After a few short remarks, the 5th elected member Mr Heiler proposed that the Draft be again referred to a Committee of the whole house

The 4th elected member, Lightbourn suggested a Committee of 7. The proposal of the 5th elected member was put to the vote and adopted.

4th Further discussion on Draft of Ordinance to amend the Administration ~~Ordinance~~ and

Beschlossen, dass Herr Pfarrer Engel mit Herrn Pfarrer Lotz, mit der Genehmigung des Herrn Präsidenten, die Pfarrei Lotz besuchen soll.

1— Discussion on request to the Council from the 6th elected member.

The Secretary read the letter of resignation tendered by the hon. member.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A short discussion ensued in which members Lightbourn, Roberts and the Chairman took part.

The request was put to the vote and rejected; one in favour (Roberts) The meeting closed at 6. p. m.

Mackintosh
Chairman

Miller
Secretary

On Thursday the 6th June 1918 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held the 1st ordinary meeting in the Session 1918-1919. Present were besides the Chairman, the Government Secretary, members March, White, Durnford Kean, La Dock, Lightbourn, Commins, Roberts, Smith, Francis, Thiele and Nolte. The 2nd Asst. Mem. offered an excuse for the 5-8 Elect. Mem.

The Chairman requested member Nolte to act as Secretary.

The minutes of the meeting of the 18th April were read and adopted. The minutes of the meeting of the 23rd May were read. After some rectifications by the Chairman and the actg. Secretary, they were adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1— Continuation of the 1st discussion on Resolution by the 5th elected member Miller concerning the Hurricane Loan claims.

The Chairman on declaring the discussion open said: I consider the 1st discussion to have been exhausted in the last meeting, I therefore propose to close it now.

The 6th elected member, Kean: Mr Chairman would you wait a few minutes before doing so?

The Chairman replied yes.

A discussion ensued in which members Kean, the Govt. Secretary, members Durnford, Roberts, La Dock and the Chairman took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion.

By the unanimous consent of the Council the 2nd discussion was proceeded with

The Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open and [illegible] I have received an amendment to the Res-

Lein fan te Pleal nmber Pmal, and nlen the Pmail nited to ed thmes, Pdall gin the nme to the tnmil nmber

De Pleal nmber, Pmel nstmeed hi nmendmend. A Pimain nmed in Mit the Pst Pdny, nmber Pmeia, Pan, Pmd, Pidemd Pglbam tot Pst

And nmendment to the Pfpeaie nmber Pmes, to nmendment of the Pleal nmber, Pe beginning Pom the nmd "dall nn the pmemadain of De Pdei-mnen Cindto dinibeam gnddmne pdd by the Pbiiel Pmail)," be stmet, nmo mbmitte.

De Chaimne: De bin "the nid pmodin bne bee ene-bei nid"; nde nhe bee to be dmeck pmd.

De Chaimne dded a mee of Pmnde. De nedny nme mmed. Pa dimain mo Pdmadmd, nmbd nmbd Pde, Pay of Pmei, Pbek, Pmel, de Pst Pa-pay dm de Chaimne bot pad.

De Pleb nmbe, Pmel nsbdm di nmemmel. De Pleb nmbe, Pmei, nidbmdi nbmemmel.
De Chaimne: Pa Pmeiamy the Pabbie nsdbd De Pleb nmbe, Pay, pmedbe de Pabbie to mm agm.

De Pdny md de Pdbdi. Pmemain mmel nmbd nmbe Pay, Pde, Pmie and de Chaimne bot pad.

Pmel Pbei nmbe, Pmei, Pdjnme bei nbe to nme to de Pabbie mm a pmejdice) "Pdall dmm fmdmal nmdbmmd dee Pdy Pd Pde to mplmed, nmdfmal dipmeiin of the bmd":

Pdis fmdbi dmiamm mmel, nmbd de Chaie-mm, de Pst Pdny, nmbe Pde, Pde Pa Pdmm Pmiis tot pad.

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Pmeo of 10 mmde. De medny mm bmm.

3- Electing a member for the Harbour Board in the room of Mr Alexander Grierson.

The election resulted in the return of Mr C. Corneiro
The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

Chairman acty. Secretary

On Saturday the 29th June 1918 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 1. p.m. convened by the Chairman pursuant to 54 of the Rules of Ordinance, and at the request of Government. Present were besides the Chairman, the Government's Secretary, members Miller, Durnet, Kean, Corner Lightbourn, Corneiro, Smith, Pickle and Nolbe. also Roberts.

The Chairman declared the meeting open and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted.

The 1st elected member Nolbe, before the Order of the Day was proceeded with obtained the word and offered a few introductory remarks in proposing the following Telegram

"Colonial Council

To President Wilson

Washington

On the great national holiday inhabitants of St Thomas and St John renew to you their loyalty and express appreciation of interest manifested in islands welfare and their generous treatment. May the spirit of this glorious anniversary inspire anew the sons of America now bravely battling for democracy and speedy victory reward their noble sacrifices"

The Chairman: The matter is not on the Order of the Day; but I think that you will quickly realize that if we do not deal with it now we will not be able to do so later. I propose that it be placed on the Order of the Day as the 1st item.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary read the telegram. The discussion was declared open.

The 5th elected member, Miller proposed that the telegram be adopted in its original form.

The Chairman: I take it for granted that there is to be only one discussion. I will now request hon. members to evince by show of hands, whether they are in favour of this telegram being sent to Washington. Result: All in favour. We will now proceed with the 2nd item on the Order of the Day

2 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the financial year from July 1st to June 30, 1919.

The Government Secretary introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open

A discussion ensued in which members Lightbourn, Quiroad, Roberts, Cornelius, Meijer, Nolte, Corneal, Stidie, Kean, the Government Secretary and the Chairman took part. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. By consent of the Council the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The Chairman: There are two proposals from the Municipal Committee in line of amendments, which I will request the Secretary to read.

"An augmentation of the appropriation £2.000 for the reclamation of the mangrove, the amount originally stated under item VII. c. to be withdrawn, and to be stated under item XI. Miscellaneous, v. said £2.000, and an amount of £2.500 to be stated under item I. "Expenses for the Colonial Council" as salary for an Auditor. The amounts to be deducted from item VI. "Board of Health Poor" £2.000, which will then be entered with £2.000 instead." The amendments have been explained by the Government Secretary and the Chairman of the Municipality.

On a proposal from the 8th elected member, Quiroad for an augmentation of salary for the 13 Policemen who do patrol duty, a further discussion arose in which the Chairman, the Government Secretary, members Kean, Roberts, Nolte and Quiroad took part thereupon his proposal, took part.

The Chairman: as the 8 Elected members has withdrawn his proposal. I propose a recess of 5 minutes to arrange the Draft of Budget in proper form after the amendments.

The Chairman declared a recess of 5 minutes. The meeting resumed. The Chairman: The changes made in the Draft are according to the amendments.

Item I. "Expenses for the Colonial Council," remains maintained to be entered salary for an Auditor £2.500

Item VI. "Board of Health Poor" £2.000 to be altered to £2.000

Item V. "Department of Public Instruction" strike out £. for the reclamation of mangrove £2.000.

Under "Miscellaneous" add a new item £. for the reclamation of mangrove £2.000. I will now close the 2nd discussion. The Draft will to-morrow be form pass about first

vote and unanimously adopted.

3 – Introduction of and deliberation on Draft of Additional Supplement to the Budget for the Municipality of St Pierre and Miquelon from April 1st to June 30th.

The Government Secretary introduced the Draft. After a short discussion in which members Noble, Cormier and the Chairman took part, the Chairman closed the 1st discussion. By consent of the Council the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The member for the County District, Roberts proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Draft be adopted. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

A proposal by the member for the County District, Roberts that the meeting be adjourned, was put to the vote and adopted by Yeses, 5 against. The meeting adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

The meeting was resumed on Tuesday the 2nd July at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, the Government Representative Major Dyer, members Riale, Smith, Roberts, Cormier, Quinn, Miller, Noble, Keane and Lightbody.

The Chairman: This meeting is a continuation of that of the 29th June a.c. which was adjourned, I therefore declare the meeting to be resumed. We will proceed with the 4th item on the Order of the Day.

4 – 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance to regulate commerce in intoxicating drinks and drugs and to provide penalties for the violation thereof; with the Committee Report.

The Secretary read the Report. The word was given to the Speaker on the Majority's Report. The Speaker (Keane) introduced the Report.

The word was given to the Speaker on the Minority's Report. The Speaker (Roberts) introduced the Report.

A discussion ensued in which the Government's Representative, members Roberts, Miller and the Chairman took part.

The Chairman: there is an amendment from the 5th elected member, Miller, which is proposed to make the Draft correspond with the one adopted in St Croix, it reads: "that one year after the joining of the treaty by the United States and the nations presently at war, this Ordinance shall be subject to revision." I assume the hon member is aware that the proposal is late. Are there any further remarks on the two Reports? is this proposal an amendment to the Majority's Report?

The 5th elected member Miller: yes.

The Chairman: Does the Leader of the Opposition propose to move an amendment to the Government proposal?

The Leader (Mr. Lemass) yes.

The Chairman: As there are currently two amendments to the proposal of the first speaker on the amendment to the Opposition's Report, we will then be able to discuss it today.

A discussion ensued in which members Nolle, Brennan, Keller and the Chairman took part.

The Opposition's Report was put to the vote, the first part of the Opposition's Report was then formed with: [illegible]

After a few remarks from members Lyttleton, the Government Representative, members Nolle and Aiken, the said amendment was adopted by [illegible] against.

The Government's Bill amended by the aforementioned was put to the vote and adopted by [illegible] against.

The other member, Mr. Quest requested that it be recorded that he voted [illegible] against the Bill.

The Chairman declared the 2nd session. Immediately Counsellor Mr. Lecavalier was proposed [illegible]

The representative, Mr. Fogarty then submitted the Committee's Report and the Bill adopted.

3 - Election of Treasurer, Secretary & Public Prosecutor

Mr. Lyttleton proposed David MacInnis, seconded by Mr. Aiken as the sole candidate, there were no objections, Mr. MacInnis was [illegible] unanimously elected.

The Chairman was proposed with unanimity to the position of Mr. J.L. Allen and J. Stephens

The meeting then ended at 4.45 p.m.

The Chairman

[illegible] Committee

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

On Thursday the 8th August 1918 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held the 2nd ordinary meeting in session 1918-19 at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, the Government Secretary, members Miller, White, Bryant, Ornnes, Lightbourn, Comeiro, Roberts and Francis.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

A letter from Government acknowledging the President's receipt of the Council's telegram on the occasion of the 4th of July a.c. was read.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 – 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance to provide for an Income Tax for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John and to provide for the collection thereof, with the Committee's Report.

The Chairman requested the Speaker (Comeiro) to introduce the Report.

The 6th elected member, Kean and the 2nd appointed member, Thiele entered.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued, in which members Lightbourn, Roberts, Ornnes, Kean, Nolte, Comeiro, the Government Secretary and the Chairman took part.

The 3rd appointed member, Smith entered.

The voting on the Report was proceeded with. The sub amendment proposed by the 1st appointed member, Nolte, that "This Ordinance shall be revised within five years" was put to the vote and rejected by 6 votes; 2 in favour.

The sub amendment by the 2nd elected member, Comeiro, that the last paragraph in the Report "Except on such portions of his income derived from St Thomas and St John" be struck out, was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes.

The Chairman: those in favour of the Ordinance as amended will signify same by show of hands; 10 in favour.

The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with.

The 2nd elected member, Comeiro, proposed that the discussion be closed and the Bill be adopted.

The proposal was put to the vote and adopted. The Bill in its amended form was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes.

2 – 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance to better provide for the recording of Vital Statistics in the Municipality of St Thomas and St John and for other purposes; proposed by the 3rd elected member V. A. Christensen.

[illegible] Council to Election Loyalty Com.

Agreed that Council to Inform Council that Board concurs in [illegible] Election Clerk, Clerk, Clerk, Comm, Election Judges.

Agreed to Elect members, Com, Judges Election Board, and to Refer to Council to Compensate Same at Present Rate and Adopt. Election Board to Serve.

Agreed that Council to Inform Board to Elect Judges.

Election Precincts. Increase Number Declared. Boundary Changes. Letter of C. L. Chairman, E. Precincts to Council, Referred to Committee on Rights of Women, Petitions and Grievances with Power to Act.

Agreed that Council to Inform Board to Elect Judges and Clerks in Accordance with Petition, Signed by Citizens.

Agreed that Council to Refuse Request for Polling Place in [illegible] Election, Precinct, Ward, Same to be Left Open.

Agreed to Refer to Committee on Rights of Women, with Power to Act. Petition of Citizens Requesting Polling Place in [illegible] Precinct, Ward, Same to be Left Open.

Agreed that Board Adjourn to Meet at 8:30 P. M.

Wednesday

Chairman

On Tuesday the 12th February 1918 a Council for
Edmonds and Ilsham held an ordinary meeting at 7 p.m.
presided by the Chairman Councillor J. H. Pearce
Prentice Esquire Chairman, members Wilde, Brown
Ferreira, Roberts, Francis, Smith, Keleman Cole
The Chairman informed the Council that he had received
letters from the 4th elected member, Eglinton, he offered
verbal excuses for members Berry, Miller and Keen
the 2nd member for Ilsham, Wilde offered an excuse for the
member, Marsh
The Chairman requested the 2nd elected member, Ferreira, to
read the Secretary
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.
The Order of the Day was proceeded with
1st Consideration of Draft Ordinance to better provide for
the keeping of milk cattle, and the Manufacture of Butter
and Milk, with the Committee Report
The Chairman requested the Vice Chairman to occupy the Chair
The Chairman requested the Secretary (Wilde)
to read the Report.
The discussion was declared open Administration
was held among the Councillors, Wilde, Roberts and
the Vice Chairman took part.
An Amendment to Sec 4, proposed by the 3rd elected member,
Councillor, that the word "owner" be struck out, the word
"the Sanitary Authority, other local qualified physician, or by any
any other physician" be substituted" was
seconded and carried unanimously
An Amendment to the Section (Wilde) to Sec 18 after the
word "provided" in the first line and "by the Local
Municipal Hygiene Wife, after registered farmer or
guardian, wife, mother, or certificate" and a
statement as to the date of birth of any child when the
same shall be necessary for registration for admission to
school, or for the purpose of securing employment was
put to the vote and carried, Wilde
An Amendment to Sec 19 viz the Committee Report, by the
substitution of "Sanitary Authority" for "Council" was put to the
vote and carried, and that the paragraph should
read as in the original was adopted by the majority of
Council
The Draft with the amendments and alterations were
now put to the vote and unanimously adopted
The Vice Chairman closed the Discussion. The Draft passed

3rd discussion.

The Chairman proceeded the Chair

2—2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance granting certain powers to the Food Commission of the Virgin Islands and for other purpose; with the Committee's Report.

A proposal by the 8th elected member, Durnel, to defer the discussion until the next meeting was put to the vote and recorded six a die, 4 for, 4 against. The Chairman having voted in favour of the opinion to proceed with the discussion, cfr S.9 of the Rules of Ordinance, the discussion was proceeded with.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The amendments to the Draft up to S.8 were put to the vote and adopted by 5 votes in favour, 4 against.

The 4th amendment by the 1st appointed member, to S.9 on the Committee's Report, second part "Any of the aforesaid owners or lessees who shall wilfully neglect or fail to comply with any order of said Commission to plant or grow food shall for each such neglect or failure be considered to have committed a misdemeanour and shall be subject to a fine of not less than Fres. 10 nor more than Fres. 1000" be struck out, was put to the vote and accepted by 7 votes, 2 members Roberts and Durnel abstained from voting.

The Chairman closed the discussion, the Draft passed 6 3rd discussion. By consent of the Council the 3rd discussion was proceeded with.

The 1st appointed member, Nolte, proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and that the Draft as amended be adopted. The proposal was adopted by 7 votes, 2 members Roberts and Durnel abstained from voting.

3— Continuation of 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance to provide and set apart legal Holidays for St Thomas and St John; with the Committee's Report.

The Chairman remarked that of the members of the Committee who signed the Majority's Report, there is only one present, the Speaker not being present to introduce it, I will pass on to the Majority's Report. The 2nd elected member, Formeis introduced the Report.

A discussion ensued in which members Nolte, Thiele, Francis, Durnel and the Government Secretary took part. The member for the Country District, Roberts, proposed that the discussion be kept open.

The 2nd member for St John seconded.

A proposal by the 1st appointed member, Nolte, considering the lateness of the hour, I propose that the discussion be kept

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

4 — 1st discussion on Proposed Ordinance concerning Post and its application in St Thomas and St John; by the 2nd elected member, Gomez.

By consent of the Council the Hon was proceeded with

The Chairman requested the actg. Secretary to read the Proposal.

The 2nd elected member, Gomez introduced his Draft. He suggested that a Committee be appointed to report on it. The 3rd appointed member, Smith proposed a Committee of 5. The 1st appointed member Noble, a Committee of 3.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion, the 2nd discussion. The proposal for a Committee of 3 was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Elected, Gomez and Noble with 8-8 and 5 votes respectively.

5 — 1st discussion on proposed amendments to Provisional Ordinance concerning Regulations for the Public Cemeteries in the Danish West Indian Islands of 30th June 1906; by 2nd elected member Gomez

By consent of the Council the proposed amendments were proceeded with.

The 2nd elected member introduced his amendments

The 1st elected member, Noble proposed that they be referred to a Committee of 3.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion, the amendments passed to 2nd discussion

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Gomez, Smith and Noble with 8, 6 and 6 votes respectively

6 — 1st discussion on Draft of Resolution concerning the appointment of a Committee on Account SS 64 and 65 Col. Law; by 2nd elected member, Gomez

By consent of the Council the 2nd elected member introduced his Resolution

The Chairman opined, how many discussion would be necessary. Those in favour of one discussion will please signify same by show of hands; Six favour.

The discussion was declared open.

The 4th appointed member, Francis proposed that the Resolution be adopted.

The Government Secretary said Government proposes an amendment to the Resolution. In section 3, after the word "Auditor" insert "subject to the approval of the Governor"

A discussion ensued in which members Comeiro, Nolte and the Government Secretary took part.

The Chairman requested those in favour of the amendment to signify same by show of hands, & for, 3 against.

The election of the Auditors was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Quental with 5 votes, Comeiro & Mr. Ascenção each

2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning marriages, proposed by the 2nd elected member Phila

The 2nd elected member, proposed that that owing to the lateness of the hour, 5 p.m., the meeting be adjourned.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned until Thursday the 19th inst at 2 p.m.

The meeting was resumed on Thursday the 19th inst at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, the Government Secretary, members Marsh, Phila, Quental, Comeiro, Roberts, Francis, Weil, Phila and Nolte. The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter of leave and resignation from the elected member, Lighthorne, and one of the same tenor from the 1st elected member, Le Poer.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1 — 3rd discussion on Draft Ordinance to better provide with Police Magistrates in the Municipality of St Thomas and St John and for other purposes; with the Committee's Report, which has been adopted at 2nd discussion on the Draft.

The Vice Chairman occupied the Chair.

The discussion was declared open. No one demanded the vote. The Vice Chairman closed the 3rd discussion. The Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

2 — Continuation of 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance to provide and set apart legal Holidays for St Thomas and St John; with the Committee's Report.

A discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary, members Nolte, Comeiro and the Chairman took part.

A proposal by the 2nd elected member, Comeiro, that the discussion be still kept open and that the Draft be again referred to a Committee of 3 for re-adjustment, was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Comeiro, Nolte and Smith with 8, 8 and 5 votes respectively.

3 – 2nd discussion on proposed amendments to Provisional Ordinance concerning Regulations for the Public Cemeteries in the Dutch West Indies Islands of 30 June 1908 with the Committee's Report.

The Speaker of the Committee (Smith) introduced the Report.

The adj. Secretary, Cornelio read the Report which he explained.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary, members Nolte, Cornelio Roberts and Francis took part.

The Chairman: The 2nd elected member has proposed an amendment which reads: "The Governor shall appoint a Sexton, an Overseer and two assistants".

Those in favour of the rule amendment will signify same by show of hands. Result, unanimous.

Another pro-amendment to §6 proposed by the 1st appointed member, Nolte "or for other purposes" be added, was adopted by 4 votes, 2 against.

The Chairman requested those in favour of the Report and the rule-amendments, to signify same by show of hands. Result, unanimous.

The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion. The Draft passed to 3rd discussion.

4 – 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning marriages; proposed by the 2nd appointed member Thiele.

By consent of the Council the Draft was proceeded with.

The 2nd appointed members in few words introduced the Draft.

A short discussion ensued in which members Cornelio, Nolte and Roberts took part.

A proposal by member Roberts that the Draft be referred to a Committee of 3 was unanimously accepted.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

The election of the Committee resulted in the return of members Thiele, Cornelio and Roberts by 5, 5 and 5 votes respectively.

5 – Election of a member for the Court of Commissioners vice the 1st elected member, Cornelio.

Proceedings were proceeded with pending on the return of the 5 elected members Quarrel by 4 votes.

6 – Question on Resolution proposed by the member for the Country District, Roberts.

The member withdrew his Resolution

Meeting closed at 4.10. p.m.

V.V. Christensen.
Chairman

C. Lomein
acty. Secretary

On Thursday the 3rd October 1918 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held a meeting at 2 p.m. Ordinary meeting in the session 1918-1919. Present besides the Chairman were, the Government Secretary, members Moller, White, Hearl, Grant, Gorm, Gomez, Roberts, Francis, Smith, Rice and Nalle.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 – Continuation of 2nd discussion on Draft Ordinance to provide and set apart Legal Holidays for St Thomas and St John, with the Committee's Report.

The Chairman: The report not having come to hand, I propose that the discussion be postponed, or I would put it that the Council proceed without the report. It was adopted to postpone the discussion.

2 – 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning Quail and its application in St Thomas and St John with the Committee's Report.

The Secretary read the Report.

The Speaker, Nalle, in favorable introduced the report.

The 3rd elected member, Gomez offered a short remark. The discussion was declared open. The amendments offered in the report were put to the vote and adopted by 11 votes. The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion; the Draft passed to 3rd discussion

3 – 3rd discussion on proposed amendments to Provisional Ordinance concerning Regulations for the Public Cemeteries in the Danish West Indies Islands of 30th June 1908.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Government Secretary proposed the following amendment: "Government shall appoint a Sexton and necessary assistants, their salaries shall be fixed by the Governor"

The amendment was adopted by 10 votes. Member Roberts (Gustafer) declared from voting. The Chairman closed the discussion. The Draft in its amended form was adopted by 10 votes.

The Chair inquired from members Roberts and Miller why he abstained from voting. Roberts: my reasons is on principle. I see no

for the amendment. Mr Miller: I took no notice of the motion of 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning marriage; with the Committee Report.

Mr Secretary read the report. The Speaker (Comrie) invited read the report. The discussion was declared open. A discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Nolte, Ouwerkerk, Brown, Comrie, the Government Secretary, member Francis and the Chairman took part.

A proposal by the 3rd appointed member, Francis, that the discussion be kept open was put to the vote and rejected, 3 in favour, 9 against. The voting on the amendments was proceeded with.

The Chairman: those in favour of the amendment to §1 - will signify same by show of hands; 2 in favour, 10 against. The amendments to §§ 11, 13 and 15 were unanimously adopted. The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion, the Draft passed to 3rd discussion.

Item 7 was announced as 5th.

Renewed discussion on Food Commission Ordinance with Committee's Report.

Mr Secretary read Government's letter of 19th September a.c., in which the objections to the adoption of the Ordinance as published, is stated.

Mr Chairman quoted § 12 of the Rules of Business, and informed the Council that the Bill had been referred to the Committee. In the absence of the Speaker, the Chairman of the Committee explained the report. A discussion ensued in which members Nolte, Miller, Francis, Ouwerkerk, Roberts, White and the Chairman took part.

A proposal by the 5th elected member, Miller, that the Committee's report in its original form be adopted was put to the vote and adopted by 11 votes, one against. The Chairman closed the discussion.

Mr Draft as originally amended was put to the vote and accepted by 11 votes, one against.

By consent of the Council the Supplementary Order of the Day was proceeded with as item 6.

Discussion on Resolution proposed by the 2nd elected member, Comrie

The 2nd member for St Lobos, White retired.

Mr Secretary read the Resolution. The Chairman explained how in favour of the discussion to proceed by show of hands; unanimously accepted.

A discussion ensued in which the Govt Secretary & member

Pernet, Comeiro, Porter, Nolte, Roberts and the Chairman took part. The 2nd elected member withdrew his Resolution.

5— Election of two men for each quarter of the town to assist the Tax Commission in assessing the rental revenues for 1918

Two for the Country District for the same period.

Two for St John for the same period.

The election resulted as follows:

(a) King's Quarter, J.E. Roberts and E. Comeiro

(b) Queen's Quarter, L.E. Blakemann, and A. O'Neal

(c) Crown Prince's Quarter, G. Tranch and V. A. Miller

The Country District, J. H. Poirier and J. Pineau

St John, J. E. Lindquist and E. E. Francis

The original items 5 and 6 were proceeded with.

Discussion on projects from members C. V. La Dell and J. N. Lightbourn.

The Chairman read the letter from member La Dell. After a few remarks offered by him, the request was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The letter from member Lightbourn was read. After a few remarks from members Pernet, Porter and Roberts, the request was put to the vote and rejected by 9 votes, 1 in favour, 1 abstained from voting.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had not received any excuse from the 6th elected member, Rear

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

Chairman ..... Secretary

On Thursday the 5th December 1918 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, the Government Secretary; members Watt, Quart, Corner, Lightbourn, Correia, Roberts, Francis, Smith, Thiele and Nolde.

The Chairman requested the 1st appointed member, Nolde to act as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. After a remark from the actg. Secretary relative to the retirement of Mr E. G. La[illegible]

"That member La Cort had rendered long and valuable service to the Council, and an expression of regret at his resignation should be recorded in the minutes."

The proposal was supported by the 2nd member, Weller and adopted had been omitted, he would request that it be inserted.

The minutes were adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Examination of the Election Brief of Mr J. E. Nunez as elected member for the elected district of the Island for the remaining period of the term to which from April 1915.

The Election Brief was circulated. The Chairman requested a Speaker be appointed to report on the Brief remarking the appointment of member Lightbourn who declared the Brief to be in order.

The Chairman extended a welcome to member Nunez; and informed the Council that as the hon. member was a former occupant had signed the pressed roll, it was unnecessary for him to do so again. He then declared him elected member of the Council with the right to sit and vote as such.

The Chairman: A resolution has just been handed to me by the 1st appointed member. I now put it to the vote whether it be given precedence to the other items on the Open of the Day, if so it will be considered as the 2nd item. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman read the Resolution:

"Whereas hostilities have ceased existing for the Allied arms; and

Whereas we do Americans rejoice at the effective assistance rendered by our country in the world war terminating the victory;

Resolved: That the Colonial Council for itself and in the name of the people of St Thomas

and St John, heartily congratulate the President and the Nation upon the successful result of the United States' intervention
for the great cause whereby she has once more demonstrated her love of liberty and upheld her traditional fame as the unselfish champion of freedom and defender of human rights".

After a few remarks from the Chairman and the Government Secretary, who said he would be happy to present the Resolution to the Governor, it was unanimously adopted

3 – 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning Marriages

The discussion was declared open. No one demanded the word The Chairman closed the discussion. The Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 1 member abstaining from voting

4 – 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning Bail and its application in St Thomas and St John.

The discussion was declared open.

The Government Secretary proposed an amendment to the Committee's Report: that the words "this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval"; ~~xx~~ the proposed S 11, is according to Executive Order 2.691, whereby all laws take effect in whole or in part after approval, considered superfluous, therefore it is proposed to be struck out.

A discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary, the Chairman, members Corneiro, Roberts and Nolte took part.

The Chairman closed the discussion. The Government's amendment was put to the vote and adopted. The Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance to better provide for the appointment of Attorneys, their admission to practice, their duties and authority, and for other purposes.

The Secretary read the letter of transmittal.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which member Corneiro, the Chairman, members Roberts, Burned, Nolte, Kunz, Smith, Pommand the Government Secretary took part.

A proposal that the 1st discussion be closed and a Committee of 3 be elected to report on the Draft was unanimously adopted The Chairman closed the discussion, the Draft passed to 2nd discussion. The election of the Committee resulted in the persons of members Corneiro, Burned and Roberts with 9, and 7 votes respectively.

6 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance

Le Franc for a Leap Year Tenders non-taxable real estate and
Le Franc for Alcoholic Liquor.
The Speaker read the Letter of Amendment
The Chairman declared the Amendment from Assistant
entered in which the Governor and Secretary, members Bonsall,
Francis, Nolte, Mid, Pennel, Penn, Brinton and Pugh took part.
The Chairman declared the Amendment. A Further Short Com-
mittee of the whole Legislature to Report any necessary
adopted. The Motion for Committee received the Yeas
Francis Bonsall, Pennel, Nolte, Pugh and Smith
with 5 Nays.
The Chairman declared the Committee
to consist of Messrs Bonsall, Nolte and Pugh, pur-
suant to Resolution, to Report any necessary Amendments
to Legislature this Session. Mr Bonsall took the Chair
of the Committee. Mr Speaker resumed the Chair
and Mr Bonsall reported
Mr Chairman declared the Committee
to consist of Messrs Bonsall, Nolte and Pugh, pur-
suant to Resolution, to Report any necessary Amendments
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10— Interpellations to Government by the member for the Cayman Districts, F. C. Roberts

By consent of the Council the 1st interpellation was proceeded with The hon. member introduced the interpellations to which the Government Secretary replied satisfactorily.

By the request of Government the 2d interpellation was treated as within closed doors.

The meeting closed at 5.30 p.m.

Chairman acty. Secretary

On Tuesday the 21st January 1919 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m.

Present were besides the Chairman and the Government Secretary, members Miller, Burnet, Gorman, Lightbourn, Cormeiro, Kenty, Roberts, Smith and Thiele.

The Chairman: This meeting has been called instead of that convened at the request of Government for the 14th inst but was not held owing to the want of a quorum. The Committee's Report on the Draft of Ordinance to better provide for the appointment of Attorneys etc was not submitted.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted.

The 7th member, Gorman offered an excuse for the absence of the 6th member, Kean.

The Chairman: Hon. members are aware that since the last meeting the Governor received a letter from the Secretary of the President acknowledging receipt of the congratulatory telegram forwarded by the Council on the occasion of the armistice. A copy of the letter was sent to the Council by the Governor, which has been circulated.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1— 2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance to better provide for the appointment of Attorneys, their admission to practice, their duties and authority, and for other purposes with the Committee's Report.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which the Govt. Secretary, members Roberts, Lightbourn, Gorman, Thiele, Burnett, Cormeiro and the Chairman took part.

The Committee's Report was first in order. The Chairman requested that in lieu of the report it might only be thrown of hands: resulted in favor, against 5. The Chairman having voted against (Cfr. 8 & 13 of the Rules of Practice) the Committee's proposal was rejected

A proposal by the 4th elected member, Lightbourn that the Draft re Committee was put to the vote was adopted by vote, against 5 (Cfr. 8 & 13 Rules of Practice)

A proposal by the 5th elected member, Miller and the former Committee augmented by 2 more members was adopted.

A recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed. The election was proceeded with, resulting in the election of Mr. Conning by vote, Mr. Stanford, A. Brown, E. G. Thiele and D. O. Young.

Mr Chairman informed the Council that the Executive was still open.

2 — Discussion on Draft of Amendment of Trade Licence Law relating to the Committee Report.

Mr Secretary read the Report.

Report

Having duly considered the recommendations contained in the Draft of Amendment of Trade and Licence Law for the Regulating the Commissioners presented to the Council from Executive, Central, Eastern, Western and Southern Districts, Mr. Brown, Mr. Young, Mr. Thiele and Mr. Young.

Commissioners recommend that the Draft Law be passed.

David O. Young
Chairman

Thiele, Jun. Lightbourn
J. A. Miller A. Brown
Neville P. Ryan J. A. Chudleigh

The meeting closed at 4.30 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 20th February 1919 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m. 3rd meeting in the session 1918–19. Present were besides the Chairman, members Miller, Purnell, Gorm, Lightbourn, Conneiro, Knight, Roberts, Thiele, March, White and Smith.

The Chairman: Before proceeding with the Order of the Day I beg to inform the Council that I have just received a letter from the 1st appointed member, L. Nolte tendering his resignation. The Secretary read the letter, and proposed that it be considered in the next meeting. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1— Continuation of 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance to better provide for the appointment of Attorneys, their admission to practice, their duties and authority, and for other purposes; with the Committee Report.

The Speaker (Conneiro) on the Majority's Report introduced and recommended its adoption.

A short recess was declared. The meeting was resumed.

The Speaker (Roberts) on the Majority's Report introduced and recommended its adoption.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Conneiro, Roberts, Lightbourn, Thiele, Purnell, Gorm, Knight and the Chairman took part. The Majority's Report was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 2 against.

The Majority's Report was rejected by 10 votes, 2 in favour.

The Chairman closed the discussion, the Draft was ordered to 3rd discussion.

The 5th elected member, Miller proposed that the 3rd discussion be transacted today. The proposal was unanimously adopted. By the consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 7th elected member, Gorm proposed that the discussion be closed and that the Draft in its amended form be adopted. The proposal was adopted by 10 votes, 2 against.

The 5th elected member, Miller moved

2 — Discussion on Draft of Resolution for the transfer for Light-house purposes to the Government of the United States of America of that piece or parcel of land, approximately three acres, located on the South west point of Frydenhoj Island.

The Chairman: I beg to propose that the Resolution be subject to one discussion. Those in favor will signify same by show of hands. Unanimously adopted.
The discussion was declared open. A short discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Lighthouse, Principal Kynaly, Payne, Rule and the Chairman took part.
Space of 10 minutes, the meeting was resumed.
The following amendment was proposed by the 4th elected member Lighthouse.

"Should the Government of the United States of America desire to take over the public Saranac Island for Lighthouse purposes, the Chairman of the Colonial Council is hereby authorized to transfer the public Island to the said Government for and in consideration of same amount of one (1.-) dollar in United States Currency.

The amendment was put to the Vote and accepted.
The Chairman closed the discussion. The Resolution as thus amended form was put to the vote and adopted.

The meeting closed at 4. p. m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Tuesday the 21st May 1919 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an adjourned meeting at 2 p. m. convened by Government pursuant to S 36 of the Colonial Law. Present were members D. F. Ryan, A. Conrad, C. Francis, F. C. Roberts and C. L. Rick The Governor and the Government Secretary attended the meeting.

The Deputy Chairman, Mr. Ryan declaring the meeting open, read Governments letter of May 13th convening meeting that:

Messrs F. C. Knight
J. de Lugo
C. Francis and
C. Payne were elected respectively 1st 3rd 4th and 5th members for the town of Charlotte Amalie. C. Francis, 1st member for Golden and Red Dr. K. Knud-Hansen and Mr Carl Rum

were appointed respectively 3rd and 4th members of the Council for the pleasure period, in accordance with SS 17 and 35 of the Electoral Law to retain from the 10th May 1945.

The Scrutiny Chairman reminded a few members to the Governor and Secretary on their first meeting in the Council. The members not from the rest of the Governor replied.

The Scrutiny Chairman requested the Council to appoint a Speaker to report on the Oaths of the newly elected and appointed members.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 - Examination of the patent of election

The new members, Messrs F. Hardy, Sla Singh, B. Francis E. Payne, K. Knud-Hansen and C. Payne handed in their patents which were scrutinized. The Speaker in declaring the validity of the Oaths informed the Council that he did not consider the election of Messrs B. Francis and C. Payne to be in order, neither of the gentlemen could be considered to be in possession of the qualifications prescribed by the Electoral Law.

A short discussion ensued in which the Scrutiny Chairman members Bennet, Roberts, Comeiro and Thiele took part.

A proposal by the 2 elected members Comeiro, that the matter be deferred until the next meeting was unanimously adopted.

Messrs Sla Singh and C. Stephen signed the prescribed oath, whereupon the Scrutiny Chairman declared Messrs Hardy, Sla Singh, Knud-Hansen and Payne to be duly elected members, and as such, to have the right to sit and vote in the Council.

2 - Election of the Council's Officials, members of the Municipal Committee and several Commissions was proceeded with.

Chairman A. E. Hardy By 7 votes

Vice Chairman C. G. Thiele " 7 "

Spokesperson, C. A. Stephen, Sla Singh 7 and 6 votes respectively

Municipal Committee A. Bennet, C. Comeiro and A. C. Roberts for the electoral district of the town.

A. D. Thiele, for G. Thiele

C. A. Stephen, later appointed member

Trade and Lands Commission C. G. Thiele, Sla Singh, D. S. Payne, A. E. Hardy, K. Knud-Hansen

Electoral Board, Town J.C. Roberts, 4 votes
Electoral Board, Country, L.H. Oppenhulle, 4 votes
Electoral Board, St John, A.E. Smith, "
Golden Wedding Fund, A.P. Kean, A.E. Smith, unanimously
Silver Wedding Fund, D.O. Parson, J.C. Roberts id

3— Discussion on letter of resignation from the Appointed member, L. Nolte.

The letter was read, the discussion was declared open. After a short discussion in which members Durnet, Roberts and the Chairman took part, the request was put to the vote and rejected by 7 votes, 2 abstained from voting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

O.E. Kunz
Chairman

Carl A. Thiele
Secretary

On Thursday June the 5th 1919 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held its first ordinary meeting in the session 1919-1920 at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, members J de Jongh, A. White, A. Durnet, J.C. Roberts, C.A. Thiele, K. Knud-Hansen and C.G. Thiele

Governor Oman, Government Secretary Peach and Lieutenant O'Hagan attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The 4th appointed member, Thiele objected to the statement relative to the resignation of the 5th appointed member, Nolte, which he requested to be corrected, to read: that on a proposal adopted by the Council, it was decided that member, Nolte be written to requesting him to furnish a more acceptable reason than that offered in his letter of 20th February a.c.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1— Examination of the Deed of Election of the 1st elected member for St John, C.E. Francis, who handed in his Patent which was circulated among the members, and was declared by the appointed Speaker (Commissioner) to be in order, whereupon the Chairman declared him to be duly elected, and as such to be a member of the Council with the right to sit and vote as such.

2— Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year

June July 1st 1914 June 30th 1915

The Chairman remarked that the number of members present was not sufficient to make Rules and Regulations, but as no objection was taken to the meeting proceeding with the business it was decided to proceed with the Agenda.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 30th 1914.

The Minutes were duly signed as correct.

The Chairman then declared open the Nomination of Officers for the ensuing year.

The Secretary read the Rules relating to the election of Officers.

The Chairman then declared the Nominations closed and declared the following Members duly elected to serve as Officers for the ensuing year:-

President - Mr. Jas. Jones.
Vice-President - Mr. Wm. Brown.
Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. Thos. Smith.
Committee - Messrs. Geo. Robinson, Jas. Wilson, Jno. Thompson, Wm. Jones, Jno. Smith, Thos. Brown, Jas. Robinson, Wm. Wilson, Geo. Thompson, Jno. Jones.

The Chairman then declared the Nominations for Auditors closed and declared the following Members duly elected to serve as Auditors for the ensuing year:- Messrs. Jno. Brown and Thos. Robinson.

The Secretary read the Rules relating to the Election of Trustees. The Rules were then read clause by clause and duly passed.

The Chairman then declared the Nominations for Trustees closed and declared the following Members duly elected to serve as Trustees for the ensuing year:- Messrs. Jno. Smith, Thos. Brown and Jas. Robinson.

The Secretary read the Rules relating to the Election of Delegates to the Provincial Council. The Rules were then read clause by clause and duly passed.

A proposal was made by Mr. Jno. Smith and seconded by Mr. Thos. Brown that Rule No. 34 of the Provincial Rules for the Guild Hall Radio Receiving Licensing and Regulations Act be amended by striking out the words "Secretary-Treasurer" and substituting therefor the words "Secretary of the Guild Hall for the year ending June 30th 1915."

The Chairman declared the Amendment duly carried. A discussion arose in which Messrs. Brown, Brunel and the Secretary took part.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried. The Rules relating to the Election of Delegates to the Provincial Council were then duly passed.

The Secretary then read Rule No. 35 relating to the Election of Trustees. The Rules were then read clause by clause and duly passed.

A proposal was made by Mr. Jno. Smith and seconded by Mr. Thos. Brown that Rule No. 34 of the Provincial Rules for the Guild Hall Radio Receiving Licensing and Regulations Act be amended by striking out the words "Secretary-Treasurer" and substituting therefor the words "Secretary of the Guild Hall for the year ending June 30th 1915."

The Chairman declared the Amendment duly carried. A discussion arose in which Messrs. Brown, Brunel and the Secretary took part.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried. The Rules relating to the Election of Delegates to the Provincial Council were then duly passed.

The Secretary then read Rule No. 35 relating to the Election of Trustees. The Rules were then read clause by clause and duly passed. The Rules were then adopted as amended.

The Secretary, the Secretary-Treasurer and Auditors were then duly elected.

A vote of thanks, the meeting was then declared closed.

Elected for the Provincial Council for the Guild Hall Radio Receiving Licensing and Regulations Act for the year ending June 30th 1915.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read the Rules relating to the Election of Trustees. A discussion arose in which Messrs. Brown, Brunel and the Secretary took part.

The Chairman declared the Nominations closed. The Rules were then duly passed. The Rules were then adopted as amended.

The Secretary then read Rule No. 35 relating to the Election of Trustees. The Rules were then read clause by clause and duly passed.

A vote of thanks, the meeting was then declared closed.

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The Secretary-Treasurer then read the Rules relating to the Election of Trustees. A discussion arose in which Messrs. Brown, Brunel and the Secretary took part.

The Chairman declared the Nominations closed. The Rules were then duly passed. The Rules were then adopted as amended.

The Secretary then read Rule No. 35 relating to the Election of Trustees. The Rules were then read clause by clause and duly passed.

A vote of thanks, the meeting was then declared closed.

A proposal from the 2d elected member, Comeiro, that Messrs Fabio and Desplanches be re-elected was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5 — Continuation of the examination of the Patents of Election of the 4th elected member, Rothschild Francis, and the 5th elected member, C. Payne.

The examination of the Patent of Election of Mr R. Francis being of a personal nature was discussed within closed doors cfo. § 7 of the Rules of Business. After a discussion in which members Thiele, Roberts, Thorn, Burnett and de Jongh took part, a formal proposal by the 2d appointed member, Thiele, that the Council decides on the validity of the election today was adopted.

On a proposal by the member for the Country District, Roberts, the decision was taken by the ballot, resulting in 6 yeas and 3 nays.

The doors were reopened.

The 4th elected member, Francis entered; upon beginning the prescribed oath, the Chairman declared him to be a duly elected member of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John with the right to sit and vote as such.

The 2nd appointed member, Thiele, proposed that the 5th elected member, C. Payne, be admitted as a member of the Council.

The 8th elected member, Burnett objected to the proposal, the election of Mr Payne being contrary to § 23 of the Col. Law

The 2d elected member, Comeiro retired.

A discussion on the proposal of the 2d appointed member, Thiele, ensued in which members Thiele, Burnett, White, Thorn and Roberts took part.

Member White retired. During the discussion members Roberts and Burnett retired.

Owing to the want of a quorum, there being only 6 members present, the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

Chairman

J. A. Jongh
Secretary

On Thursday the 24th June 1919 the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. John had an adjourned meeting at 2 p.m. presided over by the Chairman pursuant to S 4 of the Rule of Quorum. Present were besides the Chairman, members Messrs. E. Francis, Emanuel de Jongh, E. Francis, Simmonds, Roberts, Knud-Hansen and Hale. The Governor and the Col. Secretary, Ex officio were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Governor submitted the following communications received since the last meeting of the Council:

1- Letter from the Commissioner of the Island of St. John's Election No 31

2- The Chairman's Draft of Estimates for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the Fiscal year 1919-1920.

The Secretary read the Report of the Municipal Committee.

The Government Secretary informed the Council that Government had no objection to offer against the Report.

The Chairman thanked the Governor for the very liberal manner in which he offered to lend money.

The discussion was declared open.

The Chairman: I have an amendment to I. of the Draft Estimates for the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. John, being of a financial nature it must be discussed with the 2nd Reading (S 7. of the Rules of Business). The floor was closed. ..... No floor was found.

A discussion arose in which the Government Secretary, the Chairman, members E. Francis, Emanuel de Jongh, Francis, Simmonds, Roberts, Hansen and Knud-Hansen took part.

The voting on the different items in the Draft was preceded with:

I. Expenses for the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St. John:

1. Salaries. Frs 5.800 – be posted with Frs 6.800 –
2. Maintenance " 5.750 – be posted with " 4.750

The items as amended were unanimously adopted
The total amount of the appropriations Frs 14.050, adopted

II. The Judiciary + Police Department:

Salaries: 1 Clerk, not to exceed Frs 6.000, be posted with Frs 5.400
2 Clerks, not to exceed Frs 3.000, be posted with Frs 3.300 each " 6.600

The total amount of the appropriations Frs 107.300, adopted

III. The Prison Department ..... Frs. 17.900, adopted

IV. The Fire Department: 2. Equipment, Frs 5.800, augmented with Frs 4.500, total appropriations 18.780 adopted

The 8th elected member, Durnal, can you inform me from where has the 4.500 frs been taken to augment the amount posted for equipment?

The Govt. Secretary: the amount appears in the Budget for the present fiscal year.

The 8th elected member, Durnal: Then I understand, that the amount not having been spent, is now considered to be a revenue.

The Govt. Secretary: in the case that as it has not been spent this year, it is proposed to be posted under "Estimated difference between Revenues and Expenditures to be made up from other sources"; the total of which will then be posted with 491.705 frs instead of 487.205. The proposal was adopted

V. Department of Health:

Medical Service, Frs 262.000 adopted
Sanitation Service, " 71. 985 adopted

VI. Poor Department . 33. 700 adopted

VII. Department of Public Instruction . 116. 000 adopted

VIII. Public Works Department:

Administrative Division	Frs 38.058.75 adopted
Building Division	16.426. adopted
New Construction	14.500. adopted
Street and Road Division	92.916.25, adopted

The 2d elected member, Comeiro: I beg to propose, that the amount posted for repairs of streets and roads be augmented by whatever savings may be otherwise effected. I understood there would be an amount of 9000 frs from reductions in the expenses of the Department.

The Govt. Secretary: I believe that amount was included when the question was discussed in the meeting of the Municipal Commission.

The Elected member, Brunet: when it was stated that there would be a saving of 3000 fcs, I proposed that 6.000 fcs of the amount be used as a contribution to the Road.

The Govt. Secretary: there has been made an augmentation of 1000 fcs for the further repairs of roads in St Thomas, and 2.000 fcs for the same purpose in St John.

The Elected member, Gonzales: am I to understand that the 3000 fcs no longer exists?

The Elected member, Brunet: in those moneys for the Upper East road - Western Road Division. No 6. maintenance and repairs to streets, St Thomas Eg. 276, there are allocated 1000 fcs. Item No 7. maintenance and repairs to roads, St Thomas Eg. 22. 439. 75 - there be allocated 2000 fcs; the total 6.000 fcs to be used as a contribution to the Road.

The Chairman: that in favour of the proposal just offered by the Elected member will signify same by showing hands. Those in favour, I abstained. The total appropriation for Rural and Road Division in the Jandet amounts to 92.916 25.

Public Land Division: Fcs. 6.600 adopted

IX. Judiciary:

Mag Instruction Pensions Salaries Police Etc Fcs 15.000 adopted

X. Miscellaneous: Fcs 11.000 adopted

XI. Pensions and Allowances: Fcs 8.190.00, adopted.

XII. General Contingent: Frs 25.000.00 adopted

Total Frs 859.405.00

The Chairman drew the 2d discussion. The Secretary in its amended form was put to the vote and adopted 3-4 1st discussion on Resolution introduced by Government: that the "Sanitary Regulations for the town of Charlotte Amalie" in the island of St Thomas, V.I. of the U.S. approved August 29th 1908, be amended.

1st discussion on Resolution introduced by Government: that the "Sanitary Regulations for the Rural Districts of St Thomas and St John" approved 4th of November 1908, be amended.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A discussion ensued in which the Chairman, members de Jongh, Brunet, C.E. Francis, Dr Peterson, Chief Sanitary Inspector, members R. Francis, Roberts and Gonzales took part.

The Chairman declared the discussion on the Resolutions

discussion.

The 2d appointed member, Thiele proposed a Committee of 3 to report on the Resolution. The proposal was adopted. The deading of the Committee now proceeded with, resulting in the return of C. Correiro by Norbes, A. Querrard, J. C. Roberts 5 -

4- Discussion on Resolution introduced by Government: that a Committee of 3 be appointed by the Chairman to cooperate and consult with Government with the view to a possible revision of the List of Pensioners receiving aid from the Poor Fund.

The Chairman proposed a single discussion which was adopted. The discussion was declared open, no one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the discussion.

The Resolution was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, one member (Thiele) abstained from voting.

The meeting closed at 5 p.m.

D. E. Knud-Hansen
Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

On Thursday the 7th August the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m., 2d meeting in the session 1919-1920. Present were besides the Chairman, members de Jongh, C. E. Francis, White, Perron, Payne, Correiro, Roberts, Hansen and Thiele. The Governor and the Government Secretary attended the meeting.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received letters of excuse from members Knud-Hansen and Kean, and one from member R Francis which states that he will be absent from the island for about 30 days.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1- 2d discussion on Draft of Resolution introduced by Government: that the "Spitzberg Regulations for the town of Charlotte Amalie in the island of St Thomas V. I. U. S.", approved August 29th 1908, be amended; with the Committee's Report.

The Secretary read the Report. The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Comeau, the Dpty. Secretary, members Frase and Roberts took part

A proposal by the 4th appointed member, Frase that the word "ability" be amended by the word "means" was put to the vote and lost. The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion, the Draft passed to 3rd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with.

The 3rd elected member, Comeau proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and that the Draft in its amended form be adopted.

The proposal was adopted.

2— 2nd discussion on Draft of Resolution by Government: that the "Sanitary Regulations for the Boundary Districts of St Thomas and St John" adopted November 4th 1908 be amended; with the Committee's Report.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Comeau, Francis, de Forest, White, Hale and Frase took part.

A proposal from the 1st member for St John, Francis, that the words "in whole or in part" in the new paragraph 4. be struck out, was put to the vote and lost

The 5th elected member, Burnett entered.

The Committee's Report was put to the vote and adopted by vote. The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion, the Draft passed to 3rd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with.

The member for the Boundary District, Roberts proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and that the Draft in its amended form be adopted. The proposal was adopted by 8 votes

3— Discussion on Draft of Resolution proposed by Government: that the Monyhill passed by the Council in its meeting on June 5th 1919 and approved by the Governor June 7th 1919, additional to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1919, be amended to read "Additional Monyhill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1920.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A proposal from the 2nd elected member, Comeau that the matter be passed over pro tem discussion, the Bill being only for a transfer from one Budget to another, was put to the vote and accepted.

The Chairman closed the discussion. The transfer of the Monyhill was put to the vote and unanimously accepted

4— Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning legal holidays in St Thomas and St John V. I. U.S.A. proposed by the 2nd elected member, Corneiro.

The 2nd elected member, Corneiro introduced his Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Evans, Corneiro, Purnell, de Lugo, Thiele, Thorn, Payne, Roberts and Oppenheim took part. The Chairman closed the discussion. By consent of the Council the Draft passed to 2nd discussion. cfr S 11 Rules of Procedure.

A proposal from the 5th elected member, Payne that the Draft be referred to a Committee of 5 was unanimously adopted. Leave of absence. The meeting was recessed

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Thiele with Votes, Corneiro 10, Evans 7, Roberts 6 and de Lugo 5.

5— Discussion on Draft of Resolution from Government changing of names of Public Schools in St Thomas.

The Chairman read Government's letter of 6th August 1919.

The 2nd elected member, Corneiro proposed a single discussion. The proposal was unanimously adopted. The Chairman declared the discussion open. After a few short remarks from members Oppenheim, Roberts and Purnell, the Chairman closed the discussion. The Resolution was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes.

6— 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Appropriation Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John 1919-1920, proposed by the 6th elected member, A. Purnell.

The 6th elected member, introduced the Appropriation Bill.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Corneiro, Purnell, Thiele, Roberts and Thorn took part. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. By consent of the Council ~~the Draft~~ the Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

The 2nd appointed member, Thiele proposed that the 2nd discussion be kept open.

The 8th elected member Purnell proposed that the 2nd discussion, by consent of the Council and Government be henceforth dropped, the discussion be closed, and the Bill adopted.

The 7th elected member, Oppenheim proposed that the vote on the proposal of the 8th elected member be taken by the ballot. The proposal was adopted. The ballot was proceeded with resulting in a tie. A second vote by calling of the roll was proceeded with, again resulting in a tie. The Chairman having voted in

...r Friday the 12th September 1919 the Colonial Gov...
...P. Town and St John held an extraordinary meet...
...2 p.m. convened by the Chairman pursuant to S 4
...Rules of Procedure.

...present were besides the Chairman, members Kean,
...Parnel, Porm, Kean, Payne, de Jongh, Conceic,
..., Knud-Hansen and Thiele. The Governor the acting
... Chairman declared the meeting open. Before
...f the Day was proceeded with, the Secretary read
...e to the Chairman from Mr. A. Miller informing,
...in of his absence from the island for a short time
...ld leave per the Order of the Day was then proceeded
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...cussion on the Committee's Report concerning the
...alization and distribution of the Poor Fund.
... Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion
...ed in which members Kean, Francis, Porm, Par-
...Comeiro, Payne, Petersen, de Jongh and Roberts took
... A proposal by the 6th elected member, Kean, that
...mmittee's Report be rejected, and a new Committee
...be elected to confer with Government was adopted.
... votes, 2 abstained from voting.
... Chairman declared a recess of 10 minutes. The
...ng was resumed.
...election of the Committee was proceeded with results
...re the return of members Kean by 10 votes, Parnel 9
...on 8, Thiele and Roberts 6 respectively.
... Discussion on Resolution concerning the
...transfer of the Militia Fund to the Poor Fund,
...introduced by Government.
...ernment withdrew the Resolution.
... Discussion on letter from Lawyer J. D. Jorgensen to the
...Chairman concerning the gift of a piece of land in
...P. John to be used for erecting a home for incorrigible
...boys.
... Secretary read the letter. The Chairman declared
...discussion open. A discussion ensued in which
...members Francis, Kean, Roberts, Comeiro, Payne, Par-
...nel and the Chairman took part.
...the Chairman: The acceptance of the offer need be
...a Resolution of the Council.
...the 6th elected member, Kean offered the following Re-
...solution.
... Resolved: that this Council accepts with deep

favour of the proposal of the 8th elected mem
Rules of Business, the Mayor will now ca
7— Introduction of and 1st discussion on Dra
to the Ordinance of 9th July 1918 concern
prod drugs and to provide penalties for re
posed by the member for the Country Distric
The member for the Country District rise
The Chairman declared the discussion p
remarks from the 4 appointed members,
that the 1st discussion be kept open un
8— Appointment of a Committee consis
the Colonial Law Service the Ma
Appointed by election were, members C
by Jas. Corbett respectively.
9— Declaring the seat of the disqualified
vacant.
Member Nolte's letter of June 24th was produ
then declared vacant.
10— Discussion on Draft of Assessment
Taxes for the 2nd half-year of 1918; a
Report.

Report.

Your Commission having duly consi
tion handed in against the Draft of Assessm
Land-Taxes for the 2nd half year of 1918, recom
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St Thomas the 29th July 1919.

J. E. Kunkel
Chairman

Carl A. Petersen
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The meeting closed at 5.15

Chairman

and heartfelt thanks Lawyer L. P. Jorgensen's gift of Estate "Calbaskbosse and Julia De Koning" situated in St John V. I. U. S. for the purpose of eventually erecting thereon a Reformatory for boys, or for any similar purpose."

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

5th Continuation of the 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning legal holidays in St Thomas and St John V. I. U. S. A., with the Committee's Report.

The discussion was declared open. A discussion ensued in which members Jorgensen, Payne, Roberts, Kean, Ramos, Rivera and Bennett took part.

The voting on the amendments was proceeded with.

The Chairman: In S 1, 5th line, after the words "Christmas Day" insert the "12th of February, known as Abraham Lincoln's birthday;" unanimously adopted.

In S 2nd line, add "the first Monday in September, known as Labour Day". After the word "noon" in the 13th line, strike out the phrase of 13 words commencing with the word "legislative" ending with the word "Colonies," was adopted by 8 votes.

That S 3 be amended as follows: "That the following words be struck out in lines 7, 8 and 9 of the section "New Years Day, Washington's birthday, Queen Victoria Day and the 4th of July;" was adopted by 9 votes.

The 3rd appointed member, Knud-Hansen retired

In S 5, 1st line, after the word "selling," strike out "or" and insert "and": unanimously adopted. In S 6, 3rd line, after the words "Good Friday," strike out "until" and insert "before" was unanimously adopted. SS 7, 8 and 9, no amendments. S 10 is amended to read: "All previous Ordinances concerning Sundays and Holidays are hereby repealed, adopted by 10 votes.

A new S 11. "This Ordinance shall take effect one month after its approval; was adopted by 9 votes.

The Chairman declared the 2nd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with. No one demanded the word. The Chairman declared the 3rd discussion. The Draft as amended from was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 1 member, (Bennett) abstained from voting.

The meeting adjourned at 5. 35. p. m.

J. deJongh
Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 9th October 1919, the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an ordinary meeting at 2. p. m.

Present were besides the Chairman, the Governor and the actg. Government Secretary, Lieutenant Horan, members Mde Jongh, C. E. Francis, D. C. Dorsch, A. Brandt, C. L. Kean, C. M. Payne, R. Francis, C. Cormier, L. C. Roberts, C. A. Thorn, K. Knud-Hansen and C. G. Thiele.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1— Examination of the Patent of Appointment of Mr. T. A. Miller as appointed member of the Council vice Mr. L. Nolte.

The letter of appointment was circulated among the members, and having been found in order by the appointed Speaker (Brandt) the Chairman declared Mr. Miller to be duly appointed member of the Council with the right to sit and vote as such.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the new member on his return to the Council.

Member Miller replied in few words. He expressed his regret in having to retire in accord of some existing business which claimed his personal attention.

2— Continuation of 1st discussion on Draft of Amendment to the Ordinance of 9th July 1918 to regulate commerce in piloting ships and ships, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof; proposed by the member for the Country District, A. C. Roberts.

The Chairman declared the continuation of the discussion open.

A discussion ensued in which members Roberts Cormier, Brandt, Dorsch, Kean, R. Francis, Payne, Muller and the actg. Govt. Secretary took part.

The Chairman closed the discussion. By consent of the Council the Draft passed to 2 discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the discussion was declared open. No one demanded the word.

The 8th elected member, Brandt proposed that the discussion be closed; the proposal was adopted by 11 votes, 2 members, Dorsch and Kean abstained from voting. The Draft passed to 3rd discussion. The Chairman proposed that the 3rd discussion by consent of the Council and Government be transacted today. The proposal was adopted by 10 votes, 3 members, Dorsch, Kean and Francis ab-

abained from voting.

3— Discussion on Resolution concerning the mail service in St Thomas and St John; introduced by the 5th elected member, Payne.

The Secretary read the Resolution:...

By consent of the Council, the discussion on the Resolution was proceeded with, subject to a single discussion.

The discussion was declared open, in which members Payne, C. E. Francis, White, Gunnet and the actg. Government Secretary took part. The Chairman closed the discussion.

The Resolution was put to the vote and adopted by 12 votes, 1 member abstained from voting.

4— Discussion on the Committee's Report concerning the control of the Band.

The Speaker (Payne) introduced the Report. A discussion ensued in which members Gunnet, Thiele, de Jongh, R. Francis, Payne, Cornelius, Roberts, C. E. Francis, Thiele and Knud-Hansen took part.

The 2d appointed member, Thiele proposed that the voucher be signed by the Chairman and that the money be paid to the Bandmaster was unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

O E Hunt
Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

On Thursday the 6th November 1919, the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, the Governor, Govt Secretary Timmons, Lieutenant Moran, members Thiele, C. E. Francis, White, Gunnet, Kean, Payne, R. Francis, de Jongh, Cornelius, Roberts, Knud-Hansen, Thiele and Müller.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1— Discussion on Draft of Resolution concerning the change of currency in the Virgin Islands of the United States; proposed by the following members of the Colonial Council viz:

C. G. Thiele, C. A. Thiele, J. E. Knud
O. S. Kean, C. Cornelius, D. O. Gunnet, C. E. Payne

The proposal of the Chairman that the Resolution be subject to a single discussion was adopted.

The Secretary read the Resolution. The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Speaker (Kean) introduced the Resolution.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Payne, E. Francis, Comeau, Kean, C. E. Francis, Payne and de Jongh took part. The Chairman closed the discussion.

A proposal by the 4th appointed member, Kean that the Resolution be adopted, was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 2 members, Roberts and E. Francis, against.

2 — Discussion on a Proclamation issued by the Governor on the 19th October a.c. concerning an addition on the salaries of employees of the Government.

The Secretary read the Proclamation.

The Assistant Secretary, Lieutenant Moran introduced the Proclamation.

The 2nd appointed member, Thicle proposed that the 1st discussion be closed. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Proclamation passed to 2nd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The 3rd elected member, de Jongh proposed that the discussion be closed. The proposal was unanimously adopted. The Proclamation passed to 3rd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with.

The 2nd elected member, Comeau proposed that the discussion be closed and that the Proclamation be adopted. The proposal was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes.

3 — Discussion on Resolution to elect a Committee on Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, introduced by Government.

The proposal of the Chairman for a single discussion was adopted.

The Secretary read the Resolution. The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A discussion ensued in which the actg. Govt. Secretary, members Roberts, Payne, C. E. Francis, Kean, E. Francis, Kean who proposed that the discussion be kept open until the next meeting. The proposal was adopted by 4 - 3 votes.

(a) Two men for each quarter of Charlotte Amalie
(b) Two men for the Country District of St Thomas.
(c) Two men for St John to assist the Tax Commission

of the Municipality in assessing the taxes for the current year.

The election resulted as follows:

For King's Quarter; H. Mardenborough, N.C. Mortensen
" Queen's Quarter; L.E. Blakemann, A. O'Neal
" Crown Prince's Quarter; G.A. French, H.E. Lockhart
" The Country Districts; L.H. Brockett, F. Danielsen
" St John; L.E. Lindqvist, E.E. Francis.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

J.E. Kenty
Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

On Tuesday the 18th November 1919, the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m.

Present were besides the Chairman, the Governor, the Govt. Secretary and the acting Secretary, members Burnet, E.E. Francis, Yearwood, Payne, R. Francis, Canario, Roberts, and Thiele. Excuses were offered for members de Jongh, Rasmussen, Hylton and White.

The Chairman requested member Burnet to act as Secretary.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Continuation of the discussion on the Resolution introduced by Government to elect a Committee of 9 on Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A lengthy discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Payne, Burnet, E.E. Francis, the acting Govt. Secretary, members Kean and R. Francis took part.

A proposal by member Yearwood, that the Resolution be amended in such a manner, that instead of a Committee of 9 members, it should read "a Committee of the whole house". The proposal was adopted. The Chairman closed the discussion. The Resolution as amended was then adopted by 8 votes.

The 2d appointed member, Thiele retired.

2- Continuation of the discussion on Committee's Report on Resolution concerning the contribution and control of the Pond; with amendments proposed by the 1st elected member, J.E. Kenty.

The Chairman recalled the Chair which was vacated

the Township Chairman (Mr. S. Estes of Penrose)

As elected member, Mr. Kenny withdrawing his amendment recommended its adoption.

After a short remark from member Roberts, he proposed that the discussion be closed. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

The Township Chairman closed the discussion. The Committee's Report was then amended some more and to the vote unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

J. O'Kenny
Chairman

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On Tuesday the 5th February 1920 the Colonial Council for Colombia and St. John's held an ordinary meeting at 2 p.m.; Present were besides the Chairman, members de Lange, Brunet, C. E. Francis, Wilds, Perrier, Kean, Payne, E. Francis, Conners, Roberts, Knight-Harrison, Pitcher and Miller. The Governor and the Government Secretary, Simmons, attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The Order of the Day was presented with.

1 — 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1920. introduced by Government.

The Government Secretary introduced the Draft Ordinance passed in which members Perrier, Brunet, Roberts, Payne, C. E. Francis, the Government Secretary and the Chairman took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion was proceeded with. After two short remarks by members Brunet and Roberts, the Chairman closed the discussion. The Draft was put to the vote and accepted by 11 votes, 2 against (C. E. Francis) abstained from voting. Bank Road. Bauer

2 — 1st discussion on Resolution introduced by the Governor:

Be it resolved that the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized to increase at his discretion, amounts budgetted for the current financial year by a percentage not to exceed that by which the rate of

of exchange for the current fiscal year exceed the normal rate.

The Chairman proposed that the Resolution be subject to a single discussion. The proposal was adopted by 10 votes.

A discussion ensued in which members Durnet, Borrow Roberts, Kean, the Government Secretary and the Chairman took part. The Chairman closed the discussion. The Resolution was put to the vote and adopted by 12 votes.

3 — Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance to provide for a Municipal Police Force for St Thomas and St John, and for its organization and regulation; proposed by the 2d appointed member, Thiele.

Member Thiele introducing the Draft recommended its adoption to the Council.

A discussion ensued in which members Durnet, Thiele, Miller, Roberts, Payne, Kean and the Chairman took part. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion, and requested those in favour of the Draft being passed to 2d discussion, and that the discussion be transacted today, to signify same by show of hands. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The 1st appointed member, Miller, proposed that the Draft be referred to a Committee of the whole House and that the 2d discussion be kept open.

The 7th elected member, Borrow, proposed that instead of a Committee of the whole House, there be elected one composed of 5 members. The proposal was put to the vote and lost.

The proposal of the 1st appointed member was adopted by 7 votes

J E Kunty
Chairman

J. A. Jongh
Secretary

On Thursday the 22d April 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary at 4 p.m. convened by Government pursuant to s 36 of the Colonial Law: Present were besides the Chairman members de Jongh, C. E. Francis, Thiele, Borrow, Durnet, Kean, Payne, R. Francis, Roberts and Thiele. The Governor, the Government Secretary and Judge Noll attended

meeting. The Chairman declared the meeting open.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Chairman in few words expressed his sympathy on the demise of the late 4th Appointed Member, Mr Cyril A. Kean. The members rose from their seats.

Order of the Day

1- Examination of the letter of appointment of Mr Cyril E. Daniel as 4th Appointed Member of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John.

The Chairman appointed the 7th elected member D. O. Doran Speaker, to report on the letter of appointment which was circulated among the members.

The Speaker having reported the letter of appointment to be in order, and Mr Daniel having signed the prescribed oath, the Chairman declared him to be a duly appointed member with the right to sit and vote as such.

2- Introduction of and 1st discussion on an Ordinance establishing and declaring the Judiciary and Educational Departments of the Virgin Islands of the United States, etc.

The Government Secretary informed the Council that Judge Noll had been deputed by the Governor to speak for him.

Judge Noll introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Doran, Roberts, Barnes, Francis, Thiele, Kean, Payne and Judge Noll took part.

A proposal by the 2nd appointed member, Thiele, that the 1st discussion be closed and the Draft passed to 2nd discussion, was after further remarks, put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes. The Draft passed to the 2nd discussion.

3- Introduction of and 1st discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Judge Noll introducing the Draft said his remarks on 1 and 2 of Title I are applicable in the present case.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the Committee Report. The Report was read.

The 2nd appointed member proposed that the second paragraph of the Report be inserted in the minutes.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Second paragraph of
the Committee's Report.

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" It is to be remarked that the Governor has promised to consider such changes and amendments as may from time to time in the future appear to be advisable to the Council, after sufficient opportunity has been had by the people of the Virgin Islands to observe the workings and applicability of these Ordinances; provided such proposed changes are not contrary to American ideals and civilization. "

St Thomas, April 16' 1920

J de Jongh.	Thiele	J. E. Kunty
A. Burnett		E. Comacho
Orville S. Kean		Earl E. Francis
Knud-Hansen		A. White
David C. Dorn		C. H. Payne

J. A. Miller

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Roberts, de Jongh, E. E. Francis, White, Burnett, Kean and Judge Noll took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion

The meeting closed at 3.15 p. m.

J E Kunty
Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

On Thursday the 29th April 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m, convened by the Chairman pursuant to 54 of the Rules of Business: Present were besides the Chairman, members de Jongh, Dorn, Burnett, Payne, A. Francis, Roberts, Daniel and Thiele. The Governor, the Government Secretary and Judge Noll attended the meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting open. Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, he read a letter from the 1st appointed member, T. A. Miller informing him of his departure from the island for a period beyond 6 months, in consequence of which he tendered his resign-

After a few remarks from members Roberts, Bennett, Payne and Penn, a motion by the 5th member, Payne, that the recommendations be accepted was put to the vote and adopted by 6 votes. The Chairman declared the rest of the two members to be present.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1— 2nd discussion on an Ordinance establishing and declaring the organization of the Judiciary and Educational Departments of the Virgin Islands of the United States, etc.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 5th elected member, Payne introduced a motion whereby the discussion should be postponed.

A discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Payne, Penn and the Chairman took part.

On a proposal from the Chairman, the motion of the 5th elected member and an amendment to it by the 7th member, Penn were withdrawn. The discussion was proceeded with

A proposal by the 7th member, Penn, that the 2nd discussion be postponed until all of the Titles have been gone through, gave rise to a discussion in which Judge Noll... member Kean joined T.. members Roberts, Kean and R. Francis took part. It was adopted to keep open Titles 2, 3, 4 & 5

Title 1. Chapter I. of Courts.

S 1. read, no remarks, adopted

S 2. read, no remarks, adopted

S 3. read, no remarks, adopted

S 4. read, no remarks, adopted

S 5. read, a discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Bennett, Kean and Judge Noll took part.

S 6. read, no remarks, adopted

S 7. read, Kean, after the word Governor, added Colonial Council a discussion ensued in which members R. Francis, Judge Noll, members Hamilton, Payne, de Jongh, Kean and C. C. Francis took part. The amendment to S 7 was put to the vote and lost, 3 in favour, the S in its original form was adopted by 8 votes.

S 8. read, after a few short remarks by members Roberts, Bennett and Judge Noll the S was adopted

S 9. read, no remarks, adopted.

S 10. read, no remarks, adopted

S 11. read, after a few remarks from members Bennett, Judge Noll, members Kean and Penn, the proposal that after

the word "Bureau" and the Editorial Committee" accepted by vote

§12. read, no remarks, adopted

§13. read, no remarks, adopted

§14a. read, after an inquiry from member Bonner to which Judge Noll replied, was adopted.

§15. read, no remarks, adopted.

§16. read. no remarks, adopted.

§17. read. Bennet: I would hope that treaty could be changed to fifty. After a discussion with which members Bennet, Bonner and Judge Noll took part, the § was adopted in the original form.

§18. read. After a few remarks by members Bennet, Hale and Bonner, was adopted.

§19. read, no remarks, adopted.

§20. read, no remarks, adopted

§21. read, no remarks, adopted

§22. read, no remarks, adopted

§23. read, no remarks, adopted

§24. read, no remarks, adopted

§25. read. After a short explanation by Judge Noll, was adopted

§26. read, no remarks, adopted.

§27. read. After some remarks from members, Bennet, Bonner and Judge Noll, was adopted.

§28. read, no remarks, adopted.

§29. read, no remarks, adopted

§30. read, no remarks, adopted

§31. read, no remarks, adopted

§32. read, no remarks, adopted

§33. read, no remarks, adopted.

Members Bennet, Roberts and Kean retired

Chapter II. Department of Education

§1. read, no remarks, accepted

§2. (a) read, no remarks, adopted

(b) read, no remarks, adopted

(c) read, no remarks, adopted

(d) read, no remarks, adopted

(e) read, no remarks, adopted

(f) read, no remarks, adopted

(g) read, no remarks, adopted

(h) read, no remarks, adopted

(i) read, no remarks, adopted

§3. (a) read, and adopted after a short remark from member Bonner, to which Judge Noll replied.

(b) read, no remarks, adopted

(c) read, no remarks, adopted

(d) read, no remark, adopted

(e) read, no remarks, adopted
(f) read, no remarks, adopted
(g) read, no remarks, adopted

Chapter II.
Miscellaneous Provisions

s1. read, no remarks, adopted
s2. read, no remarks, adopted

The 3rd elected member, Page proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed. A discussion ensued in which members Penn, Thiele, Payne, E.E. Francis, de Jongh and Judge Noll took part.

The proposal of the 5th elected member was put to the vote and adopted by 6 votes against 3.

The meeting closed at 5 p.m.

D. Ehrig
Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

On Thursday the 6th May 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were the Chairman, members de Jongh, Penn, Purnell, Payne, A. Francis, Roberts, Daniel, Knud-Hansen and Thiele. His Excellency the Government Secretary and Judge Noll attended the meeting.

The minutes of the meetings of 5th February, 22nd and 29th April were severally read and adopted.

The Chairman declared the meeting open.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day the Government Secretary read a few extracts from the Report of the Congressional Commission.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

The 1st member for St John, E.E. Francis ordered.

1.—3d discussion on an Ordinance establishing and declaring the organization of the Judiciary and Educational Departments of the Virgin Islands of the United States, etc

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

At the request of the Governor, the discussion was postponed with the request that it be kept open.

2.—2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

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The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 2nd member for St. Louis, Missouri recognized.

Member Burnett, Roberts, Payne, Dunn offered objections to the Chairman's procedure in closing the 2nd discussion on Title 1 in the Introductory. A 2nd procedural discussion ensued with members Roberts, Burnett, Payne, Dunn, St. Francis, Missouri and the Chairman both part. Then 2 more procedural with: member Arnold, Kansas participated.

Title 2. Civil Law

The Chairman: declared an amendment to S1, it to pass — pickard adopted. Upon this decision a discussion ensued with which members as Smith, St. Francis, Roberts, Payne, Burnett, Dunn and the Chairman took part.

A. proposal by the 2nd appointed member, Steele, "whether the discussion on the chapters be carried on by reading of the sections, or of the chapters," was put to the vote and adopted that it be by reading of the sections.

Chapter I. Husband, Wife and Marriage

§1. read, adopted.

§2. read, Member Burnett would like to have the section explained

Judge Noll, there is no further explanation than is already stated in plain English.

Burnett, then the section remains open

§3. read, adopted.

§4. read, adopted after a question by member, Burnett, to which Judge Noll replied

§5. read, adopted

§6. read, Burnett, this section must be kept open for further information

§7. read adopted after a few remarks by members Payne, Roberts, Dunn and Judge Noll.

§8. read, adopted.

§9. read, struck out by the request of the Governor, to be reinserted

§10. read, adopted.

Chapter II. Adoption of Children

§1. read, adopted.

§2. read, adopted.

§3. read, adopted

§4. read, Member Burnett: in 1st line of the section after the word "if" strike out "a" and insert "such" was put to the vote and adopted, the section as amended was adopted.

§5. read, adopted.

§6. read, adopted.

§7. read. Member Burnett, what is meant by properly supervised/ limited?

Judge Noll: properly limited to the heirs of the body according to
provides what if will be adopted. Roberts: should he presently die intestate
member Bennett's amendment filed wherein from the parents? Noll: that is the same
as Judge: should it happen that the adopted parent dies
intestate, would the child inherit?

Judge Noll: a full share of the estate. S7 was adopted

S8. was adopted

S9. read. adopted

S10. read. adopted.

Chapter III. Change of Name

S1. read. Member Bennett: if I should be desirous of changing my
name, can I do so?

Judge Noll: ordinarily it is against policy to do so unless
for sufficient reasons. S1. adopted

S2. read. after a statement from member Bennett to solicit
Judge Noll replied, S2 was adopted.

The meeting closed at 5.05 p.m.

J. Shuff
Chairman

J. A. Forsyth
Secretary

On Thursday the 14th May 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. convened by the Chairman pursuant to S4 of the Rules of Business
Present were the Chairman, members de Lugh, C.E. Francis, Quinn, Payne, R. Francis, Cronkite, Daniel, Konrad-Hansen and Hale. His Excellency the Governor, the Govt Secretary and Judge Noll attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted after a remark by member Payne, to which members R. Francis and the Chairman replied. Member Roberts entered

A letter of absence from member Bennett was read

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1— Examination of the letter of appointment of Mr Rudolph E. Miller as 1st Appointed member of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, vice Mr V. A. Miller who resigned

The newly appointed member presented his letter of appointment which was circulated among the members, being found in order by the appointed Speaker (Cronkite) the Chairman declared him to be 1st appointed member of the Council with the right to sit and vote as such

2— Introduction and 1st reading of an Ordinance concerning an amendment by the Colonial Council for

& Ferrara and Dr Cohen for the establishment of a public library to be known as the "Public Library".

The Government Secretary introducing the Ordinance said the Representative of the Red Cross Chapter, Mr Moore would furnish the Council with some information in connection with the subject.

Mr Moore offered a few elucidatory remarks on the subject and said he would gladly answer any questions which the members may be desirous of asking.

A discussion ensued in which members Dr Francis, Payne, the Government Secretary, members Perry, Romeiro and Knud-Hansen took part.

The 6th member, Ryan entered.

The 5 elected members, Payne proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and duly passed of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion be commenced today. The proposal was adopted by 12 votes. The Draft passed to 2nd discussion

Government having proceeded, the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The 2nd elected member, Romeiro moved an amendment to section 2 of the Draft. "In 5th line after the word "be" delete put "appointed," and insert "elected". In 7th line after the word "one", insert "appointed". In 8th line after the word "Governor." delete put "The Governor shall name the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the said commission. The members shall be appointed," and insert, "They shall elect their own officers who shall serve for a period of two years."

The amendment was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion, the Draft passed to 3rd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with. The Chairman declared the discussion open. No one demanded the word the Draft in its amended form was adopted by 12 votes

The 5th elected member, Payne proposed that a Committee of 3 be appointed to draw up an address of thanks to the Chapter of the Red Cross Society for what has been done and will be done in future; was adopted by 12 votes.

The 6th member, Ryan proposed that the Committee be formed in the appointment of the Chairman, members Payne and Perry. The proposal was adopted by 9 votes

3 — 3rd discussion on an Ordinance establishing and declaring the organization of the Judiciary and Educational Departments of the Virgin Islands of the United States, &c.

The Chairman declared the discussion open

Judge Noll: in section 29, 6th line, after the word "time" insert "each child", adopted by 11 votes.

A discussion on the closing of 2d discussion on Title 1 of the Draft, in the meeting held on 6th May ensued, in which members Carneiro, Payne, Roberts and Judge Noll took part.

The 1st appointed member, Miller proposed that the 3rd discussion on Title 1. be closed and be adopted.

The 6th elected member offered an amendment to the proposal of the 1st appointed member, that the discussion be kept open; was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes.

The 3rd appointed member, Knud-Hansen retired.

4- Continuation of the 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws, and altering, amending, repealing and combining existing laws.

The 2d appointed member, Thiele proposed that the sections be not read out today. A discussion ensued in which members Kean, Thiele, Gorrie, Roberts and C. E. Francis took part.

The 7th elected member, Gorrie offered as an amendment, that today, the reading of the sections will be continued, but at the next meeting, the discussions on them will be carried on by calling of their numbers.

The 2d appointed member, Thiele withdrew his motion in favour of the 7th elected member's amendment.

A rule amendment by the 6th elected member, Kean, that the reading of the sections should continue, was put to the vote and lost, 5 in favour, 7 against.

A proposal by the 7th elected member, Gorrie that at the next meeting there be taken under discussion not less than 40 pages of Title 2 of the Draft, and that the sections be called by their numbers, was adopted by 7 votes, 5 against.

The 6th elected member Kean retired

Chapter IV. Age of Majority and Emancipation

SS 1. to 4 read and adopted.

S 5. read. R. Francis: what is meant by "ad-litem"?

Judge Noll, special guardian. S 5 adopted

SS 6. to 10 read and adopted.

Chapter V. The support of Relations

S 1. read. adopted

S 2. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) read. and adopted as amended

SS 3 to 11 read and adopted

Chapter VI. Of fraudulent conveyances of real property.

SS. 1. 2. 3. 4 and 5 read and adopted.

The meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 20th May 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an adjourning meeting at 2 p.m., convened by the Chairman pursuant to S 4 of the Rules of Procedure. Present were besides the Chairman, members, da Luigh, C. E. Francis, Mich. Gomez, Thomas Hugo, R. Francis, Espinosa, Roberts, Daniel, Konrad-Hansen, Knight and Miller. The Governor, the Govt. Secretary and Lovegrove attended the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Elected member, Kean, took his seat.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Election of the Executive Officials, members of the Municipal Committee and of several Commissions.

The elections resulted as follows:

Chairman: A. C. Roberts, who on occupying the Chair, thanked the members for their confidence; and expressed the hope for their cooperation as also that of Government in the discharge of his duties.

Vice Chairman: C. G. Finch

Municipal Committee: For the electoral district of the Town, C. Commissioner A. Barnard, D. C. Gomez

For St John, C. E. Francis

Appointed Member, C. G. Finch

Town and Camp-Jail Commission: O. F. Kean, da Luigh, C. E. Daniel, F. E. Kuntz, R. C. Miller

Electoral Board - Town: A. C. Roberts

Electoral Board - Country: A. H. Brathwaite

Electoral Board - St John: A. D. White

Public Cemeteries Commissioners: O. F. Kean, C. Commissioner

School Commissioner - Country: C. H. Payne

School Commission - St John: L. E. Galloway

Public Library Commissioner: O. F. Kean

The Chairman: I have just received from Government some amendments to title 1 of the Draft of the Code of

which however can only be proceeded with by the consent of the Council, cfr S9 of the Rules of Procedure. Those who are in favour of proceeding with the amendments will signify same by show of hands. Unanimously approved

2- Continuation of 3rd discussion on an Ordinance establishing and declaring the organization of the Judiciary and Educational Departments of the Virgin Islands of the United States

Judge Noll on behalf of Government introduced the amendments.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

Sections 4-5-6-7-8-11-13 and 15 of chapter one, and section 2 (a) of chapter ~~1~~ (of the original) to read as follows: Sec 4. (a) (b) (c). Sec. 5. (a) (b) (c) (d) Sections 6-7-8-11-13 and 15 as arranged, were adopted.

A rule amendment by the 2nd elected member, Corneiro that in Section 4 (a) 3rd line, after the word "exceeding," strike out "four" and insert "three." In the same Section (c) in last line, after the word "Municipality", insert "with the approval or by the direction of the Governor", was unanimously adopted.

On reveral sections of the amendments, discussions ensued in which members Kean, Corneiro, Perrin, Quinet Thiele and Judge Noll took part.

The 2nd member for St John, White retired.

A proposal by the 2nd elected member, Corneiro, that the 3rd discussion on Title 1. be closed, also that the Ordinance as amended be considered as read, was adopted by 12 votes, 2 against.

The meeting closed at 5:20 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 26th May 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. convened by the Chairman pursuant to §4 of the Rules of Business. Present were besides the Chairman, members C. E. Francis, White, Payne, A. Francis, Cornelio, Hunt, Hansen, Biela and Miller. The Governor, the Government Secretary and Judge Noll attended the meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting open, and requested member Kurtz to act as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The 2nd elected member, Cornelio: Mr Chairman, the amendment which was proposed in the last meeting to Title 1. Section 17, sub section (1) in second line, after the word "except" to delete out the word "five" and insert "ten", which was accepted, have been omitted in the minutes just here. I beg to request that the omission be entered in the minutes.

The minutes were then adopted. The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Continuation of 2nd discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws with amendments proposed by the 2nd elected member E. Cornelio.

Chapter VII. Fraudulent Conveyances of Personal Property

§§1-6 no amendments, adopted

Chapter VIII. General Provisions Concerning Fraudulent Conveyances and Contracts

§§1-8 no amendments, adopted.

Chapter IX. Frauds

§§1-7 no amendments, adopted

Chapter X. Of the Disposition of Property by Will

§§1-31 no amendments. adopted.

Chapter XI. Of Estates in Dower

§§1-20, after some remarks on §15 by members A. Francis and Cornelio, which were replied to by Judge Noll, the sections were adopted.

Chapter XII. Of Estate by the Courtesy

§1- no amendment, adopted.

Chapter XIII. Of General Provisions concerning Estates in Land.

§§1-6 no amendment, adopted

Chapter XIV. Of the Property of Married Women

§§1-10 no amendment adopted.

Chapter XV. Of Conveyances of Real Property

SS1-36 no amendments, adopted

Chapters XVI and XVII were left over for discussion in the next meeting by the consent of the Council.

Chapter XVIII. Of Miscellaneous Provisions concerning the Descent and Distribution of Property

SS1-11 no amendments, adopted

Chapter XIX. Of Escheat

SS1-8 no amendment. adopted

Chapter XX. Of Eminent Domain

SS1-21 no amendment, adopted.

Chapter XXI. Of Interest and Usury

SS1-7 no amendment, adopted.

Chapter XXII. Of Liens on Personal Property.

SS1-27 no amendments, adopted.

The 4th elected member, R. Francis' motion, that the ~~next~~ meetings of the Council in connection with the Code of Laws, be held fortnightly, was rejected by the adoption of an amendment by the 2nd member for St John, White, that the meetings be carried on as hitherto, was adopted by 9 votes, 1 against.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

Chairman

actg. Secretary

On Thursday the 3rd June 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held the 1st ordinary meeting in the session 1920-1921, at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, members White, Corneo, Payne, R. Francis, Corneiro, Kunz and Thiele.

The Governor, the Government Secretary and Judge Berry attended the meeting.

The Chairman requested member Kunz to act as Secretary.

Verbal excuses were offered for members Kean and Hibbert, a written excuse from member C. E. Francis was communicated.

A letter from the 4th appointed member C. E. Daniel informing the Council of his absence from the island for a period of about 2 months, was read.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Councillors Barnet and Knud-Hansen, seconded.

The Acting Secretary, Kunz, read the letter drawn up by the Council Committee appointed to thank the "Insular and Foreign Division, American Red Cross, Washington. D. C. and the "American Library Association" for the gift of a Public Library.

The Chairman: Hon members have heard the letter just read; we will now thank the Governor for the interest evinced by him in procuring so munificent a gift for the Municipality.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1— Continuation of 2nd discussion upon Ordinance to provide for a Municipal Police Force, in St Thomas and St John and for its organization and regulation; with the Committee's Report.

The 2nd elected member, Cornelius intervenes the Report.

Amendments.

Section 5 of the Draft to read:

The compensation of the members of the Municipal Police Force shall be as follows, per annum:

Director of Police	Free 10.500.
District Chief of Police	8.000
Inspectors, each	7.200
Sergeants, each	4.480
Patrolmen, each	3.600
Matron	2.400

Section 11 to read:

The Director of Police shall be appointed by the Governor

Section 12 to read:

There shall be appointed a Municipal Police Commission, composed of the Director of Police and four citizens; two appointed by the Governor and two by the Colonial Council, whose duty shall be as hereinafter defined. The term of office of the Commissioners shall be for two years.

It shall be the duty of the Municipal Police Commission to examine all applicants for enlistment and to appoint all District Chiefs, Inspectors, Sergeants, Patrolmen and Matrons according to their respective merits.

It shall be the duty of the Municipal Police Commission to establish rules and regulations prescribing physical and moral qualifications and conditions of enlistment in the Municipal Police Force, and such rules and regulations shall be approved by the Gov-

before they become operative, and thereafter all enlistments shall be made pursuant to such rules and regulations. The Municipal Police Commission shall also make rules and regulations with regard to the conduct of the Municipal Police Force providing the means and methods by which same may be enforced and punishments for violations thereof; but such rules and regulations shall not be effective and valid until approved by the Governor.

No person enlisted in the Municipal Police Force shall be removed except on recommendations of the Commission; but the Commission shall have power to suspend any member appointed by them; provided however that any such member of the Police Force who has been suspended by the Commission may appeal to the Governor, whose decision shall be final.

The Director of the Municipal Police Force may temporarily suspend any of his subordinates for violations of the rules and regulations, and such suspension shall continue until action be taken in the matter by the Municipal Commission.

The Municipal Police Commission shall have the power to promote or reduce in grade all persons appointed by said Commission; subject however to the approval of the Governor.

The Municipal Police Commission shall hold its regular meetings once every two months; but special meetings may be called at the request of its Chairman or by the Governor.

The members of the Commission, except the Director of Police, shall be paid Francs 10 and 50 bit, each per diem or part thereof, for attendance at such meetings.

Section 14 to read:

The Municipal Police Comonission is hereby authorized to make all rules and regulations necessary for the control of the prisoners and to provide penalties for the violation thereof which shall be submitted to and approved by the Governor.

Section 15 to read:

Members of the Municipal Police Force may organize and form associations among themselves for their mutual improvement; but no such organization or association shall be incorporated with any other organization or association without consent of the Governor.

Section 16 to read:

This Ordinance shall take effect and come into force on 1st July 1920.

A discussion ensued in which members Riel, Hoey, Berry, the Chairman, members Bernet, Comeau, Nair, Young, D. Francis, Payne, Dunn and the Govt. Speaker took part.

The amendments by the 2nd appointed member, Riel, in part iii S 7, line 4, before the words "an office sheriff" the words "on the days on which the Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and altering, amending and repealing existing laws, now before the Council, takes effect". Carried S 16 and placed as S 16. This Ordinance shall take effect and come into force on July 1st 1920, were put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The amendments by the 7th elected member, Dunn S 12 of the Report, in 4th paragraph, 2nd line, after the word "year" add "in which an assessable named." Put the paragraph of the report in the Ordinance from S 12 to 6.; were put to the vote and adopted by voice.

A proposal by the 7th member, Dunn that the Ordinance be considered as read this time, was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman took the 2nd Reading. The Deputy Secretary read the 3rd Reading. By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd Reading was proceeded with. The amendment. The Chairman then Reading. The Deputy then amended from were put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 3rd clause of the Ordinance was read the 2nd time. Instructions and Regulations on Duty of Additional Assessable to the Budget for the Municipality of Edmonton for the fiscal year 1920.

Public Works Department: in general $3,000

The Government Secretary returned the Duty. Assessment carried in which members Kean, Dunn and the Government Speaker took part.

The 7th member, Dunn proposed that the assessment be read. The proposal was unanimously adopted. The Duty passed to 2nd Reading. By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd Assessment was proceeded with. The Chairman declared the Assessment open.

The 2nd member, Dunn proposed that the 2nd Assessment be read, and the Duty be adopted. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

3— Continuation of 2nd Reading on an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws, with amendments to Revised Ord 1916 by the Elected members, Comeau.

Chapter XVI. Of the Descent of Real Property

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 2nd pleaded member, Comeau introduced his amendments

A discussion ensued, in which members Ryan, R. Francis, and Judge Curry took part.

§ 1. adopted

§§ 2 and 3 be amended to read as follows:

(2) If the intestate shall leave no lineal descendants, the half of such real property shall descend to his wife, and the other half to his father, and or mother, or to the brothers and sisters of the intestate and to the issue of any deceased brother and sister by right of representation in the order of succession herein mentioned; or if the intestate be a married woman, the half of such property shall descend to her husband, and the other half to her father, and or mother, or to her brothers and sisters and the issue of any deceased brother and sister by right of representation in the order herein mentioned.

(3) If the intestate shall leave no lineal descendants, neither husband or wife, such real property shall descend to his or her father, and or mother, or in the absence of such ancestors, in equal shares to the brothers and sisters of the intestate and to the issue of any deceased brother and and sister by right of representation.

Section 5 to be amended, so as to read as follows:

(5) If the intestate shall leave no lineal descendants or kindred as above provided, or recognized illegitimate children subject to proof of filiation approved by the District Court, such real property shall escheat to the Municipality.

That sub-section 3 of Chapter 17 be amended to read as follows:

The residue, if any, of the personal property shall be distributed among the persons who would be entitled to the real property of the intestate, as provided in this Ordinance, and in the like proportion or share.

That sub-sections 4 and 5 be struck out.

That sub-section 6 become sub-section 4 and read as follows:

If there be no husband, widow, kindred or recognized illegitimate children subject to proof of filliations to be proved by the District Court, entitled to intestate of the intestate, the whole of such residue shall escheat to the Municipality.

The amendments were put to the vote and adopted by 8 votes.

Chapter XVII. Of the Distribution of Personal Property.

was adopted as amended.

The 5th appointed member, Mr. Kean, and the 4th elected member, R. Francis petitioned.

Chapter XXIII. Of Mortgages of Personal Property.

The 6th elected member, Kean entered.

§§ 1-4 no amendments, adopted.

§ 5. The 8th elected member Purnell: In 3rd line from bottom, after the word "mortgagor" insert "a specification of the articles mortgaged" The amendment was adopted. The section as also amended as form was adopted

§§ 6-7 after some remarks from members Kean, Hicks, Judge Berry and the Chairman, were adopted.

§§ 8-14. no amendments, adopted.

The meeting closed at 5. p.m.

Chairman acting Secretary

On Thursday the 10th June 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 12 p.m. on. Present were the Vice Chairman (Hicks) members Mr Lough, C. E. Francis, White, Perry, Payne, R. Francis, Kean and Miller. The Governor, the Govt. Secretary and Judge Noll attended the meeting. The Vice Chairman declared the meeting open.

A letter of excuse from the Chairman was read.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1- Continuation of 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and abrogating, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Chapter XXIV. Of Limited Partnership

§§ 1-29 no amendments, adopted.

§ 30. no amendment, adopted

Chapter XXV. Of Partnerships

§§ 1-16 no amendments, adopted

§ 17. R. Francis: In 5th line after the word "qualified" insert "only"; the section adopted as amended. §§ 18-43 no amendments, adopted

Chapter XXVI. Of the Incorporation of Business Corporations.

§§ 1-21 no amendments, adopted.

§ 22. Perry: I beg to propose an amendment to this section. In second line, I strike out the word "thirty" and insert ninety. The amendment was put to the vote and lost, 4 in favor against.

§§22-30 no amendments, adopted.

Chapter XXVII. Of the Corporations of Banks etc.

The 7th elected member Borrow: Mr Vice Chairman, the last lines in § 3 of this Chapter reads: "No bank, excepting banks established prior to the passage of this act, shall carry on a banking business except upon compliance with the provisions of this act." I beg to be informed by Government, if that which has just been read, eliminates the National Bank and the Savings Bank from the foregoing provisions of this act?

The Vice Chairman: such is my opinion.

Judge Noll: it does.

The 7th elected member, Borrow: I would request that it be inserted in the minutes that this act in the opinion of Government does not affect the present Banks doing business here. I move moreover that a Committee of 3 be elected to confer with Government on points relating to the Banks.

The motion was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

After a few remarks from the 8th elected member, Burnet as to the importance of St Thomas as a shipping port, etc to which Judge Noll replied, the Vice Chairman declared a recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with, resulting in the return of members Hyman and Burnet with 8 votes respectively, member Borrow 5 votes.

The 6th elected member, Kyan proposed, that as the hour was still early, the discussion on the Code be continued a little longer.

The 4th elected member, Francis objected to the proposal, as the agreement relative to the number of pages to be discussed at each meeting had been maintained; besides which there are members absent whose opinions ought to be heard. The ages of the public are open, we ought not to push on.

The Vice Chairman: I cannot agree that the proceedings be stopped because a few members are absent. It was agreed on some time ago that as many as 40 pages should be discussed, and if time allowed of it, then more.

The 4th elected member, R. Francis and the 3rd appointed member, Kinnard-Hyman respectively

Chapter XXVIII. Of Incorporations of Schools, Churches, Charitable Organizations, etc.

§§1-6 no amendments, adopted.

Chapter XXIX. Of Foreign Corporations

§§1-2 no amendments, adopted

§3. Burnet: the words "ninety days" in 3rd line from bottom be altered

out, and instead, insert "4 months" was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

§4. no amendment, adopted

§6. Pyrnet: In 2d line after the word "annually" strike out "and within thirty days from the first day of July each year," was put to the vote and adopted

§6. Pyrnet: In 3rd line after the word "within" strike out "90" and insert "180" was adopted.

Chapter ~~XXX~~. Of Transfer of Shares of Stocks of Corporations

§§1-27 no amendments, adopted.

Chapter ~~XXXI~~. Regulating and Prescribing Fees for Licenses to do Business to be Paid by Domestic Corporations

The 8th elected member, Pyrnet moved, that this Chapter be referred to the same Committee elected to confer with the Governor on Chapter 27.

The motion was put to the vote and adopted.

The meeting closed at 4.25.

Clerk

Vice Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 17th June 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p. m. convened by the Chairman pursuant to §4 of the Rules of Business. Present were the Chairman, members de Lorgt, C. E. Francis, White, Pyrnet, R. Francis, Corneiro, Krum-Hansen and Miller.

The Governor, the Government Secretary and Judge Noll attended the meeting.

The minutes of the 3rd inst. were read and adopted. The minutes of the 10th inst were read. The 3rd appointed member Knud-Hansen: Mr Chairman; I did not notice as is stated in the minutes; I entered, please direct that the correction be made. No further remarks, the minutes were adopted.

The 2nd elected member, Corneiro; Mr Chairman: Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, I would beg to be informed by Government as to the interpretation of §11 of The Rules of Business, relative to the manner in which legislative matters are to be treated.

The Chairman: may I ask the hon. member to what special case he refers?

Comeiro. the Holiday Bill and the Municipal Police Bill.

The Government Secretary replied.

Mr Parker, Keane and Payne retired

After a few more remarks from members Comeiro and Knaggs, the Government Secretary recalled the letter, relative with the despatch of the Ordinance to provide for a Municipal Police Force for St Thomas and St John, was returned to the Council visited the signature of the Governor.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

Continuation of 2nd Discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and consolidating existing laws.

Chapter XXXII. Of Public Parks.

S1. no amendment adopted

S2. The 6th elected member, Keane, Mr Chairman: It was agreed upon to read each section of the chapters under discussion before being voted upon.

A discussion ensued in which members Thiele, Keane, C. E. Francis, R. Francis and de Lugo took part.

A motion as to the mode of procedure, by the 2d elected member Comeiro was put to the vote, resulting in a tie, in favour & against. The Chairman having voted in favour of the reading of the sections, it was decided pursuant to S 19 of the Rules of Business.

S2 - read, no amendment, adopted

S3. read, the 2d elected member, Comeiro, I beg to propose an amendment to this section. In the 11 line, strike out "five" and insert "two", was adopted. In 13th line, the words "one thousand" be struck out, and insert "five hundred" was adopted by 7 votes in favour, 4 against.

SS4-5. read, no amendments adopted

Chapter XXXIII. Assignments

SS 1-13. read, no amendments, adopted

S 14. read. Comeiro I propose an amendment to this section. In second line, strike out "not more than sixty nor less than thirty", and insert "180." amendment adopted

SS 15-16. read, no amendments, adopted.

S 17. On this section a discussion ensued in which members Keane, Thiele and Judge Noll took part. A proposal by member Keane for the appointment of a Committee to report on it, was adopted by 10 votes, 2 against.

Member White retired.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with, resulting in the return of members Correira and Kean with 10 votes respectively, member Thiele with 6 votes.

§18 read. no amendment, adopted

§19 read. The 6th elected member, Kean, likely to propose, that in the first line of the section, the word "three" be struck out, and insert "201 days if necessary". The section was adopted as amended

§§20-24 read, no amendments, adopted.

§25 read. On this section a discussion ensued in which members Correira, Kean, Thiele and Judge Noll took part. A proposal by member Correira, that in the second paragraph of the section, third line, strike out "~~one hundred~~ dollars," and insert, "the amount due for sixty days". The section as amended was unanimously adopted.

§§26-30 read, no amendments, adopted.

The 3rd appointed member, Raoul-Hanson retired

§31 read. On this section a discussion ensued in which members Kean, Correira, Thiele and Judge Noll took part. A proposal by the 6th elected member, Kean that in the 10th paragraph of the section, tenth line, the word "seven" be struck, and instead, insert "four", was adopted. The section as amended was adopted.

The 4th elected member, R Francis retired.

§38. read, no amendments, adopted.

Chapter ~~XXXIV~~. On Negotiable Instruments

Judge Noll: I would just like to remark that the provisions in this chapter have been adopted in all English speaking countries. The law was framed by the best qualified lawyers who worked on it for years. I do not think this Council can offer any amendments to it. It is in use all over the United States, England. Canada, Australia, New Zeland and ~~in~~ Porto Rico.

The 6th elected member, Kean proposed, in consequence of the statements of Judge Noll and the 2nd appointed member, Thiele, that this chapter be adopted en bloc, but this procedure is only in this case. ~~was unanimously adopted~~

Government's letter of the 17th inst. relative to paying of members of a public Commission etc was read

The meeting closed at 5.15. p.m.

Chairman

On Thursday the 24th June 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. convened by the Chairman pursuant to § 4 of the Rules of Proceedure. Present were the Chairman, members de Lugo, Burnett, Payne, R. Francis, Cormier, Kunhardt, Knud-Hansen, Thiele and Muller. The Governor, the Government Secretary and Judge Noll attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The 3rd appointed member, Knud-Hansen: 1st Chairman the amendment to § 25, proposed by the 2d elected member, was to strike out "one hundred dollars" and to insert, "the amount due for sixty days;" not as stated in the minute, "not more than". No further remarks being offered, the minutes were adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1- Introduction and final discussion on Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1921.

The Secretary read the Report of the Municipal Committee which was adopted.

On the Revenue side of the Draft, no remarks were offered.

The Expenditure side:

Discussions pursued on Items II. III. V. VI. VII and VIII, in which members Cormier, Burnett, Kunhardt, Thiele, Knud-Hansen, Payne, Roberts, R. Francis and C. E. Francis took part. The general remarks were respectively replied to by the Director of Education, the Govt. Secretary and the Officer of Public Works.

* The Chairman exceeded the Chair

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

The proposal of the 2d elected member, Cormier, that the salaries of the two clerks in the "Judiciary Department" be augmented with Fcs. 50 each monthly, and that the amount for salaries, Fcs. 25.050, be entered with Fcs. 26.250; was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The proposal of the 2d appointed member, Thiele, that the amount Fcs. 1.200 for covering the augmentation of the clerks salaries, be deducted from Item III. "The Police and Prison Department" 3. Maintenance, Fcs. 15.500, and that the amount be entered with Fcs. 16.300; was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 2d elected member, Cormier proposed that the 1st discussion be closed. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Draft passed to 2d discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 2d discussion was proceeded with: The Expenditure.

I. The Colonial Council Fcs 19.130 adopted

II. The Judiciary Department $ 31.250.00 adopted as amended
III. The Police and Prison Department 104.799.00 adopted as amended
IV. The Fire Department 21.560.00 adopted
V. Department of Health, Office 11.163.00 adopted.
Medical Service 249.336.00 adopted
Sanitation Service 69.510.90 adopted
Dental Service 10.000.00 adopted
VI. The Poor Department 33.700.00 adopted
VII. Department of Public Instruction 206.000.00 adopted
VIII. Public Works Department 218.000.00 adopted
IX Subsidy 15.000.00 adopted
X. Miscellaneous 11.000.00 adopted
XI. Pensions and Allowances 8.190.00 adopted
XII. General Contingent 25.000.00 adopted
Tot. 1.031.640.00.

Members Knud-Hanson and Spanjersfried } The Chairman closed the 2d discussion. The Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

2 - Continuation of 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Chapter XXXIV. Of Negotiable Instruments

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The 6th elected member, Kean read section 14 and requested that an explanation be given on it.

Judge Noll: it is to protect the 3rd person who may come in possession of the cheque.

A discussion ensued in which members, Kean, Thiele and Burnet took part.

§ 23 The 6th elected member, Kean, would like to be informed con-cerning the meaning of "or to enforce payment thereof against any party thereto, can be acquired through or under such sig-nature, unless the party, against whom it is sought to enforce such right, is precluded from setting up the forgery or want of authority."

Judge Noll: we have in our laws the doctrine of "the stoppel", a man cannot profit by his wrong

A discussion ensued in which members Kean, Thiele, Burnet and Judge Noll took part.

The 6th elected member, Kean read § 85 and said, I am of the opinion that the days of grace now enjoyed should be maintained. A discussion ensued in which members Kean, Thiele, Burnet and Judge Noll took part.

A motion by the 6th elected member, Kean, that in 2nd line of § 85, after the word "therein," strike out the word "without" and insert "with eight days", was adopt-

Brades, Ingarinal

S83. The 6th elected member, Keane: Mr Chairman I would like to have this section explained.

The 2nd appointed member, Riley: The drawers accepts, but unless above his name, presentment not marked.

Chapter XXXV. Public Schools

On this chapter after a few remarks by members Comeiro and Keane, a motion by member Keane, that a Committee of 5 be elected to report on this portion of the Code was adopted.

The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Comeiro by 9 votes, Keane 8, Kentz 7, Barnett and Roberts 5.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

Chairman Secretary

On Thursday the 15th July 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. convened by the Governor pursuant to s 36 of the Colonial Law. Present were besides the Chairman, members Hon Engl. C.E. Francis, D.A. Brown, A. Barnet, C.H. Payne, R. Francis, C. Comeiro, J.E. Kentz, K. Keane, Hansen and R.C. Miller. The Governor, the Govt. Secretary and the Government's Attorney, Noll attended the meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Chairman pursuant to s 8 of the Rules of Business determined that the Supplementary Order of the Day be proceeded with:

1 – ~~Election of two members for the Municipal Police Commission for the Municipality of St Thomas & St John~~

Introduction of and 1st discussion on an Ordinance to repeal the Ordinance passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John of 2nd July 1918, proposed by the 8th elected member Barnet and the member for the Cruzday District D.C. Roberts

By consent of the Council and Government the discussion was declared open.

The 7th elected member Brown proposed that the discussion on the item on the Supplementary Order of the Day be postponed until the next meeting.

The Chairman: Those who are in favour of the items on the Supplementary Order of the Day being discussed today will signify same by show of hands; 8 in favour, 1 against.

The 6th elected member, Kean entered

The Chairman vacated the Chair. The Seniority Chairman (Payne) presiding.

The 8th elected member, Burnett introduced the Draft. A discussion ensued in which member Burnett, Robert Kean, Mr. E. Francis took part.

A motion by the 2nd elected member, Cormier that the 1st discussion be closed and that the Draft pass to 2nd discussion was adopted by 8 votes, 2 against, 1 abstained from voting.

The Draft passed to 2nd discussion

The 8th elected member, Burnett proposed that the 2nd discussion be transacted today. The proposal was adopted by 9 votes, 2 against, 1 abstained.

The Government Attorney Noll: Government has no objection to the 2nd discussion being transacted today, but there are some amendments to be offered: In first line after the word "Council" insert, "for the Municipality of"; in second line after "St Thomas" add "and St John." In 1. of the paragraph, 2nd line, after the word "or" insert, "intoxicating".

The amendments were adopted.

The 6th elected Kean: I offer as a definite proposal that some plan be submitted to the Council showing how it is intended to control the traffic in spirituous, vinous or malt liquor.

The 8th elected member, Burnett proposed a recess of 15 minutes. The proposal was adopted by 9 votes.

The meeting is resumed.

The Seniority Chairman: Those who are in favour of the 2nd discussion being transacted today will please stand. 9 members rose, 2 against, 1 member (the Seniority Chairman) abstained from voting.

The 2nd discussion was declared open

The 2nd elected member, Cormier proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed. The proposal was adopted by 9 votes, 2 against, 1 (the Seniority Chairman) abstained from voting. The Draft passed to 3rd discussion.

The 2nd elected member, Cormier proposed that the 3rd discussion be transacted today. Government having consented, the discussion was declared open

The member for the County Portneuf, Roberts proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and that the Draft be adopted. The proposal was adopted by 9 votes, 2 against, 1 member, the Sen-

Chairman declared from voting.

The Ordinance in its amended form was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes to 1 against, 1 the Senior Elected member declared from voting.

2- Introduction of and 1st discussion on an Ordinance to regulate commerce in intoxicating liquors and drugs; proposed by the 5th Elected member. Council and the members for the County District, A.C. Roberts.

By command of the Council and Government the discussion was proceeded with. The Secretary read the regulations.

The Seniority Chairman declared the discussion open.

A discussion ensued in which Messrs. Comrie, Council, Bowman, Young, the Govt. Attorney, Nolle, the Govt. Secretary and R. Francis took part.

The amendments by the 7th elected member, Bowman that in part 1, 3rd line line, after the words "other than rum," insert "Alcohol" and "Bay Rum." In 4th line from bottom, after the words, "other than rum," insert "Alcohol" and "Bay Rum."

The said amendments were unanimously adopted.

The 6th elected member, Young, drew that before the Regulations were put by the Municipal Commissioners or signed by the Governor, that they laid before the Colonial Council for approval.

The motion was rejected.

The Seniority Chairman closed the 1st discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion was proceeded with.

The Seniority Chairman declared the discussion open.

No one demanded the floor.

The Senior Chairman: those in favour of closing the 2nd discussion will signify same by saying Aye, those of the contrary opinion, No.

The Ayes passed the 3rd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was declared open.

The 3rd elected member Mr. Joseph proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed, and that the Bill in its amended form be adopted. The proposal was adopted by 10 votes, 1 against.

The Bill in its amended form was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes in favour, 1 against.

The 3rd appointed member Raoul Clarence [illegible] 1- of the Order of the Day: Election of 2 members for the Municipal Police Commission for the Municipality of Le Morne and Le Bolee.

The election was proceeded with resulting in the return of members C. Comrie and F.E. Rouillard with [illegible]

and 7 votes respectively.

2 - Election of 2 men pursuant to s 2 of the Ordinance of 21st April 1914 for the Danish West Indies concerning alterations to the rules about Court-witnesses, to serve as court-witnesses in the ordinary courts of St Thomas and St John for one year from 1st July 1920.

The Secretary read the applications of Mr S. L. Fabio and Mr J. Desplantes who were reelected.

The Secretary read a letter from the American Red Cross Insular and Foreign Division acknowledging receipt of letter of 18th May relative to the Council's appreciation of the part the Society has taken in the establishment of a free public library in St Thomas

The meeting adjourned at 5.10. p.m.

Chairman Secretary

On Thursday the 22d July 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were, besides the Chairman, members de Lugo, Purnell, Payne, L. Francis, Corneiro, Kunck, and Knud-Hansen. The Governor, the Govt. Secretary and Govt's Attorney Noll attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. The elected member Kunck: Mr Chairman the amendment proposed by the 7th elected member, Gomez, was "Alcohol and Bay Rum," and not as it appears in the minutes just read, "and Bay Rum." The minutes were adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Appropriation bill to the Budget for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1921.

"Public Works Department" is granted: for the purpose of securing title to approximately one acre of ground at John's Folly," Island of St John, and for the erection of buildings thereon for school purposes . . . . . Frs 10.000.00

"Public Works Department" is granted: for the purpose of acquiring title from the Moravian Church to approximately one acre of ground at "Emmaus" Coral Bay, St John, with land to be used only for school purposes . . . . . Frs. 5.

The Government Secretary introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

After a few remarks by the 2d elected member Correiro the members for the County District Roberts, the Director of Education and the Government Secretary, and amendment by Government that after the second clause of the Bill, there be inserted, "Public Works Department" is granted the sum of Francs 10.000.00 for the purpose of acquiring title to approximately one acre of ground in the vicinity of "Ma Falaise" and for the erection of buildings thereon for school purposes."

The 6th elected member, Kpan entered.

The amendment was put to the vote and unanimously adopted. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion.

A proposal by the 2d elected member, Correiro, that the 2nd discussion be proceeded with, was unanimously adopted.

By consent of the Council and Government the 2nd discussion was proceeded with. No one demanded the word. The 2d elected member, Correiro proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill be adopted. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

2 — Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-Taxes for the first half year of 1919, with the Council's Report.

The Secretary read the Report:

The Commission having duly considered the reclamations handed in against the Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-Taxes for the 1st half year of 1919, recommends that the "Bull Insular Line," D.O. Gomme and Mary E. Jones be struck off the list, and that no reduction be made in the assessment complained of by L. Levis.

Commission for assessment of Trade and Lamp-Taxes
At Thomas the 15th July 1920

E. Correiro — J. E. Kunz, Chairman
A. Durand — David C. Gomme — R. A. Mellon

The 3rd elected member, de Lough proposed that the Draft with the Report be adopted. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

3 — Consideration of the 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

The 1st elected member, Kunz: Mr Chairman before proceeding with the 3rd item on the Order of the Day, I beg to propose that the Auditor's report on the Municipal Accounts up to 30th April 1920 be read, and that a copy of the report be

forwarded to Government. The Secretary read the report.
Item 3 was proceeded with:

Chapter XXXV. Public Schools.

The 6th elected member, Kean proposed that a vote be taken on Chapter XXXIV. as amended.

The Chairman: those in favour of Chapter XXXIV as amended will please signify same, & nie favour; the 4th elected member, R. Francis abstained from voting.

The 1st elected member, Kenny: Mr Chairman, as the Committee appointed to report on chapter 35, the Public Schools, has not handed in it report as yet, I propose that Title III. of the Draft be proceeded with

Title III

After short remarks by members Comeiro and Burnett, Title III was proceeded with.

Chapter I. Civil Procedure

SS 1-2 were read, no remarks, adopted.

Chapter II. Of the time of commencement of civil actions

S1 read, no remarks, adopted

S2 read. on this section, the 2nd elected member, Comeiro offered some remarks. A discussion ensued in which members Burnett, Comeiro, Payne and the Govt. Attorney Noll took part. A motion by the 8th elected member, Burnett, that in section 2. (A) after the word "within," strike out the word "fifteen" and insert "twenty". In 6th line, after the word "within," strike out "fifteen" and insert "twenty". In 10th line, after the word "within," strike out "fifteen" and insert "twenty".

The amendments were adopted by 7 votes, 2 against.

(B) Within six years-

Sec. 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th read, no remarks, adopted.

(C.) Within three years-

Sec. 1st and 2nd read, no remarks, adopted.

(D.) Within two years-

Sec. 1st and 2nd read, no remarks, adopted.

(E.) Within one year

Sec. 3 and 4 read. The 2nd elected member, Comeiro, there are of considerable interests. A discussion ensued in which members, Comeiro, Kean, Attorney Noll and members Burnett, ~~took part~~ E. E. Francis and the Chairman Took part. A motion by the 8th elected member, Burnett, that in Section 4. 6th line, after the word "side," strike out "permission" and insert "for Aop": strike out the last three lines from "law

was put to the vote and adopted

SS5-15 were read and adopted.

The 3rd appointed member, Knud-Hansen retired

Chapter III. Of the Parties to Actions

SS1-9 read and adopted. On reading a discussion ensued in which members Comeiro, de Elsa Inman, de Gouveia, Hall members de Jongh, Kean, Purnell, Payne and Kunz took part.

On a proposal from the 8th elected member Purnell, reading 9 was adopted.

The 4th elected member, R. C. Francis retired

SS 10-13 read, no remarks, adopted.

The 2nd elected member, Comeiro retired

For want of a quorum the meeting adjourned at 5. p.m.

Chairman Secretary.

On Thursday the 29th July 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, members de Jongh, White, Payne, Comeiro, Kunz, Knud-Hansen and Miller. The Governor, the Govt. Secretary and the Govts Attorney, Noll attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Moneybill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year 1921.

The Government Secretary introduced the Bill.

The Chairman declared the discussion open

A discussion ensued in which members Comeiro, de Jongh, Kunz, Payne, Purnell took part.

The proposal of the 2nd elected member, Comeiro, that the 1st discussion be closed, was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Draft passed to 2nd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government, the Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 8th elected member, Purnell, proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Moneybill be adopted.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

2 - Introduction of and 1st discussion on an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance providing for a Municipal Police Force for the Municipality of St Lucia and St John, passed by the Colonial Council 3rd June 1920 and approved 25th June 1920; proposed by 2nd elected member, C. Corneiro

By consent of the Council the discussions were proceeded with.

The 2nd elected member, Corneiro, introduced the Draft.

A discussion ensued in which members Durnet, Corneiro, took part.

The Chairman requested the Senority Chairman to occupy the Chair. A further discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Corneiro, Kunz, the Govt. Secretary and member, de Lough took part.

A proposal by the 1st elected member, Durnet, that the 1st discussion be closed, and that the Draft pass to 2nd discussion, and the same be transacted today, was unanimously carried.

The Chairman declared a recess of 5 minutes.

The meeting is resumed.

The Secretary read SS 2 and 5 of the Ordinance and proposed that they be so modified that the word "Medical" be struck out and transferred to the "Prison Department".

The 2nd elected member, Corneiro moved that the proposal of the Secretary (de Lough) be adopted.

The motion was unanimously adopted

The Secretary, (de Lough): in S 12 (g) in 3rd line, struck out the word "Son" and insert "Father". The amendment was unanimously adopted.

The 1st elected member, Kunz, proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed, and that by the consent of the Council and Government, the 3rd discussion be transacted today. The proposal was unanimously adopted. The Chairman declared

The discussion of the 3rd elected member, Durnet proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed, and the Draft be adopted.

The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman resumed the Chair

3 - Continuation of the 2nd discussion on an Ordinance providing a complete code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Continuation of Chapter III.

S 14 read, no remarks, adopted.

The 5th elected member, Payne suggested that the part of the code now under consideration, being confined

to the practice of law; that the Council assembled would consent to adopt these parts which are so clear, without further discussion.

The 8th elected member, Burnett and the member for the Country District, Roberts replied at length to the remarks of the hon. 5th member

§§ 15-17 read, no amendments, adopted.

Chapter IV. Of the manner of Commencement

§§ 1-12 read, no amendments, adopted.

Members White, [redacted]no and Knud. Hansen retired

For want of a quorum the meeting adjourned at 4.07 p.m.

Chairman Secretary

On Thursday the 5th August 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held the 2d ordinary meeting in the session 1920-21. at 2 p.m. Present were the Chairman members Kean, Payne, R. Francis, Krentz, Correiro, Knud-Hansen and Möller. The Governor, the Govt. Secretary and Govt's Attorney, Noll attended the meeting

The Chairman requested the 2d elected member, Correiro to act as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read; after a correction by the actg. Secretary, they were adopted.

The Chairman requested the 5th elected member, Payne (Seniority Chairman) to occupy the Chair

The member for the Country District, Roberts: Mr Chairman, before proceeding with the Order of the Day I beg to offer a few remarks in reference to a very grave question by which the community is faced at this moment; the want of sugar.

On the 16th of March a.c. Government entered a contract with a Sugar factory in St Croix for the delivery (via St Thomas) of a certain amount of sugar at a certain price; the Factory now refuses to fulfill the contract. I am of the opinion that it devolves on Government to enforce the fulfillment ~~of the contract~~. The island is without that class of foodstuff on which the poor subsists principally.

The 8th elected member, Burnett entered.

The Govt. Secretary: Mr Chairman, I am afraid that the hon speaker is mistaken when he states, that Government entered a contract with a Sugar factory in

St Croix for the delivery in St Thomas of a certain amount of sugar, such is not the case. The Food Commission has a contract with a factory in St Croix for the delivery of sugar here, and which they now refuse to carry through at the original figure. The Commission has appealed to Government to institute a suit against the factory for the fulfillment of the contract. The appeal has been granted.

A discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Kean, and Corneiro took part.

A motion by the 2nd elected member, Corneiro that the subject brought forward by the member for the Country District Roberts be entered on the Order of the Day, was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Presiding Chairman declared a recess of 5 minutes. The meeting so resumed.

The 6th elected member, Kean moved the following Resolution. The Secretary read the Resolution

Resolution

Be it resolved: That Government be and is hereby petitioned on behalf of the Food Commission to embargo the balance of sugar contracted for the 16th of March 1920. by the said Commission with the West Indian Sugar Factory (Bethlehem) and now withheld by the said Sugar Factory contrary to the contract.

A further discussion ensued in which the Govts Attorney, Noll, members Roberts, Bunnel, Kean, Corneiro, De Francis and Hendrickson took part

The 3rd nominated member, Knud-Hansen retired. The Resolution was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

A letter from the President and Estate Crown, by request of the Council, was read.

The 1st member for St John, De Castro entered.

The Chairman resumed the Chair

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1- Continuation of 2nd discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Chapter V. Of the Readings

§§ 1-2 were read, no amendments adopted

Chapter VI. Of the Complaint

§§ 1-2 read, no amendments adopted

Chapter VII. Of the Demurrer

§§1-6 read, no amendments, adopted

Chapter VIII. Of the Answer

§§1-4 read, no amendments, adopted

Chapter IX. Of the Reply

§§1-4 read, no amendments, adopted

Chapter X. Of the General Rules of Pleading

§§1-15 read, no amendments, adopted

Chapter XI. Of Mistakes in Pleadings and Amendments

§§1-12 read, no amendments, adopted.

Chapter XII. Of Arrest and Bail

§§1-19 read, no amendments, adopted

Chapter XIII. Of the Recovery of Personal Property

§§1-12 read, no amendments, adopted.

The meeting closed at 5. p. m.

Chairman Actg. Secretary

On August 19, 1920 at 2.15. p.m. the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting. Present were members Thiele, Miller, Knud-Hansen, Kunhz, Cornelius, Payne, Purnell, Norman, White, C. Francis, and de Jongh. The Governor, the Govt. Secretary and the Governor's Legal Aide attended the meeting

The Vice Chairman, Thiele informed the members that he had just received a communication from the Chairman stating that he is sick and unable to attend the meeting; he further informed the Council that the Assistant being sick, the Judge's Clerk, Mr Allen was present in his place.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and and adopted.

The Elected member, Kunhz presented to the Council a letter he received from Mr Lyanens De Graff By consent of the Council the latter was read.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1- Continuation of 2nd discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, and repealing and continuing existing laws.

The 2nd member for St Johns White moved that from now onward, the Draft before the House be proceeded

visitor by calling and parties by reading instead of handing them in their entirety.

The 5th elected member, Payne moved that the whole Chapter be taken up and the pencil discussion be closed today.

The 2nd elected member, Comeiro moved that Chapters 14 to 20 inclusive be accepted and.

After remarks from members White, Payne, Kuntz, Comeiro, Purnell, Dornan and de Bough, the motion was carried with the following result: Payne's motion was lost, three of members White and Comeiro were adopted.

Chapters XXI. to XXXIV were adopted

On the motion of member Comeiro who pointed out that the Code does not contain any provisions regarding adversely, it was resolved, after a short remark from the Legal Aide, to keep the question open for further discussion at the next meeting.

Chapters XXXV. to XL. were accepted.

On the proposal of member Comeiro, Chapter XLI was passed in its entirety. After brief remarks from member Comeiro, Payne, Purnell, the Legal Aide and the Chairman regarding Section 5 of the Chapter, it was adopted with the understanding that Government, at the next meeting would offer further explanations regarding said section.

Chapters 42 to 44 inclusive were adopted.

On a motion by member Comeiro, Chapter 45 was passed in its entirety; before it was finally adopted it was explained on a motion by member Comeiro, that further explanation by Government regarding the division of the joint property of husband and wife

Chapters 46 to 53 inclusive were adopted with short remarks by member Comeiro, regarding the Wife of Slavin; and from member Kuntz, who moved that the punishment for contempt of court be lowered; the motion was lost.

Member Knuc-Hansen retired

Chapters 54 to 59 were adopted.

Members Comeiro and Purnell retired

Chapters 60 to 71 were adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 4.15 p.m.

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Vice Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 26th August 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2. p.m. Present were the Vice Chairman, members de Jongh C.E. Francis, White, Burnet, Payne, Corneiro. Kunder, Daniel, Knud-Hansen and Miller. The Governor the Government Secretary and the Governor's Legal Aide attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Vice Chairman (Thiele) on opening the meeting informed the members that he had just been informed that the Chairman was unable to be present today

The Vice Chairman: The questions left over from the last meeting are now open for the required information from Government. viz: Admiralty; Section 5. of Chapter 41 of the Code; and the Distribution of Real Property.

The Governor's Legal Aide informed the Council on the items severally.

A discussion ensued in which members Corneiro, Payne, Burnet, C.E. Francis, the Vice Chairman and the Legal Aide took part.

The 6th elected member, Kean retired.

The Vice Chairman: has the hon. 2nd member, Corneiro any further remarks to offer?

The 2nd elected member, Corneiro, I move that the discussion be still kept open until the next meeting when I will introduce amendments to the Chapters.

The motion was adopted.

The discussion on the Code of Laws was proceeded with.

Chapter 72

§1 no amendment, adopted.

The 6th elected member, Kean: Mr Vice Chairman this mode of procedure is contrary to what has been adopted by this Council some time ago, it was, that each section of the Chapters should be read before being adopted.

The Vice Chairman: on the last meeting it was submitted and adopted that the mode of procedure should be as is now observed; it is perfectly legal.

The 6th elected member, Kean: I move that the mode of procedure on the Code be conducted as before, each section to be read before the vote be taken thereon

The motion was lost, 3 voted in favour, 6 against, 1 abstained

The 6th elected member, Kean retired.

SS 2-27 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 73

SS 1-14 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 74

SS 1-5 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 75

SS 1-7 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 76

SS 1-27 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 77

SS 1-13 no amendments, adopted.

Chapter 78

SS 1-15 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 79

SS 1-25 no amendments, adopted.

Chapter 80

SS 1-20 no amendments adopted

Chapter 81

SS 1-2 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 82

SS 1-12 no amendments, adopted.

Chapter 83

SS 1-3 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 84

SS 1-3 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 85

SS 1-2 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 86

SS 1-11 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 87

SS-1-13 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 88

SS 1-4 no amendments, adopted.

On S5 a discussion ensued in which members Comeiro, Payne and the Vice Chairman took part. A motion by member Comeiro that S5 be adopted put and unanimously adopted.

Chapter 89

On this Chapter the 2nd elected member, Comeiro requested some explanation.

The Vice Chairman requested the Secretary to read the chapter section by section.

A discussion ensued in which members, Comeiro, E. Francis, Payne, Kurtz, de Jongh and Quesnel took

A motion by the 5th elected member, Payne, that in §9. first part, 4th line, the word "three" be changed to "ten" was put to the vote and lost.

A motion by the 3rd elected member, de Joseph, that in §11, last line, the word "ninety" be changed to "one hundred and twenty" was put to the vote and lost.

§§1-14 of the Chapter were then adopted.

Chapter 90

§§1-10 no amendments, adopted

Chapter 91

§§1-5 no amendments, adopted.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Vice Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 9th September 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, members de Joseph, C.E. Francis, Durnet, Payne, Corneiro, Kunz, Daniel, Knud-Hansen, Thiele and Moller. The Governor and his Legal Aide attended the meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting open and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Continuation of the 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and consolidating existing laws.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Governor's Legal Aide requested the Council to proceed with the discussion on §5 of Chapter 41 of the Code, Title III. After a few remarks from members Corneiro, Durnet and the Chairman, the Section was adopted by grades

A letter of excuse from the 7th elected member, Dorsch was read. A verbal excuse for the 2d member for St John, White, was offered by member C. E. Francis.

The Chairman announced that he had received a letter from member R. Francis informing the Council that he had left the island on a short trip to the U. S.

The Chairman requested the Vice Chairman to occupy the Chair.

The member for the Country District, Roberts: Mr Vice Chairman, I beg to raise a question which is of great importance. A short time ago this Council adopted a measure against prohibition, but since then we have had no word from there. I now beg to ask Government whether the 18th amendment to the Constitution of the United States is applicable here?

A discussion ensued in which the Governor's Legal Aide, members Roberts, Payne, and Comacho took part.

The member for the Country District, Roberts: Mr Vice Chairman, why is Judge Noll, the principal compiler of the Code of Laws before us, absent during three consecutive meetings of this Council?

The Governor's Legal Aide; The compiler in chief is about to resign, and Government would state that he is not likely to appear before this Council in the capacity he did before.

The member for the Country District, Roberts: that this Council should not adopt Title 4. of the Code

The Vice Chairman: Title 4. is not under discussion. He requested the Speaker on the Committee's Report on Chapter 35. Section 15 (x) Schools other than public schools, of Title III to introduce the Report. The Speaker (Comacho) introducing the report recommended its adoption.

The Secretary read the Report.

The Vice Chairman: has any one any remarks to offer?

The member for the Country District, Roberts objected to the report, being of the opinion that the Director of Education should have full control of all schools.

The Report was put to the vote and accepted by 10 votes.

The Speaker of the Committee (Comacho) on Chapter 33. Sec. 17. Title II. submitted an amendment, and requested the favourable consideration of the Council on it.

The Secretary read the amendment. On page 113, after "assignee" on third line, insert "with the consent of the Labor". A discussion ensued in which members Comacho, Quonet and C. E. Francis took part.

The amendment was adopted by 8 votes to six.

An amendment proposed by the 2nd elected member Comacho, to Chapter 44 of Title III. was proceeded with.

The Secretary read the amendment

Member Corneiro introduced his amendment. A discussion ensued in which members Roberts, C.E. Francis, Burnet, Corneiro, Payne and de Jongh took part.

Member Corneiro withdrew his amendment.

A motion by the 3rd elected member, de Jongh, that the Chapter be referred to a Committee of 5 was adopted by 7 votes.

The Vice Chairman declared a recess of 5 minutes.

The meeting was resumed. The election of the Committee was proceeded with, resulting in the returns of members Corneiro and Thiele with 10 votes respectively, Burnet, Kuntz and Roberts with 8, 7 and 5 votes respectively.

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

2- Discussion on letter of resignation tendered by the 6th elected member, C.S. Kuntz.

This item being of a personal nature was discussed within closed doors.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A short discussion ensued in which members Burnet, Kuntz, de Jongh, C.E. Francis and Payne took part. The resignation was put to the vote and rejected by 9 votes.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 16th September 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman, members de Lange, C.E. Francis, Cornelius Daniel, Thiele, Kunst and Müller.

The Governor and his Legal Aide attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

In Order of the Day was proceeded with Consideration of the 2nd discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

The Chairman declared the discussion open; and requested the Vice Chairman to occupy the Chair.

The 2d elected member, Cornelius: Mr Vice Chairman, in my opinion it is of paramount importance that the sections of the Chapters in Title IV. be read before they are considered as adopted.

A discussion on the reading of the sections ensued, in which members Cornelius, de Lange, Kunst and Roberts took part.

The Vice Chairman: Then I understand that today we proceed by reading section by section. The Chairman accepted the above

Chapter I.
Title IV. General Provisions

SS 1-2 read and adopted

S 3. read.

The 2d elected member, Cornelius: On this section there are some remarks to be made; I am considered later on

S 4. read and adopted.

S 5 read.

The 2d elected member, Cornelius, proposed that the discussion be kept open; the proposal was adopted.

SS 6-12 read and adopted

S 13. read. On this a discussion ensued in which members Cornelius, Thiele, the Governor-Legal Aide took part.

A proposal by the 2d appointed member, Thiele, that SS 11, 12 and 13 be referred to a Committee of 3 was unanimously adopted.

A short recess of 5 minutes. The meeting was resumed.

The election was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Thiele, Cornelius and Kunst with 8, 7 and 4 votes respectively.

SS 14-17 read and adopted.

Chapter II — Of Parties to Crime

SS 1-2 read and adopted

S 3.

The 3d elected member, de Lange proposed that the section

left open for further consideration. The proposal was lost, 3 in favour, 4 against, 1 (Co. E. Francis) abstained from voting.

§4 - read and adopted after a short discussion in which the Governor's Legal Aide, members Thiele, Cormeiro and the Chairman took part.

§§ 5-15 read and adopted.

Chapter III. Conspiracy

The 2nd appointed member, Thiele proposed that the Chapter be struck out.

The proposal was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Chapter IV. Crime against Public Justice

§1 read

The 1st elected member, Kunz, proposed that after the word "exceeding" in last line of the section, strike out "ten" and insert "five"

The proposal was adopted by 3; lost.. The section was then adopted.

§2 - read.

The 1st elected member, Kunz, proposed that after the word "exceeding" in last line of the section, strike out "ten" and insert "five."

The proposal was adopted by 5 votes. The section was then adopted.

§3 read

The Chairman: I do not quite understand the meaning of the term "misdemeanour" as applied in this section

The Governor's Legal Aide: If a judicial officer tries to get something in addition to that which is authorized by law for doing an official act, he is guilty of a misdemeanour

After a few short remarks by members Thiele, Cormeiro and C. E. Francis, the section was adopted.

§4 read.

The 2d elected member, Cormeiro: It was agreed in a meeting of the Committee on the Code, that fines should not exceed $2.000, and that $5.000 should be read as $2.000 wherever found in the Code.

A discussion ensued in which the Governor's Legal Aide, members Cormeiro, Kunz, de Lange and C. E. Francis took part.

A proposal by the 2d member for St John, C. E. Francis that wherever five thousand is found in the Code, it be changed to

Amended to two thousand.

The proposal was unanimously adopted. The section then adopted.

86. read and adopted

86 read.

The 1st elected member, Kuntz proposed that the word "9th" line of the section be changed and insert "five"

The proposal was lost, 3 in favour, 6 against.

§§ 7-15 read and adopted.

The 2nd appointed member: Mr Chairman I beg to, the Council that it is my intention to propose at a meeting, that we go through 20 pages of the Ordinance, the sections, and if we get through that then we can proceed further by reading. My reason for such is, I believe that the members can, have a, read and draw up amendments which may found necessary.

The meeting closed at 3. p. m.

Chairman Secretary

On Thursday the 23rd September 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary mee at 2 p. m. Present were the Chairman, members de Jong C. E. Francis, Durant, Yan, Gomeiro, Kuntz, Hansel-Hansen Thiele and Moller. The Governor, the Government Secretary and the Governor's Legal Aide attended the meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting open.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Government's letter of the 20th September forwarding a Resolution [illegible] from the American Virgin Islands' Federation of Labor to the Council was read.

The Resolution was read.

The Chairman requested the Vice Chairman to occupy the Chair.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the member for the Country District, Roberts offered some remarks relative to the Public Roads, the sale of Beer, and the Bill concerning prohibition adopted by the Council some time ago, which he requested to be signed by the Governor

The Chairman requested [illegible]

A proposal by the 8th elected member, Burnett that the discussion on the Code of Laws be proceeded with by reading the sections was adopted by 6 votes in favour, 4 against

The proposal of the 2nd appointed member, Thiele that the sections be proceeded by calling of the numbers was rejected, 4 in favour, 6 against.

S 16 read. A discussion ensued in which members Kyndt, Thiele, Kean, Comeiro, Burnett and the Governor's Legal Aide took part; after which the Section was adopted.

The 3rd elected member, de Jongh: Mr Chairman SS 11-12 and 13 were left over in the last meeting for consideration.

The 1st elected member, Kyndt: The Sections were referred to a committee.

SS 17-26 were read and adopted

S 27 read. A discussion ensued in which members Comeiro, Burnett, L.E. Francis, Thiele, the Governor's Legal Aide and the Chairman took part

A proposal by the 2nd appointed member, Thiele that in the last line of the Section, after "five hundred dollars" add ", or imprisonment for one year". The proposal was unanimously accepted. Section 27 was then adopted

SS 28-29 read and adopted.

S 30 read. A discussion ensued in which members Kean, Burnett, Comeiro, Thiele, Kyndt and L.E. Francis took part.

A proposal by L.E. Francis that after the word "who" in the 2nd line, insert "wilfully". In 7th line after the word "law" insert "wilfully" was unanimously adopted.

Section 30 was then adopted.

S 31 read. A discussion ensued in which members de Jongh, Kean, Burnett, the Governor Legal Aide and the Chairman took part.

The 2nd appointed member, Thiele: the death penalty mentioned in 1. of the section, is only for one crime, mentioned in Chapter V. S 3, which however is not under discussion. If it be amended in this section, then it has to be so right through the Code wherever it occurs.

S 32 - read. A short discussion ensued in which members Kean, Thiele, Comeiro and L.E. Francis took part. It was adopted that the words "five thousand" in the 7th line of the Section, be changed to "two thousand." The Section was then adopted.

SS 33-41 read and adopted

A discussion ensued in which members Burnett

and Correiro both bad.

A proposal by the 2nd elected member, Correiro that in the fifth line, after the word "punishable", shall be put "as provided in the Section next preceding," and insert "is punishable by imprisonment not exceeding five years or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by both"; was unanimously adopted. The Section was then adopted.

SS 46-47- read and adopted.

The 3rd appointed member, Knud-Hansen retired

Chapter V. Crimes against the Person

SS 1-2 read and adopted.

S 3- read. After a remark by the 2nd elected member, Correiro regarding eliminating the death penalty, and the insertion of imprisonment for life instead. The 2nd appointed member, Fiele proposed that the death penalty be changed to imprisonment in the penetentiary for life. The proposal was unanimously adopted. Section 3 was then adopted.

SS 4-6 read and adopted.

S 7. read and adopted

SS 8-13 read and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 5.10. p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 7th October 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held its 3rd ordinary meeting in the Session 1920-21. Present were besides the Chairman, members de Lugh, L.E. Francis, Payne, Correiro, Kyndt, Daniel Knud-Hansen, Fiele and Miller. The Governor, the Government Secretary and the Governor's Legal Aide attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the 1st elected member, Kyndt, remarked that as the Committee elected to report on SS 11-12-13 of Chapter I. not having submitted its report as yet, he would, if the two other members had no objection to offer, beg to propose that the amendment be made now, by adding to S 13 in the last line after the word "will", "when legally necessary".

Rebuttal by the Solicitor Gen. in favour...

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1- Consideration of the 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and containing existing laws.

Re consideration of pending Chapter V. was proceeded with

SS 14-19 were read and adopted.

The 6th elected member, Mr. Pennycook.

SS 20-25 read and adopted.

S 26 read. A discussion ensued in which ensued Comeiro, Mr. the Gn. Legal Aide and the Chairman took part. A proposal by the 6th elected member Mr. that in the last line of the Section, after the word "preceding" strike out "fifteen" and insert "ten"; was adopted by 6 votes, Against, the 2nd appointed member, Miss Abelard Jones abstaining. The Section was then adopted.

SS 27-34 read and adopted.

S 35 read. A discussion ensued in which members Comeiro, Miss and Mr. took part. A proposal by the 6th elected member Mr. that in the last line of the Section, after the word "preceding" strike out "twenty" and insert "ten;" the proposal was adopted by 8 votes. The Section was then adopted

S 36 read and adopted.

S 37 read. A discussion ensued in which members Comeiro C. E. Francis, Mr. Miss and Roberts took part. A proposal by the 2nd elected member Comeiro, that in 6th line of this Section, after the word "five" strike out the word "thousand" and insert "hundred". In 7th line, after the word "preceding" strike out "ten" and insert "one" was adopted by 9 votes. The Section was then adopted

S 38. read and adopted

S 39 read and adopted after an explanation of the term "good motive", given by the 2nd appointed member, Miss.

SS 40-45 read and adopted.

S 46 read. After a remark by the 6th elected member Mr.; a proposal by the 2nd appointed member Miss, that after the word "dollars" in the second paragraph of the Section, the last lines be struck out, was unanimously adopted. The Section was then adopted.

SS 47-50 read and adopted

S 51 read. A discussion ensued in which members Miss C. E. Francis and Pennycook took part. A proposal by the

3rd elected member, de Jongh that after the word "months" where last "or both", was unanimously adopted. The Section was then adopted.

S52 was read and adopted.

Chapter VII. Offences against Public Decency and good Moral

The 2nd appointed member, Thiele proposed that the discussion on this Chapter be carried on within closed doors.

Members Knud-Hansen, Romeiro and Müller seconded

The 1st member for St John, C. E. Francis proposed that the Council be adjourned, that Hon. members study the Chapter at home, and in the coming meeting the Section be discussed by calling of their members instead of reading

The proposal of the 2nd appointed member was adopted by votes.

The Chairman requested the audience to retire.

S1 read. A discussion arose in which members Hansen, C. E. Francis, Thiele, de Jongh, the Governor's Legal Aide and the Chairman took part. A proposal by the 6th elected member Hansen, that (1) of the Section should read "Where the female is under the age of fifteen years" was adopted. The Section was then adopted.

The meeting closed at 5.45 p.m.

Thiele
Vice-Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

On Thursday the 14th October 1920, the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were the Chairman, members de Jongh, C.E. Francis, Gunst, Hansen, Romeiro, Knud, Thiele and Müller. The Governor, the Government Secretary and the Governor's Legal Aide, attended the meeting. The Chairman declared the meeting open.

The minutes of the last meeting were read; after modifications by the 1st elected member Knud, and the 1st member for St John, C. E. Francis, they were adopted.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the 1st member for St John, C. E. Francis referred to the supply of water in Charlotte Amalie, and recommended that measures be adopted to avert what may at some future time be a calamity, in the event of a severe drought.

The Chairman requested the Vice Chairman to accept the Chair.

The member for the Country District, Roberts: as Vice Chairman, beg to support the remarks of the Hon. 1st member for St

Some of the Local meetings, Referred to the Committee of the Public Lands, but until some action has been taken in that direction. Will the Governor inform me whether or the Constitution of the United States applicable here?

The Governor's Legal Aide: The Governor has nothing to add to what was said recently. The matter is under consideration.

The Chairman recognized the Clerk.

The Order of the Day was declared next

Continuation of the 2nd declaration on Resolution Providing a compiled Code of general and special laws relating, amending, repealing and rendering existing laws.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. The Chairman of Committee on the Code had to render the general make up of the Chapters as they would be. Also not that the 1st amendment in (1) of Section 1 should be stricken. He then offered as a formal motion, that § 1 of Chapter VI. be disagreed with.

A discussion ensued in which members Wm. Burnett Jones, and Epperson took part.

The Chairman recalled the Clerk

The Vice Chairman recalled Section 8 of the Rules of Business and point if the Governor had an objection to offer to the motion of the Chairman of the Committee on the Code.

The Legal Aide: The Governor has no objection to offer.

The Vice Chairman: put the case, a two thirds majority is necessary. The motion was put to the vote and lost, 5 in favor, 4 against. The Chairman recognized the Clerk

P 2 read. A discussion ensued in which members of Judge, Epperson, Jones and Burnett took part. A formal by the 3rd recorded vote, Burnett, that in Section of the Section, after the word "of" where and "twelve" and insert "fifteen", was adopted by 6 ayes, members Epperson abstained from voting. The Section was then adopted as read and adopted.

P 3 read. A discussion ensued in which members of Judge, Hale, Burnett, Vice Chairman Epperson took part. A formal by the 3rd recorded vote, Judge, that the words "two thirds" be struck out, and insert "a majority" after the word. Lost by 6 votes, 4 against

the Chairman abstained from voting. The Section was then adopted.
§5 read. The 2nd appointed member, Miela proposed that in the last line of the Section, after the word "preceding" strike out "fifteen" and insert "ten", adopted by 7 votes. The Section was then adopted
§6 read. A discussion ensued in which members Cornelius, Kean, Burnet, de Jongh, L.E. Francis took part. Member, Cornelius replied.
The Chairman vacated the Chair.
The discussion on §6 continued, in which members Burnet, de Jongh, L.E. Francis, Kean ~~and~~ Roberts took part and the Vice Chairman took part.
The Vice Chairman: I understand there is a proposal, that in the 12th line of the Section, after "convicted" strike out the words "or by both", was adopted by 6 votes in favour. A proposal by the 8th elected member, Burnet that in 16th line, change "twelve" to "fifteen" was adopted by 5 votes in favour
The Section was then adopted
§7 read and adopted
§8 read and adopted
§9 read. A proposal by the member for the Country District, Roberts, that in the last line of the Section, after the word "preceding" strike out "five" and insert "ten" was lost, 2 in favour, 5 against. The Section was then adopted.
§§10-11 read. A discussion ensued in which members Roberts, de Jongh, Kean, Burnet, L.E. Francis and the Vice Chairman took part.
The Vice Chairman: did I understand the member for the Country District to say that he desired to have the Section struck out.
The member for the Country District replied, yes.
The proposal was put to the vote and adopted by 6 votes
The meeting closed at 6 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 28th October 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an adjourned meeting at 2 p.m. present: the Chairman, members de Lugt, C.L. Evans, Brent, Gomez, Raatz, Hill and Miller the Governor and the acty. Government Secretary Moore attended the meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting open, and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted.

The Chairman requested the Vice Chairman to occupy the Chair.

The Vice Chairman offered a few remarks on the unusual procedure of the Chairman in reading the minutes of the last meetings.

The Chairman: I make the request for ruling.

The Vice Chairman accepted the Chair

The member for the Town District, Roberts: Mr Vice Chairman! I have time and again to be informed whether the Ordinance and the Constitution of the U.S. is applicable here, but until now I have never been answered. Bills have been passed to Town Ordinances for the taxation of alcoholic liquors which are installed to be retail here, how can this be explained?

A discussion ensued in which the acty. Government Secretary, the Vice Chairman, members Brent and Roberts took part

The Chairman resumed the Chair

The Order of the Day was resumed with

S 12 over S 10 was read and adopted

S 11-12-13 read and adopted.

SS 14 & 15 read and adopted.

S 16 read and adopted

S 17 read. An amendment by the 2nd affected member Hill, that the words in the last line of the section "not less than ten years", be struck out and insert "not exceeding ten years", was unanimously adopted. The section was then adopted.

SS 18-29 read and adopted.

S 30 read. The word "That" beginning the first line of the section, be struck out and adopted. The section was then adopted.

SS 31-32 read and adopted

S 33 - read. In second line after the word "sale" strike out "and" and insert "any."

§ 34 read and adopted.
§ 35 read. In third line, after the word exceeding, strike out "five" and insert "two", was adopted. The section was then adopted.
§ 36 read and adopted.

The meeting closed at 5 p. m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 4th November 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were the Vice Chairman (Thiele) members de Lugh, L. E. Francis, R. Francis, Corneiro, Kunz, Knud-Hansen and Miller. The Governor and the actg. Government Secretary attended the meeting.

The Vice Chairman: Considering the lateness of the hour, and not having received any information from the Chairman as to his intention to be present, I declare the meeting open.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1— Continuation of the 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and combining existing laws.

Chapter VII. Of crimes against Public Safety

§§ 1-3 read and adopted. Member Roberts entered.
§§ 4-9 read and adopted. § 10 read. A proposal by the 2d elected member, Corneiro, that in 5th line from bottom, after the word "kills" insert "perjures", was adopted. A proposal by the Vice Chairman, that the last word of the section, "felony" be struck out and insert "misdemeanour," was adopted. The section as amended was then adopted.
§§ 11-13 read and adopted.

Chapter VIII. Of crimes against Public peace

§§ 1-4 read and adopted
§ 5 read. After a discussion in which member R. Francis, the actg. Govt Secretary, members Roberts, L. E. Francis and the Vice Chairman took part, the section was adopt-

§§ 6-8 read and adopted

§ 9 read. A proposal by member Roberts that the section be struck out, was adopted by 5 votes.

§ 10 and § 9 re-read. After remarks by member Emond and the Vice Chairman, a proposal that the section be struck out was adopted by 5 votes.

§ 11. new § 9 re-read and adopted.

§ 12. new § 10 read and adopted

§ 13 new § 11. read. A proposal by member Roberts that the section be struck out, was adopted by 5 votes.

Chapter IX. Crimes against the Revenue

§ 1 read. A proposal by member Roberts, that the section be referred to Committee was rejected, 1 in favour, the section was adopted.

§§ 2-5 read and adopted.

The 3rd appointed member Rimmer retired

Chapter X. Crimes against Property.

§§ 1-5 read and adopted

§ 6 read. A proposal by member Roberts, that (1) of the definition be amended "for" and substituted "in" was rejected

§ 7 read. A proposal by member Roberts, that in the last line of the section, after the word "cooking" "utensils" be inserted for "and" was rejected, the section was adopted

§§ 8-26 read and adopted

The meeting was adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Friday the 11th October 1901 the Colonial Council for Elburn met at Elburn Hotel pursuant to adjournment at 2 p.m. Present were the Chairman, member E. E. Francis, Bernal, Payne, R. Francis, Cormier, Kent, Rimmer, Carson and Reid. The Governor and the Secty. Fort Penley attended the meeting.

The Chairman called the meeting to order, and requested the absent member Overstreet to Prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The absent member, Henry Hawkins formerly of Fort Miller.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1- Continuation of the 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

SS 27-46 were read and adopted.

§ 47. read. A discussion ensued in which members Corneiro, C. E. Francis, Quenet and Thiele took part. A motion by the 2d elected member, Corneiro, that the words in the 2d line from bottom, "by imprisonment not more than one year or" be struck out. In last line after "dollars strike out" or by both" were adopted by 5 votes; the Chairman abstained from voting. The section was then adopted.

§§ 48-51 were read and adopted.

§ 52 - read and adopted after some remarks by members Thiele, Payne, Quenet, C. E. Francis and the Chairman

§§ 53 - read and adopted. Member Knud-Hansen retired

§§ 54-65 were read and adopted.

§ 66 read. A discussion ensued in which members C. E. Francis, Quenet, Corneiro, Thiele, the Governmnt Secretary and the Chairman took part. A motion by the Member for St John, C. E. Francis, that the discussion on the section be kept open, was withdrawn. The section was then adopted.

§ 67 - read and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 4.55. p. m.

Chairman

actg. Secretary

On Tuesday the 10th November 2020 the Colonial Council for Estates and Public Lotteries met virtually via Zoom, pursuant to the Emergency Powers Act, 2020. Present were the Vice Chairman (Mrs. Mello), members Mr. Jongh, C.C. Francis, Bennett, S. Francis, Francis, Duff, Hamad-Bacchus and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Emmanuel the Dep. Govt. Secretary attended the meeting.

The Vice Chairman informing the meeting informed the Council that the Chairman was unable to be present being unwell.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

An Ordinance to Amend and Consolidate the Estates and Public Lotteries Ordinance, Cap. 19 of the Revised Laws.

SS 68-69 read and adopted.

S 70 - read. After the word "Estates" in the second line the words "and Public Lotteries" were inserted. The section was then adopted.

SS 71-82 read and adopted

S 83 was read. After the words "Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee" in the fourth line the words "or Deputy Secretary" were inserted and after the word "Committee" in the fifth line the words "is removable by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Council that the Chairman or" were inserted. The section was then adopted.

SS 84-85 read and adopted.

Chapter XI. Consequential Amendments

SS 1-2 read. ~~After the word "Estates" in the first line of the section the words "and Public Lotteries" were inserted. The section was then adopted.~~

After the words "Estates Ordinance" in the first line the words "and Public Lotteries Ordinance" were inserted. The section was then adopted.

Chapter XII. Miscellaneous Offences

S 1 read. After the word "Estates" in the

that after the word "exceeding in the last line of the section, & strike out the word "twenty" and insert "ten", was adopted, the section was then adopted

§§2-6 read and adopted.

§ 7. read. A proposal by the 4th elected member, R. Francis that in the 8th line from bottom, after the word "Bill" insert the word "Outlaws" was adopted; the section was then adopted.

§8 read and adopted

§9 read. A suggestion by actg. Govt. Secretary, that the words beginning in 7th line from bottom, "and every person", ending with the words "felonious act" be struck out was adopted. ~~The section was then adopted.~~ A proposal by the 3rd elected member de Bough, that in 7th line from bottom, after the word "stable," insert "garage," was adopted; the section was then adopted.

§10 read and adopted.

Chapter XIII. Final Provisions

§§1-10 read and adopted

Title V. Criminal Procedure

Chapter I. Preliminary Provisions

§§1-14 read and adopted

Chapter II. Limitations for concealment of Criminal Actions

§§1-2 read and adopted.

Chapter III. Of the Jurisdiction and place of Criminal Action.

§§1-3 read and adopted.

Chapter IV. Powers and Duties of the Government Attorney

§§1-5 read and adopted

§6 - read, a short discussion ensued in which members Comeiro, Knud, the Vice Chairman and the actg. Govt. Secretary (and R.F. Francis) took part. An amendment by the 2nd elected member, Comeiro that there be inserted "by issuing a warrant therefor." was adopted by 5 votes 3 against; the section was then adopted.

The 3rd appointed member, Knud-Hansen retired

Chapter V. Pleadings and Informations

§§1-6 read and adopted.

Clause 7.
Motion not adopted
Motion. The elected member Mr Jones requested the matter be left over until the next meeting.
The Vice Chairman: The Govt. Attorney has no right to cause a quorum to be formed.
At request of the elected member Mr Jones was allowed.
The meeting adjourned at 5.15 pm.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 2nd December 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held the 4th ordinary meeting at the Town 1920/21 at 2 p.m. Present was Excellency the Chairman, members C.E. Jones, Daniel, Comm. Ford, Daniel, Revd. Hansen, Biela and Heiter. Mr Cooper and the Attg. General Mr Finley attended the meeting.

At the request of the Chairman the Vice Chairman declared the meeting open, and requested member Daniels act as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted after a correction by member Revd. Hansen, that paragraph 9 of Chapter XII. be changed to 7.

A letter from member Mr Knight was communicated.

A letter from member Mr Jones tendering his resignation as a member of the Committee elected to confer with the Governor and to report on Chapter XXVII. of Title II of the Code of the Organization of Courts, was read and adopted. Was proposed by member Finch, which was adopted, member Biela was appointed on the Committee via member Mr Jones

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the member for the County District, Roland obtained the floor and offered a few remarks on the condition of the poultry roads, and expressed the hope that Government would consider his remarks, and would, as soon as practicable cause the roads to be put in a passible condition until the traffic. Suspension be referred to the Ci

repealing prohibition adopted by the Council some twenty years ago, which however has not yet been sanctioned by the Governor.

The 1st elected member Rigby: I also have been approached by many persons on the subject of the county roads.

The 3rd elected member Burnett spoke on the length of time the garbage is allowed to lie on the streets before its removal.

By consent of the Council the 1st item on the Order of the Day was withdrawn.

2- Election of:

(a) Two men for each quarter of the town of Charlotte Amalie

(b) Two men for the County District of St Thomas

(c) Two men for St John to assist the Tax Commission of the Municipality in assessing the taxes for the current year.

Reelected were: for King's Quarter, N.C. McPherson, and H. Maydenborough

Queen's Quarter, L.C. Blakemann and A. M. O'Neal

Crown Prince's Quarter, A. Francis and H. E. Lockhart

County District, J. H. Bosch and F. Danielsen

St John, J. E. Lindqvist and C. E. Francis

3- Continuation of 2nd discussion on an Ordinance providing a Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and consolidating existing laws.

The 4th elected member R. Francis entered

Chapter XL. of Title IV. Of subsequent Offences

§1. read, a discussion ensued in which members Burnett, the Vice Chairman, members Correia and Roberts and the acting Govt. Secretary took part. The section was then adopted

§2 read. The Vice Chairman: it seems that the words "of like nature" ~~after the word "crime"~~ have been omitted, they ought to be inserted after the word "crime" in the 4th line.

The 2nd elected member, Correia: proposed that the words in in sub section 3, first line, "for petit larceny should be struck out.

The Vice Chairman: it has been moved that the words in sub sections 2 and 3, "in the penitentiary be stricken; the proposal was adopted. The section was then adopted

§§ 3-4 read. The member for the County District, Roberts proposed that the word "fifteen" in 6th line ~~in §3~~ be changed to "ten

the proposal was adopted. The motion was then put
as the Vice Chairman: Gentlemen will be kept open as per
Chapter XI. & the discussion ladies,
The adj. Genl Secretary: May not keep so open ale?
The Vice Chairman. Ss 4 and 5 of Chapter XI. Title IV will
then be kept open for further discussion in another meeting.
No amendments to Chapter IX. of Title IV.
S10. read and adopted
Chapter XI. Of the arraignment of the Defendant.
S1 read. The Genl Secretary suggested that the word "that", be-
ginning the section in the chapter, form one & twelve-
th district act, was adopted. The section was then
adopted.
Chapter XII. Of the Jury
SS 1-2 read and adopted
S3 read. An amendment by members Rhind-Hansen, that
after the word "physician," there put the singular
and plural "or dentist," was adopted. The section
was then adopted.
SS 4-7 read and adopted.
Member Roberts proposed an amendment
The Vice Chairman, before putting the Previous
the vote, & propose that from Chapter XI to XII inclu-
sive be adopted as having been read; then in favor
will please show hands, Six favor.
The foregoing Members Roberts for amend-
ment was put to the vote and unanimously adop-
ted
Meeting adjourned at 5 P.M.

Vice Chairman
Nicholl

acty. Secretary

On Wednesday the 5th January 1921 the Colonial Council for Labrador and St. Lucia held an adjourning meeting pursuant to the Governor's Warrant No 5 of the Colonial Law, at 2 p.m. Present were their Excellencies the Chairman, members de Lagh, C. E. Francis, Capt. Hon. Payne, J. Francis, Comeau, Reedy, Daniel and Hale. Mr Brown, the Govt Secretary and the Legal Aide attended the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Elected member, Capt Daniel asked the and was told in the manner in which the night mail would be carried on Crown Point Quarter, it being advertised to

The Elected member, Mr Brightman came for the Nominated member, later.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1. Examination of the Election Brief of Mr A. E. Davis a candidate for St Lucia of the Colonial Council for a Three year Term, in the like Mr A. O. Hale, for the remaining term of the electoral period.

Mr Smith being placed handed in his Brief which was marked having the number, and was valued by the Speaker, member C. E. Francis to be one dollar. The Chairman asked Mr Smith if member of the Council with the right to stand vote as candidate

2. Election of a member for the Electoral Board of St Lucia in the like Mr A. B. Hale, for the remaining term of the electoral period.

The Elected member, Capt Daniel proposed the 1st member for St Lucy, C. E. Francis be elected. Mr Brodeur accepting no one, member elected for three

3. Quarantine on the Dept of Agriculture and Lazaretto for the Half-year ending with the Committee's Report.

The Secretary read the report.

Report.

That Mr J. A. Keller be paid one dollar with interest owing a definite statement relative to the importation hay failing this, whether one is for the account of the Texas Oil Company Limited he is the Agent, or if the oil be imported in for his account.

That the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co be barred from the 11th to 12th days; A. M. Gregory of Hazell Island from 8th to 10th days, J. Moore from

from 12th to 13th class; and that the Leyland S.S. Line, B. Docks and C. P. Kean be struck off the list.

Commission on the assessment of Trade and Land-Taxes, St Thomas the 29th November 1920

E. E. Kunz
Chairman

R. C. Miller, C. Correiro, Thiele

After a few remarks by members Kunz, Correiro, Burnett and Kean, the Draft with the report as amended was adopted.

4— Continuation of the 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Chapter XVIII. Of the Judgment.

§§ 1-10 read and adopted.

§ 11- read, a lengthy discussion ensued in which members Correiro, Thiele, Payne, Kean, Burnett, C. E. Francis and the Chairman took part. A proposal by the 2d elected member, Correiro, that the words in the 5th line, after the word "labor," "on the public streets in towns of the District" be struck out, and insert, "outside the prison and its grounds or precincts" was adopted by 9 votes. The section was then adopted.

§§ 12-14 read and adopted.

Chapter XIX. Of the Execution

§1 read. The 2d appointed member, Thiele proposed that the words "other than death" in the first line be struck out, and that from section 4 to 14 inclusive of the chapter be struck out. The proposal was unanimously adopted. The section was adopted

§§ 2-3 read and adopted.

Chapter XX. Of Bail

§§ 1-3 read and adopted

§ 4- read. The 2d elected member, Correiro proposed that the the word "those" in the 2d line be changed to "that" was unanimously adopted. The section was then adopted

§§ 5-9 read and adopted.

§§ 10-11 read. A lengthy discussion ensued in which members Kean, Thiele, Correiro, Payne, Burnett and the Legal Aide took part. A proposal that the sections be kept open for further discussion, was adopted.

§§ 12-20 read and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 20th January 1921 the Executive Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were the Chairman, members the Hon'ble E. E. Francis, A. E. Christ, Peter L. Francis, Ignatius, Thos. Richardson Esqrs. the Treasurer, the Govt. Secretary and the Legal Secretary attending.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, member Colonel Hon'ble offered some remarks on a Notice published in the Gazette, signed by the Government Secretary, requesting that all persons plying Passengers, Commandeering the Landed Space to be made clear of the public roads by the 25th inst. The Chairman supported the remarks.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

Chapter XXI. Of deposits made of Bail.

SS 1-5 were read and adopted.

Chapter XXII. Of the surrender of the Defendant.

S 1-3 were read and adopted.

Chapter XXIII. Of the forfeiture of the undertaking of Bail & the Deposit of money

SS 1-7 were read and adopted.

Chapter XXIV. Of personal release of the Defendant and after Bail or Deposit of money in lieu thereof.

SS 1-5 read and adopted

S 6 read. member Connelio proposed that the words "one dollar" in the 4th line be changed to fifty cents"; the proposal was adopted by 7 votes. The section was then adopted

Chapter XXV. Of compelling the attendance of witnesses.

SS 1-2 read. The 4th member F. Francis proposed that in the 4th line of the former section two, after the words "Virgin Islands" and the letters "U. S. I." the

proposal was adopted; the section was then adopted

§§ 3-6 were read and adopted

Chapter XXVI. Of compromising certain crimes by leave of the Court.

§§ 1-3 read and adopted.

Chapter XXVII. Of dismissal of action for want of prosecution or otherwise

§§ 1-7 read and adopted

Chapter XXVIII. Of the disposal of property stolen or embezzeled

§§ 1-5 read and adopted.

§ 6 read, a discussion ensued in which members Corneiro, de Lough, Steele and the Legal Side took part. A proposal by member Corneiro, that the words "sixty days" in the second line be changed to "one year" was adopted by 8 votes, 2 against; the section was then adopted.

Chapter XXIX. Of the warrant of arrest

§§ 1-8 read and adopted

Chapter XXX. Arrest, by whom and how made

§§ 1-13 read and adopted.

§ 14. read. The 4th member, R. Francis, proposed that after the words "Virgin Islands" in the section, the letters "U.S.A." be inserted; the proposal was adopted. The section was then adopted.

§ 15. read and adopted.

Member Burnett retired

Chapter XXXI. Of the examination of the case and discharge or holding the defendant to answer.

§§ 1-24 read and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 4.45 p. m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 3rd February 1921 the Colonial Council of Ethandeni met in the Council Chamber at 10 a.m. Present were the Chairman, members of Executive, Messrs. Powell, Fynn, Downes, Cowie, Hunt, Kemp, Reid and Miller. The Government Secretary and the Government Legal Adviser were also present at the meeting.

The minutes of the Thirteenth Session were read and confirmed.

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Chairman drew the attention of the Council to a letter received from the Secretary of the Ethandeni Farmers' Association with reference to a certain petition which was presented to the Council by the Association at the last session, and which was referred to the Executive Committee for report.

The Secretary explained that the petition had been withdrawn by the Association, and that the Executive Committee had therefore no further action to take in the matter.

The Chairman moved that the letter be received and filed.

The Government Secretary seconded the motion.

The Chairman then put the question to the Council, which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman moved that the Council do now proceed into Committee of the Whole to consider the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1921.

The Government Secretary seconded the motion.

The Chairman then left the Chair.

A discussion ensued in which members of the Executive Committee, members of the Council, and the Chairman took part.

A proposal by members that the Estimates be closed was unanimously adopted. The Report was then adopted.

On resumption of the Council the Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1921, and had agreed to the same with certain alterations which he would move when the Report was considered.

The Government Secretary seconded the motion.

The Chairman then left the Chair.

A discussion ensued in which members of the Executive Committee, members of the Council, and the Chairman took part.

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The Government Secretary seconded the motion.

2 – Continuation of the 2d discussion on an Ordinance providing a Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Chapter XXXII. Of the prevention of crimes and security to keep the peace

SS 1–12 read and adopted.

S 13 read. The 2d elected member, Cormeiro proposed that the words "two thousand" in the last line be changed to "one thousand". The 4th elected member, R. Francis proposed a sub amendment, that "two thousand" be changed to "two hundred". The sub amendment was put to the vote and lost, one in favour. The amendment of the 2d elected member, Cormeiro was adopted by 8 votes. The section was then adopted.

SS 14–16 read and adopted.

S 17 read, After a few remarks from the 2d appointed member, Thiele and the 2d elected member, Cormeiro, the section was adopted.

S 18 read and adopted.

Chapter XXXIII. Of the suppression of riots

SS 1–6 read and adopted

Chapter XXXIV. Of criminal action in Police Courts.

SS 1–26 read and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 4.20. p. m.

Chairman Secretary

On Monday the 6th day of May the Select Council for Eastern and Western Townships met pursuant to Statute and the Council was opened at 2 p.m. Present were the Vice Chairman, members of Legislative Council for Eastern, Western, Key, Daniel, Ramsay and Bill Representatives, the Government Secretary and Government Solicitor attended the meeting.

The Vice Chairman declared the meeting open, and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1st Chairman on a Resolution submitted by the Secretary declaring the Governor in Council to have the authority to levy special taxes for the purpose of local improvements; and amendment by Government.

On a question the Government Secretary withdrew the amendment.

The Vice Chairman declared the discussion open. After a few observations by members Grant, Solicitor General, Eastern, the amendment was put & lost and adopted by 8 to 6. On further remarking the Chairman declared the Bill as amended from now put & lost and was adopted

2nd Continuation of the 2nd discussion on Chairman's ruling a Local Journal and special law and ammending, declaring, repealing and continuing existing laws.

Chapter XXXV. Of proceedings in relation to fugitives from Justice

SS 1-3 read and adopted

S 4 - The Legal title printed read the word "and" in the second line, be changed to "an". adopted

S 6 - In the 6th line, the word "transport the fugitive from the district" have been omitted and should be inserted, after the word "person" in the 8th line, insert the word "making" & the proposed was adopted, the section was then adopted

SS 7-14 read and adopted. Mr Wm Robert wanted.

Chapter XXXVI. Of search Warrants

SS 1-8 read and adopted

S 9. The word "other" in first line is changed to "such" the section was then adopted

SS 10-20 read and adopted.

Chapter XXXVII. Of Appeals in Criminal Matters.

S1 read. A discussion ensued in which members Burnett Roberts, Kunitz, and the Vice Chairman took part. A motion by the 8th elected member, Burnett that the section be referred to a Committee, was put to the vote and lost, 8 against, 2 in favour

S1. read. A proposal by the 2nd elected member, Cross was that in 3rd and 4th lines, delete part the words "except when the case is heard by the Judge of the District Court;" was adopted by 9 votes, the section was then adopted.

SS 2-12 read and adopted.

Chapter ~~XXXVIII~~. Illegitimate Children

S1. read. A discussion ensued in which members Burnett, Roberts, Kunitz and the Vice Chairman took part. A motion by member Burnett that the section be referred to a Committee was put to the vote and lost, 8 against, 2 in favour

SS 2-7 were read and adopted

S 8 read. The 3rd elected member, de Long proposed that the age limit in 8th line, "sixteen years" be changed to "fourteen years;" the proposal was adopted, the section was then adopted

SS 9-12 were read and adopted.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

Vice Chairman
Thiele

Secretary

On Monday the 10th March 1913 the Colonial Council for Aitutaki met at 2 p.m. pursuant to adjourning meeting at 2 p.m. Present were the Vice Chairman (Hela) Members Quant, Smith, Kane, Ngatai, Tamaiti, Tarp, Pomel-Mataea and Keller. Mr Gorman, the Government Secretary and the Government Legal Adviser attended the meeting.

The Vice Chairman declared the meeting open, and requested member Pomel to act as Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Order of the Day were proceeded with:

1- Continuation of the 2nd discussion on Ordinance providing a Code of general and special laws and altering, amending, repealing and consolidating existing laws, with the Committee's Report on Chapter 27, and amendments to Chapter 3 in Title II., amendments to Chapter 24 in Title III. of the Code.

The amendment to Chapter 44, Title IV. was proceeded with.

The Clerk, Tamaiti intimated the amendment. A discussion ensued in which members Quant, Kane, Ngatai, Tamaiti, Pomel-Mataea and the Vice Chairman took part.

The Vice Chairman declared a recess of 5 minutes. The meeting was resumed. Roll called. Quorum present. A 3rd amendment to the Committee's amendment was proposed by the Elected member, Kane, "that the Govt "shall refer a question of the position, if two years, passed and Court before granting a decree when action "for same has been filed on file in 55 days", and seconded by the mover, standing in his own name. The Vice Chairman ruled against, Sec. 519. Rules of Procedure, the 3rd amendment was lost.

The Committee's amendments were adopted by ayes in favour, 4 against. The Chapter as amended was then adopted by ayes in favour, 4 against.

The Committee's Report on Chapter 27 of Title was proceeded with:

The Clerk, Kane, withdrew the report and recommended that the Chapter be adopted.

The Government Secretary: The Chapter may well be amended. No further remarks being offered, the Report was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Committee's Report on Chapter 3 of Title II. was proceeded with, the Clerk, Quant withdrew the

report.

The Gov. Sec: Government concurs in the work of the Committee and recommends the report.

A discussion ensued in which members Correiro, Durack, Kean, Roberts and the Vice Chairman took part. The report was put to the vote and unanimously adopted. The Ordinance in its amended form was then unanimously adopted.

The Vice Chairman closed the 2nd discussion; the Draft passed to 3rd discussion.

By consent of the Council and Government the Vice Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Gov. Sec: Government would like to have the Ordinance in force on the 1st of May a.c.

The member for the Country District, Roberts moved the following amendment. "Provided that this Ordinance shall come into full force and effect on the first day of July 1921.

The amendment supported by the 8th elected member Burnett, was put to the vote and unanimously adopted

The 2nd elected member, Correiro proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed, and that the Draft as amended be adopted. The proposal was unanimously adopted

The Vice Chairman closed the discussion. The Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The meeting closed at 4.29. p.m.

Vice Chairman
Thirle

acting Secretary

On Monday the 7th April, A.D. Colonial Council for Pictou met & the Lodge Room pursuant to adjournment. Present Chairman, members & Clerk. C. C. Fraser, Esq. Daniel Fraser, Hale and Lodin. Esqrs. Present and the Government Secretary attended as Clerk.

The Chairman declared the meeting formed & opened the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which was carried.

Letter Communication received from Archibald Fraser.

The Secretary laid before the Council a Petition signed by Inhabitants of Pictou praying for the appointment of Surgeon for the District of the Town Reeve of the Polar Bear

The Government Secretary informed the Board that he had received from Mr. Fraser a letter stating that he was unable to attend the Council in consequence of illness.

Resolved, that the Petition of Inhabitants of Pictou praying for the appointment of Surgeon for the District of the Town Reeve of the Polar Bear be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had received a letter from Mr. Fraser stating that he was unable to attend the Council in consequence of illness.

Ordered, that the Petition of Inhabitants of Pictou praying for the appointment of Surgeon for the District of the Town Reeve of the Polar Bear be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Council accordingly adjourned. The Chairman declared the Board dissolved. Present as above.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present as above.

The Council proceeded to take into consideration the Petition of Inhabitants of Pictou praying for the appointment of Surgeon for the District of the Town Reeve of the Polar Bear.

Resolved, that Mr. Fraser be appointed Surgeon for the District of the Town Reeve of the Polar Bear.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had received a letter from Mr. Fraser stating that he was unable to attend the Council in consequence of illness.

The Council proceeded to take into consideration the Petition of Inhabitants of Pictou praying for the appointment of Surgeon for the District of the Town Reeve of the Polar Bear.

Resolved, that Mr. Fraser be appointed Surgeon for the District of the Town Reeve of the Polar Bear.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had received a letter from Mr. Fraser stating that he was unable to attend the Council in consequence of illness.

Ordered, that the Petition of Inhabitants of Pictou praying for the appointment of Surgeon for the District of the Town Reeve of the Polar Bear be taken into consideration on Monday next.

The Council accordingly adjourned. The Chairman declared the Board dissolved. Present as above.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present as above

the 8th elected member & Burnett
& member for the County District J. C. Roberts and
the 2nd member for St John. A. E. Smith
The meeting closed at 3.45

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 12th May 1921 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. convened by the Governor pursuant to s 36 of the Colonial Law. Present were members J. C. Kunz, J de Jongh, C. E. Francis, C. E. Daniel, and K. Knud-Hansen. The Government Secretary C. C. Simmons attended the meeting.

Pursuant to s 2 of the Rules of Procedure, the Seniority Chairman, Kunz declared the meeting open and requested member J de Jongh to act as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

Before proceeding with the Order of the Day, the Seniority Chairman inquired if any one had any remarks to offer? no one demanded the word

The election Briefs, and letter of appointment of one member were handed in

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Examination of the Election Briefs.

Members K. Knud-Hansen and C. E. Francis were appointed Speakers. The Briefs were circulated. The Speakers reported the Briefs and Letter of Appointment to be in order. The reports were put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The Seniority Chairman declared Messrs A. Burnett C. G. Thiele, C. Ferreira and G. Moorhead to be duly elected, respectively as 2d, 6th, 7th and 8th members of the Colonial Council for the electoral district of the town of Charlotte Amalie, Mr J. C. Roberts as member for the County District, Mr A. E. Smith as 2d member for St John; Mr L. E. Lakeman as 3d appointed member of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, all with the right to sit and vote as such.

Members Lakeman and Moorhead signed the Declaration

ath.

2- Election of the Council Officers.

Reading of the Chairman Roll, & the roll of members

E. G. Hill moved accepting the Election Returns as

given for the ensuing year.

For Chairman, J. C. Roberts.

Secretary, Sr Engl. A. Grimes

Municipal Committee. C. Garcia, A. Grimes, J. C. Roberts

C. E. Francis, L. E. Daniel

Fire and Engine Com. Sr Engl. J. E. Hunt, A. E. Hall

P. E. Hetherman, E. Hunt

Electrical Fire Com. J. C. Roberts

Electrical Fire Garden, A. E. Brachle

Electrical Fire Eng. C. E. Francis

Police Committee Com. E. Marshall, A. C. Smith

Electrical Fire Service A. Grimes

Poor Commission A. Grimes, J. C. Brachle

Public Reading Room A. E. Smith, A. Grimes

Library Reading Room J. C. Roberts, C. Garcia

Sr Engineer Hall reported the Council as

to the repair of the Engine House.

Reading adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Chairman

Attest

Secretary

On Thursday the 9th June 1921 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held its first ordinary meeting in the Session 1921-1922. All of the members, excepting the Elected member Payne were present. The Government Secretary, the Chief Sanitary Officer, and the Officer of Public Works and the Medical Aide attended the meeting.

A delegation of 2 members (Mr Jough and E. Conceiro) appointed by the Chairman escorted the Governor from Government House to the meeting. On entering the hall the members rose from their seats. The Chairman on behalf of the Council extended a welcome to him, to which he replied; he requested the members to resume their seats while he proceeded with his message to the Council...

..... upon conclusion of which he retired.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1 – Examination of the Patent of appointment of the 1st appointed member of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, Mr Abel Hotel.

The Patent of appointment was circulated among the members, and was declared by the Senior appointed, member Roberts, to be in order. The Chairman invited the newly appointed member to occupy his seat and to sign the prescribed oath whereupon he was declared a member with the right to sit and vote as such.

2 – Introduction and 1st discussion on Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the Fiscal year from 1st July '21 to 30th June 1922.

The Government Secretary introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Conceiro, Grant, Kunhz, Roberts, the Medical Aide and the Officer of Public Works took part.

The Chairman closed the first discussion, the Draft passed to 2nd discussion. By consent of the Council and, Government the 2nd discussion was proceeded with

The Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open; no one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the 2nd discussion. The Draft was put to the vote and was unanimously adopted.

3 – Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance regulating Automobile traffic and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

The Government Secretary introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion closed. A division was called for which the Government Secretary, members Gonneau, Roberts, the Financial Secretary, and Captain Pierre took part.

The Chairman declared the Question, the Draft passed to 2nd Reading.

A Proposal by member Roberts, that the Bill be referred to a Committee of 5 was unanimously accepted.

The following Committee resulted on the motion of Member the Hon. E. Duff, Attorney General, & Member Roberts —

5 — Introduction of and Discussion on Draft of Ordinance adding certain days to Holidays.

The Government Secretary published the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. Discussion was resumed in which members Quenet, Roberts and Francis who said "Mr Chairman: I rise to support the Holiday Bill as I believe that Council & Government. I would like to remark that the 2nd reading should be postponed for a few days, in order that we may have an opportunity of seeing the Governor and getting his views on the matter."

I beg to move that my Friend be remarked by the 2nd member on the Holiday Bill be seconded.

The proposal by member Roberts for a Committee of 5 to report on the Bill was adopted by 12 votes.

The Chairman closed the discussion, the Draft passed to 2nd Reading.

The election of the Committee resulted in the return of members A. E. Smith, A. Quenet and the Government

5 — Introduction of and Discussion on Draft of Ordinance providing for the installation of Sanitary automatic flushing Toilets and Plumbing in certain buildings, and providing penalties for non-installation thereof.

The Government Secretary introduced the Draft

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Quenet, R. Francis, Harrison, the Government Secretary, members Gonneau, Dr. Walker, members Roberts and Hawks.

A proposal by the 2nd elected member Quenet, that the Draft be referred to a Committee of 5 was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman closed the discussion, the Draft passed

2nd discussion.

The election of the Committee resulted in the return of Messrs. Harrigan, Burnett, Roberts, Hotel and Correia.

6 — Election of a Jury Commissioner as provided for by Title V. Chapter XII. Sec. 4 of the Code of Laws of the Virgin Islands of the U. S. A.

The election resulted in the return of members C. Correia

7 — Election of a member for the St Thomas Harbour Board vice Mr C. Correia whose term of service expired on the 6th inst.

The election resulted in the reelection of member C. Correia

8 — Introduction of and 1st discussion on Ordinance providing for the assessment, levy and collection of Taxes upon real and personal property

The Government Secretary introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open Member Roberts after a short remark, proposed that the Draft be referred to a Committee of 5 for its report. The proposal was adopted. The Chairman declared the discussion; the Draft passed 1st and discussion.

The election of the Committee resulted in the return of members Hotel, Burnett, Correia, Roberts and Habneman.

The 5th elected member. H Habneman Francis retired.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received a letter soliciting a subscription to the "Emancipator" but had not done so as he preferred to leave the decision of so doing to the Council. Those who are in favor will signify same by show of hands. 4 voted for, none against

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Saturday the 23rd July 1921 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. convened by the Chairman pursuant to s 4 of the Rules of Business and at the request of a majority of the members. Present were besides the Chairman, members de Lugo, Smith, Roberts, Comacio, Moorhead, Ormet Ruiz, Daniel, Knud-Hansen, Hakemann and Gotlieb.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

1 - Discussion on Governmental letter of the 15th inst. 65-1. regarding recent legislation by Congress.

The Chairman requested the Secretary to read the letter.

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The Chairman requested the Secretary to read his (the Chairman's) reply, dated 20 inst. No 44

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For declaring the discussion free, it is my intention to divide it in 3 parts.

1.) The action taken by Congress

2.) Whether members can be effected by it & such are patent so to be called to action

3.) The extension of the present Laws in the Virgin Islands and future laws to be applicable in the Municipality.

The discussion to now open.

The 7th elected member, Comacio, expressed his views on the application of laws when they be in force or otherwise, without giving the Council a hearing on the subject.

The Government Secretary in few words replied informing the Council that Congress had but one intention in the scheme of taxation which is the same throughout the States.

The Chairman: I am in possession of a Draft Protest from a majority of the members. I will now declare a recess of ten minutes to consider same before it is laid before the Council.

A recess.... The meeting is resumed.

The Secretary read the Protest.

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After some remarks from the Government Secretary and the 7th elected member, Comacio, the Protest was unanimously adopted.

Pursuant to Sec. 10, 2nd paragraph of the Rules of Procedure the Chairman appointed member Roberts to relieve temporarily.

Before proceeding with the next point, the Chairman requested the Secretary to read a memorandum which was handed to him.

The Secretary read as follows:

"A Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was voted the first time at Congress regular session held April 12, 1921 and taking effect July 1, 1921 demands that at future elections to the Colonial Council of the V.I. of U.S.A. no person owing allegiance to any country other than the United States of America shall be eligible to be elected a member of the Colonial Council of the V. I. of U. S. A.

Pursuant to the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John that the term "eligible to be elected" does not allude to any member of the present Colonial Council, as any one of the elected members may duly elected by the people at lawful elections, and none of them will become ineligible of eligibility - or non eligibility - as well as any other person or persons future eligibility - or non eligibility - will without doubt in due time be settled by the Election Board of this municipality and in conformity with any Law or Act of Congress and that hereinafter

The Chairman: The members will note from the last paragraph of Government letter, the phrase "that the people of municipalities affected by this legislation, and-materially become aroused today."

The Chairman now declared open.

The Elected member, Connor offered some remarks on the proceedings.

The Secretary replied, quoting the text of the Law.

The memorandum was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Member Roberts reseated.

The 3 point was proceeded with: the election of the Board of Registration and other work.

A discussion ensued in which member Connor

the Government Secretary, members Roberts and Gatehouse took part.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

Chairman

Thiel

Secretary

On Thursday the 4th August 1921 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held the 2d ordinary meeting in the Session 1921-1922. All of the members were present. The Government Secretary attended the meeting. The meeting read minutes of the 9th June and the extraordinary meeting of the 23rd July were read and adopted. declared open

The Governor accompanied by his Financial Administrator entered. The members rose from their seats. He addressed the Council, on conclusion he retired.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1 – 2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance regulating Automobile traffic and providing penalties for the violation thereof; with Committee's report.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

Member Germain introduced the report.

The 3rd appointed member, Knud-Hansen proposed that there be added to the tariff, "Winding" gate $1.25. additional 50 c after "Estate Jobs" (Annas Retreat) add "Mandal" gate $1.75 add. 50 c "Gothic Print" $2.00. add. 50 c, "Smith's Bay" $2.25. add. 50 c, "Red Hook" $2.50. add. 50 c.

A discussion ensued in which members C. E. Francis, Moorhead, Quinet, Germain and the Government Secretary took part.

The proposal of the 3rd appointed member was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The proposals of the 2d placed member, Quinet, that the fee for license tags for automobiles per pair Fcs. 50, be changed to Fcs. 10, the fee for license tag for motor cycle Fcs 25. be changed to Fcs. 5, was put to the vote and unanimously adopted. the fee to the western limit of transportation, "Jobs Bowers Bay" $1.00 be changed to 75 c and that payment when automobile does not return to starting place, be struck out, was unanimously adopted.

The Committee's Report with the said amendments was put to the vote and adopted by 13 votes

2 – 2d discussion on Draft of Ordinance setting apart parts

adopted as Holiday, with the Committee's Report.

The 2nd elected member, Daniel introduced the Report.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members R. Francis, de Lagh Reed-Cannon, Bennett, Stakemann, Muirhead, Cormie, L. E. Francis, Smith, Rudy and Payne took part.

The 3rd appointed member, Reed-Cannon retired.

The Committee's Report was put to the vote and lost, the following against.

The Chairman: I will now put to the vote the Report of the 2nd appointed member, Stakemann: that the Holiday Bill as proposed by Government be accepted with additional Holidays proposed in the Committee's Report. The Report was adopted by votes, 3 against. The Chairman then the 2nd discussion of — Introduction and 1st discussion on Draft of Amendment to the Police Regulations for Towns of 30 April 1908, proposed by the 7 elected member, Cormie

Member Cormie introduced the amendment. The Chairman declared the discussion open. A short discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary, members Muirhead and Cormie took part.

The Chairman then had the discussion. By consent of the Council the Draft passed to 2nd discussion, the 2nd discussion by consent of the Council and Government was postponed until. No one demanded the vote, the Chairman closed the 2nd discussion. The Draft passed to 3rd discussion of — Introduction and 1st discussion on Draft of Resolution on the remaining Police vacancies, proposed by the 4th elected member R. Francis

Member Daniel withdrew the Draft amendment that it be referred to a Committee of 3 to report. The Chairman then declared the discussion open. No one demanded the vote. The Chairman closed the discussion. By consent of the Council the Draft passed to 2nd discussion. The election of the Committee was postponed until reading in the return of members Daniel, Stakemann and Cormie

5 — Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Resolution on the election of a Committee to report on erecting and maintaining public bathhouses; proposed by the 4th elected member R. Francis

The proposal of the Chairman, that this item be adjourned

a single dissentient was adopted. The discussion was declared open, in which members Comeiro, L. Francis, Morehead and the Government Secretary took part. The Chairman closed the discussion. The Resolution was put to the vote and unanimously adopted. The election of the Committee was proceeded with resulting in the return of members Morehead, Comeiro and L. Francis.

6 – Discussion re Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-Dues for the 1st half-year of 1920 with the Commissioner's report.

The Secretary read the Report:

On Friday the 11th June 1921 the Commissioners held a meeting at 8 p.m. to consider the reclamations against the Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp-Dues for the 1st half-year of 1920. Present were the Chairman, members J. de Jongh, A.E. Smith, L.E. Liebenberg, A. Burnett, C. Comeiro and J.C. Roberts who recommended that the Lobito Dock and Engineering Company be lowered from 3rd Class C. to 4th Class D.

Lobito the 14th June 1921

J.E. Kunz
Chairman

C. Comeiro, J de Jongh

Abram E. Smith

A. Burnett L.E. Liebenberg
J.C. Roberts.

The report was put to the vote and adopted

The meeting closed at 4.35 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Thursday the 13th October 1921 the Electoral Council for St Francis and St John held the 3rd ordinary meeting in the Session 1921-1922. Present were the Chairman, members of Council Lt. E. Francis, Smith, Gomeiro, Gonsalves, E. Francis, Bernal, Tardy, Daniel, Knud Hansen and Backmann. The Governmant Secretary and the Financial Aide attended the meeting. The Chairman offered an excuse for the absence of member Hodel.

The Chairman declared the meeting open and requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. The Order of the Day were read, viz:

1 - Examination of the Election Brief of the member for the Electoral District, Mr A.E. Orchard.

The Brief was circulated among the members, when upon it was declared by the Speaker (Gomeiro) to be in order. The Chairman declared Mr Orchard to be a duly elected member of the Council with the right to sit and vote as such.

2 - Election of a Vice Chairman vice Mr E.E. Roberts. The election resulted in the return of member J. E. Kinsley by 8 votes.

3 - Election of a member for the Municipal Committee vice Mr E.E. Roberts.

The election resulted in the return of member F. A. Gonsalves by 10 votes.

The last item on the Order of the Day was, pursuant to section 8 of the Rules of Procedure, proceeded with as an item.

4 - Election of a member to the Board of Examiners as set forth in Sec. 4 of the Ordinance to better provide for the appointment of Attorneys, their admission to practice, duties and authority, and for other purposes. The election resulted in the return of Mr E. Gomeiro by 10 votes.

5 - 2nd reading on an Ordinance providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes upon land and personal property, with the Committee report.

The Speaker (Gomeiro) introduced the report.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Financial Aide after a short remark suggested that the discussion be kept open.

The elected member, R. Francis offered a few remarks and informed the Council that he had an amendment

to the report which would be introduced at the next meeting of the Council.

The suggestion of the Financial Sec. was tacitly adopted.

6- 3rd discussion on Draft of Ordinance setting apart certain days as Holidays.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

After two short remarks by the 1st elected member and the Government Secretary, the Chairman closed the discussion the Draft in its amended form was put to the vote and adopted by 10 votes, 3 against.

7- 3rd discussion on Draft of Amendment to the Police Regulations for St Thomas of 30th April 1908.

The Chairman declard the discussion open.

A short discussion ensued in which members, Conneire, the Government Secretary and member Bernel took part.

A proposal by the 4th elected member, R. Francis that the discussion be kept open was adopted.

8- 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance providing for the installation of Sanitary Automatic Flushing Toilets and Slop Basins in certain buildings, and providing penalties for the non-installation thereof, with the Committee's report.

The Speaker (Hond. Hansen) introduced the report

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A short discussion ensued in which members Conneire, Bernel, de Lough and the Government Secretary took part.

A suggestion by the Government Secretary, that the discussion be kept open, was tacitly adopted.

9- Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Ordinance redeclaring and re-establishing the Judiciary Department in St Thomas and St John, providing for a District Court Commissioner and for additional notaries public, amending an Ordinance passed by the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John 20th May 1920 and published and approved 17th March 1921, and repealing Chapters one and three of said Ordinance.

The Government Secretary in few words introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A discussion ensued in which members Conneire, the Chairman, members Bernel and Kunckel took part.

The Chairman closed the 1st discussion, the Draft passed to 2

decision.

10 - Introduction of an Ordinance to Define certain existing citizens of the U. S. and to confer additional rights upon them for the maintenance and treatment at the Municipal Hospital, to extend relief to the dependents of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, under such rules and regulations as shall be approved by the Governor in Government Executive Council and to provide for the payment of the necessary expenses thereof.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

A discussion ensued in which members E. E. Francis, Fred. Evans, Prescott, Romeo, Israel, E. Francis and the Chief Medical Officer took part. The Chairman closed the discussion, the Draft Ordinance was passed by the Executive Council, Mr Francis moved the Draft Ordinance be read a second time, which motion was adopted.

The Secretary, on behalf the mover, laid the said ordinance on the Council table.

The Chairman declared a short recess. On meeting re-assembled, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider the Ordinance to Define certain rights of certain persons in the Municipal Hospital reported that the Committee had considered the Ordinance and had agreed to report the same without amendment.

11 - Introduction of an Ordinance to Provide for a certain Holy Ground and Burial Ground known as No. 3 Cemetery, vested in the Executive Council for the purposes of a Public Cemetery.

The Secretary, read the said Ordinance and moved that the same be read a second time by its title only, which motion was adopted.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

The Ordinance was read a second time by its title only, Mr Francis moved that the Draft Ordinance be referred to a Committee of 3. The motion was seconded, and adopted.

The petition of the Committee was presented with regard to the future of cemeteries No 1, 2 and 3 and the necessity of a Cemetery for Coloured persons.

The meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Par Thursday the 8th January 1920 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held its ordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were his Excellency the Chairman, members of the C. E. Francis, Smith, Packulla, Jansen, Bornhead, St. Francis, Ormet, Lindz, Hekemann, Asst. Treasurer and Capt. the Secretary Jeffrey acted the meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting open. The minute of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

1 — Consideration of the 2nd Resolution and Petition praying for the removal by annual collection of taxes from real and personal property.

The Chairman informed the Council that at the request of the Government Secretary, at the last meeting, was left to allow him to speak with to some of the Members.

Government Secretary: Since the last time I was up at St. Croix I was urged that after the meeting they should be glad to meet the Committee.

The Petitioners, Jansen stated that a number of the petitioners of place of the Petit on the Committee. The petitioners objected, the election was then by ballot in the place of the Petitioners.

2 — Consideration of the 3rd Resolution on Draft of Amendment to the Police Regulations for St Croix 1920

The Chairman declared the discussion open. After a further hearing by the Government Secretary, the Petitioners withdrew in accordance.

3 — Consideration of 2nd Resolution on Draft Ordinance framing for the installation of Fencing Animals Existing Cattle and Old Grain in certain Buildings, and framing penalties for the non-installation thereof

The Chairman declared the discussion open. Addresses were made in which made Asst. Treasurer, Jansen, Ormet and the Chairman took part.

The amendment to new section 3 proposed by the Committee: In second paragraph, 2nd line, after the word "the date of", was adopted by a vote.

No further remarks being offered, the Chairman declared discussion, the Draft passed to 3rd reading on

By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with. No discussion arose and debate open; no one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the discussion. The Draft was amended. Some amendment to be note and unanimously adopted.

4— 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance re-declaring and re-establishing the Judiciary Department and Courts in St Thomas and St Jan; providing for a District Commissioner and for additional powers thereto; amending an Ordinance passed by the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan on 20th May 1920; and confirmed and approved 7th March 1921, and repealing Chapter VII and Chapter of said Ordinance.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary, Members Rochette, Purnell, Gonsalves and the Chairman took part.

An amendment by the 7th elected member, Gonsalves to Section 15, in 4th line of 4th paragraph, after the word "thereon", there be inserted, "or with any Bonding Company doing business within the Municipality," was unanimously adopted. The Chairman closed the discussion; the Draft passed to 3rd discussion. By consent of the Council and Government the discussion was proceeded with; no one demanded the word; the discussion was closed. The Draft was amended as form was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

5— 2nd discussion on Draft of Resolution concerning citizens of the V. I. and bona fide residents who are unable to pay for maintenance and treatment at the Municipal Hospital, to extend relief at the expense of the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan, under such rules and regulations as shall be approved by the Governor, with the Committee report.

The 3rd appointed member, Knud-Hansen criticised the report. A lengthy discussion ensued in which members Moorhead, Hakanson, the Government Secretary, members Hoyer, Knud-Hansen, C. E. Francis, Gonsalves, R. Francis, Purnell, Rochette and Knud-Hansen took part.

The Chairman put the report to the vote which was adopted by ayes, 4 against. The 2nd discussion on

closed, the Draft passed to 3rd discussion

6— 2nd discussion on Draft of Ordinance to provide for a modern playground and agricultural Hall £3.800; with Committee's report.

The 4th elected member, R. Francis introduced the report recommending its adoption.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Mabert, Col. Purcell, de Lough, R. Francis, Bennett, Forrest, Stakemann, Kurtz, Kent-Hansen and the Government Secretary took part. The Chairman closed the discussion. The Committee's report with the Draft of Ordinance were put to the vote and lost, Six for, Two against

7— Introduction of and 1st discussion on a Draft of Resolution governing the election of a Committee of Ways and Means consisting of 6 members of the Council to investigate into the causes and ills which may be impending, obstructing or in any wise affecting the productivity of our land, introduced by the 4th elected member R. Francis.

Member Francis introduced the Draft. The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Mabert, Col. Purcell, de Lough, R. Francis and the Government Secretary took part.

Members Forrest, Bennett and Stakemann retired. A proposal by the 3rd elected member, de Lough, that the 1st discussion be closed and the Draft be passed to 2nd discussion was unanimously adopted.

8— Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of Estimates of Receipts & the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Ann for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1922: for the erection of a Cistern and Water closet at the East End of St Johnston £.000.00, introduced by A. E. Smith.

Member Smith introduced the Draft. The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members A. E. Francis, R. Francis and Smith took part. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion. By consent of the Council the Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Smith

Chairman

On Wednesday the 28th December 1921 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an adjourned meeting at 2 p.m. present his Excellency the Governor Sir Edward Stubbs the Colonial Secretary, Mr Hon. Members the Chairman, members the Hon. E. Francis, Gomez, Monsted, A. Francis, Smith, Prescott, Bennett, Hunt, Daniel, Petersen and Gold. The Government Secretary, Jeffrey attended the meeting.

On calling the meeting for the Chairman nominated the member the first on the Agenda Day, he moved and the motion of his Excellency was seconded by member Hunt and Daniel entered delivering the message he related.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1— Election of a member for the Electoral Board for St Thomas two district in place of Mr. E. Petersen the election resulted in the return of Mr. H. Jansen by votes.

2— Discussion of the finding Balance Statistics for the enactment of the collection of taxes expenses and general Profit.

His Excellency declared the discussion open. The Chairman of the Committee on the Profit informed the Council that at the sitting between the Committee and Government, relative to the proposals in the report enacted, certain modifications had been effected to meet the Government views. Discussions ensued in which the Excellency and Jeffrey, members Hon. Messrs Gomez, Hunt, Monsted and Chairman took part.

The amendments by Government are detailed among the members, to find read:

"Provided that a tax not exceeding one pound upon the assessed value of all personal property in the Municipality may exempt from taxation shall be levied and collected in the same manner as the tax upon the assessed value of real estate." was for the vote and by the Government Secretary without the record

Standing on the Report as amended was forwarded with: Section 1. as follows, after the word the

strike out "fiscal" and insert "calendar"; in same line strike out "July" and insert "January". In second line, strike out "thirtieth day of June" and insert "thirty-first day of December"; renumber, after "awards", strike out "fiscal and insert "calendar"; renumber accordingly. Sub (a) - in original law, in 3rd line, after "two" add "or" Subsection sub (b), as in original law

Section 2 remains.

Sections 3 in sections, Sec. 4 becomes 3. - 5 becomes 4. - 6 becomes 5. 7-8-9 were adopted by 12 ayes, 1 against. Par new section 7 a discussion arose on which members present, Barnes, R. Jones, Eckmann, Kopal, E. E. Jones rose the Government Spending task part. The first paragraph of the section was adopted by 11 ayes, 2 against. Upon motion Subsection 2 was deleted. The last paragraph of the section, "Annual property taxes of not more than ten (10) cents, rates specified by the rate of the land shall be exempt from taxation," was discussed with a discussion arose on which members Jones E. Jones, Eckmann and Kopal took part. The paragraph was then adopted by 7 ayes, 6 against. New sections 8 to 16 were adopted en bloc. Old section 24, now 23, in 10th line, after "appraisal" insert "are", adopted by 11 ayes, 1 against.

The Committee report was put to the vote and adopted by 11 ayes, 1 against. The Chairman then the 2nd Amendment, the first part to 3rd Amendment

Meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

On Tuesday the 5th January 1932 the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were the Chairman, members de Lugt, E. E. Francis, Prelinda, Comacio, Moorhead, R. Francis, Quetel, Hartz, Daniel and Statemann. The Government Secretary and the Government Attorney attended the meeting.

The Chairman informed the Council that pursuant to section 8 of the Rules of Business he would proceed with the second item on the Order of the Day as the first.

1— Introduction and 1st discussion on Draft Additional Appropriation to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1932.

"Department of Health." Sanitation Service (Equipment) is hereby granted the sum of Fcs. 4.750.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new truck.

The Government Secretary in few words introduced the Draft.

The Chairman declared the discussion open. A discussion ensued in which members Prelinda, Hartz, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, the Government Secretary, and another Moorhead took part. The Chairman closed the 1st discussion, the Draft passed to 2nd discussion.

The elected member de Lugt proposed that by the consent of the Council the 2nd discussion be postponed today. The proposal was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open. No one demanded the word, the Chairman closed the discussion. The Draft was ~~unanimously~~ adopted by 10 votes

2— 3rd discussion of the pending Ordinance to provide for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes upon real and personal property.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

After remarks by the Government Secretary on the principles contained in the Draft, as laid before the Council, and maintained by Government, copies of amendments proposed by Government at the 3rd discussion were distributed among the members.

The Chairman declared a recess of 10 minutes. The meeting was resumed.

The Government Secretary requested that the sections of the amendments be voted upon as they are.

A discussion ensued in which members E. E. Francis, Blakeman, Quetel, Moorhead, Comacio, the Government Secretary

and the Chairman, Lyle Jones, the Fifth Ward Councilman, Ed Chapman; the amendment failed 5 to 4 with Chapman, Jones, Jorgensen, Kay and Wilson voting aye.

Councilman Kay then moved that the meeting be adjourned to the Council Chambers at 3:15 p.m. Friday, September 18, 1970. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Friday, September 18, 1970

Present were the Chairman, Councilmen Berg, Hart, Gentile, Woodard, Cornia, Jones, Jorgensen, Kay, Town Clerk Darrel Erickson and Mayor Hall. The Chairman declared the meeting

The meeting of the Council reconvened pursuant to adjournment.

"Repeal all reference to personal property subject to taxation not over One Dollar, except the first after the word "taxation" in the 1st line and all of the words "and the property exempt from taxation in this Ordinance, personal property in the Municipality shall be taxed not to exceed one fifth of one percent of the assessed value;" adopted.

All the following to wit:

In accordance with the provisions of special notice duly given and published according to law, the consideration was given to the various ordinances relating to personal property, and no objections being made, the following ordinances were adopted, and in the words and figures following, to wit:

The ordinance amending Personal Property shall be as follows:

1. Subject land not to exceed a maximum assessment value of $45.00 an acre according to locality and fertility. adopted
2. Pasture land not to exceed a maximum assessment value of $30.00 an acre according to locality and fertility. adopted
3. Bad land not to exceed a maximum assessment value $10.00 an acre. adopted

Personal property, taxes of not more than two dollars, when accepted by the owner of the land, shall be exempt from taxation." adopted

In section 18, sub. section (a), change the word "one" in the second line to the word "three" adopted.

In sub. section (f), strike the word "furniture" in the first line, and the word "household personals and articles

the use or adornment of the home." adopted

Strike out sub-section (L) and re-letter preceeding positions.

Add as sub-section (m) "Amounts on deposit in savings accounts to a total not exceeding $1.000.", and insert the following words:

"Provided that the rights of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized." adopted

Section 62, after the word "coats" on the fourth line, change the period to a semicolon and add: "Provided that personal property exempt from judicial sale, Title III, Chapter 30 (Sec. 9) of the civil code for this municipality shall also be exempt from sale for taxes." adopted

Section 52 - strike out the words: "in advance" in line 2, and insert after the word "year," "and for the first time on or before the 30 day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty three for the calendar year 1922." adopted

The Ordinance in its amended form was put to the vote and adopted by 9 votes in favour, 3 against

The Government Secretary on behalf of the Governor thanked the Council for the ~~assistance~~ work Judicial Code been gone through; and expressed, that he ~~knows~~ by the acceptance of the Ordinance, it shows a desire of accepting all things American.

The meeting closed at 3.15 p.m.

Wade

Chairman

Secretary

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owned be taken into account.

The basis of assessment for rural property shall be as follows:

1. Cultivated land not to exceed a maximum assessed value of $16.00 an acre according to locality and fertility. adopted
2. Pasture land not to exceed a maximum assessed value of $20.00 an acre according to locality and fertility. adopted
3. Park land not to exceed a maximum assessment value of $10.00 an acre. adopted

On rural property, barns not more than two rooms, when occupied by the owner of the land, shall be exempt from taxation." adopted, 11 in favour, 1 against

In section 18, subsection (a), change the word "one" in the second line to the word "three." adopted, 12 in favour

In subsection (j), after the word "furniture" in the first line, add the words "household utensils and articles for the use or adornment of the home." adopted

Strike out subsection (l) and re-letter succeeding sections.

Add as subsection (m) "amounts not exceeding in the aggregate $1,000", and insert the following words:

"Provided that the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized." adopted

Section 62, after the word "on" in the fourth line, change the period to a semicolon and add: "Provided that personal property exempt from judicial sale, Title III. Chapter 30, (Section 9) of the civil code for the Province of Alberta, shall also be exempt from sale under distress for taxes." adopted, unanimously

Section 52 and section 54 adopted, 7 in favour, 1 against.

The Ordinance as amended was adopted by 9 votes to 1 on the 30th day of June 1913

Council closed at 3.15 p.m.

Per Thursday the 2nd February 1922 the Colonial Council for Solomon met & the following meeting in the Town Hall 1922. Present were Lieut Col Bremner, member of Legl. A.C. Small, A.D. Roberts, Esquire, E.A. Marshall, R. Travis, A. Pearl, A.E. Hunt, R. Hunt, Hanan, L.E. Solomon and A. Hazel, Secretary, Capt Black and G.E. Lyall absent at meeting.

The Chairman called the meeting for the purpose of electing by ballot a member to represent the Town of Solomon in the Legislative Council in the room of Mr. Hunt who has left the Colony for ever.

The Chairman then read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government:

"I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Governor in Council has appointed Mr. Hunt to be a member of the Legislative Council in the room of Mr. Hunt who has left the Colony for ever."

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"to make and conduct a thoro and exhaustive investigation into the persons, causes, and ills which may be impeding, obstructing, or in anywise affecting the productivity of our land."

And be it further resolved, that the said Commission, upon the foregoing investigation being held, shall transmit to the Governor, and that the Governor to this Council, a full, complete and authentic report of their finding in the premises, together with their recommendations or suggestions, if any, as to any ways or means by which the above premises may be remedied or adjusted, in whole or part."

The Chairman declared a short. recess. The meeting was resumed. A discussion ensued in which members Holst, the sely. Governmental Secretary, members Correia, de Lough, Mortimer and Hamilton took part.

A proposal by the 7th elected member, Correia was adopted by 10 votes, 1 against, one abstained from voting. The Chairman closed the discussion, The Resolution in its original form was put to the vote and adopted by 11 votes, 1 abstained from voting. The Draft passed to 3rd discussion By consent of the Council and Government the 3rd discussion was proceeded with. The Chairman declared the discussion open. No one demanded the word. The Chairman closed the discussion. The Draft was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

3 — 2nd discussion on Draft of Additional Money bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St Jan for the fiscal year 1921-1922.

For the erection of a Cistern and Waterhead at the East End of St Jan. £. 5.000

The postponement of the Draft, the 2e onemben for St Jan A. E. Smith withdrew the Draft.

4 — Election of persons to assist the Tax Commissions in assessing real estate for the years 1921.

The election resulted as follows:

For King's Quarter, H. Vanderhorcht, H.C. Mortimer
" Queen's Quarter, L.E. Hakemann, Mr. A.D'Neal

For Chairman Queen, H. A. Hunt, H. E. Corbett
" Mr Comeiro Gricket, A. H. Brodrick, J. Gorman
" Le Gros, A. E. Empriet, C. E. Thomas
Meeting closed at 4 p.m.

Thirsk
Chairman

J. de Lange
Secretary

On Tuesday the 30th March 1920 the Executive Council for Pitcairn and Le Gros held an extraordinary meeting at 2 p.m. Present were besides the Chairman members de Lange, A. E. Smith, A. H. Brodrick, C. Comeiro, G. A. Moorhead, R. Francis, A. Buffett, A. E. Hunt, Capt. E. Daniel, R. Hunt-Warren, L. E. Le Feuvre and A. Corlett, the Government Secretary, the Government Legal Adviser and Dr Rigby attended the meeting.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with:

1- Introduction of Financial Ordinance, on Draft of Estimates Moneys to be Voted for the Expenditure of Pitcairn and Le Gros for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1921.

Francs. 10.000.00. for defraying the expenses of the representatives elected by the Executive Council to go to Washington as delegates; proposed by the Elected member Comeiro

On consent of the Council and Government the Bill was proceeded with.

The Chairman declared the discussion open.

Member Comeiro introduced the Bill. Motion was moved by elected member R. Francis, the Government Secretary, members Moorhead, de Lange, Buffett, Corlett, Comeiro and Hunt took part.

A proposal by member Comeiro that the Bill be referred to a Committee of 7 was moved by adopted. The Chairman closed the discussion, the election of the Committee was proceeded with, resulting in the return of A. Corlett by 13 votes, C. Comeiro 13, G. A. Moorhead 11, A. E. Hunt 7, A. Buffett 7, R. Francis 8, C. G. Nicholas 7.

2- Election of a Committee of Management Loans to consist of 6 members of the Council, as provided for in

in the Resolution adopted in the meeting held on the 2nd February a.c.

The election was proceeded with resulting in the returns of G. A. Moorhead by 13 votes, J. H. Prahlle 11, A. Hoplet 11, L. E. Hakemann 9, R. Francis 9, K. Kund. Upon 6

3 — Question re Draft of Agreement of Trade and Langs-Taxes for the 2nd half-year of 1920, with the Committee's Report.

The Secretary read the report.

Report

Having duly considered the declarations against your Committee's Draft of Agreement of Trade and Langs-Taxes for the 2nd half-year of 1920, we beg to recommend that Alfred Newton be lowered from 2nd Class A to 3rd Class A. N.C. Peterson from 3rd Class A. to 3rd Class B. and H. Wendel from 5th Class B to 6th Class B.

Committee re Agreement of Trade and Langs-Taxes
Pretoria the 28th February 1922.

L. E. Neethling
Chairman

A. Bonnet — J. de Jongh.
L. Goosens — Cyril E. Daniel
Abram E. Smith — G. A. Moorhead.

The Draft with the Report was put to the vote and adopted by 12 votes.

The meeting closed at 4.15 p.m.

Neethling
Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

On Tuesday the 2nd April 1922 the School Committee of Eltham met in the 6th ordinary meeting of the Session 1921-1922. Present were Messrs the Chairman, members of Committee, C. E. Francis, A. E. Smith, H. E. Prebble, C. Francis, F. L. Hanham, A. Purnell, E. Kemp, C. B. Daniel and K. Rout. Mr Francis, Secretary and the Council Legal Adviser were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting, there being no Board business arising were confirmed.

The Chairman then moved for the Suspension of the Order of the Day

Order of the Day

Re Examination of Disfranchised Pupils to the Junior Free Scholarship Tenure and Defence for the year ending 30th June 1922, and the Examination Fees.

Mr. Hanham moved that the scholarship holders be allowed to defend their scholarships free of charge.

The Chairman then declared the Motion carried.

The Secretary read a letter from the Education Department relative to the Junior Free Scholarship Tenure and Defence for the year ending 30th June 1922, and the Examination Fees

The Government Secretary: Government has another matter to lay before the Council which will be necessary for the Vote for Public Welfare.

Chaplain Steele: I have been directed by the Governor to put the attention of the Council to the condition of the Por Hopare, an inspection of the premises by the Sanitary Inspector revealed in a very bad report as to its sanitary condition. It has become necessary either to close it temporarily or to have it done, the inmates to be transferred to St Croix and placed in the 'Por Fame' there

A discussion ensued in which members Queret, Knud-Hansen, H. Francis, Yarde and Lewis took part.

2- Election of persons to assist the Governor in the distribution of the interest derived from Their Majesties King Christian the IX. and Queen Louise's Golden Wedding Fund.

The election resulted in the return unopposed of members L.E. Oriol and A. Querat

3- Election of persons to assist the Governor in the distribution of the interest derived from Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince of Denmark and the Crown Princess Louise's Silver Wedding Fund.

The election resulted in the return of members E. Gerreiro and J.E. Knud.

The meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.

Minutes
Chairman

L. de Lyght
Secretary

On Saturday the 29th April 1922. the Bilonial Council for Eldoret and Lessos held an adjourning meeting at the Boardroom the Chairman, members J. de Jongh, A. E. Smith, A. H. Prebble, E. A. Hooke, E. H. Payne, R. Francis, A. Grant, A. E. Kenly, C. E. Orr, R. Knud-Hansen and A. Watt. The Government Secretary and the Legal Aide attended the meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting open.

Government's letter of the 27th inst. was read.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with

Election of Officers in accordance with Notification of 22nd April 1922.

After a few remarks by members Knud-Hansen, R. Francis and Mr Payne, the election was proceeded with, resulting in the return of Messrs J. Christiansen and C. Bowers. by 2 votes respectively.

The meeting closed at 3 p.m.

Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

On Thursday, the 8th June 1.922 at 2 p.m. the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John held its Seventh Ordinary Meeting in its session 1921-1922.

Present were, besides the Chairman, members de Jongh, Smith, Boschulte, Corneiro, Moorhead, Payne, R. Francis, Burnet, Huntz, Knud-Hansen and Stakemann. The Government Secretary J. J. Gaffney attended the meeting..

The Minutes of the Meetings held the 20th and 29th April 1922 were read and adopted.

The Chairman mentioned the recent death of Judge Wellejus a former Chairman of the Council.

The first elected member J. E. Huntz moved that a Committee of five be elected to draft a Resolution in memory of Judge Wellejus. The Motion was carried unanimously and elected were - Corneiro, Burnet, Knud-Hansen, Moorhead, Smith and Huntz.

The 7th elected member Corneiro as speaker of the Com. now offered the Resolution, which reads as follows:-

Resolution

Whereas the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John has learned with deep regret of the demise of Judge P. S. M. Wellejus. and

Whereas said Judge Wellejus served in this Council during a period of Six years both as Chairman and Member thereof; and

Whereas the zeal and activity displayed by him during his term of service in the Council both as member and chairman was such as to merit the highest esteem of his colleagues and are examplary of a true spirit to serve the public interests; the invaluable afsistance voluntarily rendered by him to the various Committees tending always to facilitate and expedite the work of the Council.

Be it therefore resolved that this Council should express, and hereby expresses its sincerest condolence to the widow of Judge Wellejus, and Be it further resolved that this resolution be spread on the minutes of this meeting, and a copy thereof duly authenticated be forwarded to Widow Wellejus.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Government Secretary read a Statement from the Government as follows:-

"The attention of the Insular Government having been drawn to the fact that there seems to exist certain propaganda having as its object the ultimate annexation of the Virgin Islands to Porto Rico, and since this propaganda has been given undue weight in some quarters owing to the fact that officials of the legislative branches of the Insular Government are involved, the Government desires to go on record as having no part, whatsoever, in any such propaganda; and so far as the Government is able to learn neither the President of the United States, his Cabinet nor the Congress of the United States have had any such plan of annexation under consideration.

As this is a matter which vitally affects all of the people of the Virgin Islands, it is one that should be bereft of all secrecy. The people of the Virgin Islands are a free people under the American Flag and they may not be lightly bartered in the furtherance of any private, agricultural, commercial or political interests.

In the absence of any expressed desire on the part of the majority of the people of the Virgin Islands this Government is opposed to such annexation as it does not believe that it will be in any way beneficial or advantageous to the people of the islands.

Full information concerning this propaganda has been forwarded to the President of the United States by the Insular Government."

The Chairman (Thiele) requested the Government Secretary to state whether or not the rumours of the intended union with Porto Rico have not for some time been known to the Government. The Government Secretary replied that with the exception of some rumours he heard some time ago in St Croix, rumours of such union had never reached the Government until after the "Viper's return from Pto Rico.

The Chairman (Thiele) further remarked that about a month and a half ago he heard from a source he believed reliable, that the union of Pto Rico and St Thomas had been mentioned in Washington by several persons of importance, such as Judge Towner and the Secretary of War. Member Thiele hoped in the near future to be able to prove the existence of the rumours either by Newspaper or otherwise. He would ask if the Government Secretary had -

heard of such rumours. The Government Secretary replied in the negative. Member Thiele remarked that in a recent conversation he had had with the Government Secretary, he understood from what the Government Secretary said, that the Secretary was aware of the existence of these rumours.

The Government Secretary answered " Our recollections differ ". I have never heard any such rumours before, except in St Croix.

The Order of the day was then proceeded with:-

1.— Election of the Council's Officials, members of the Municipal Committee, and of the several commissions.

were elected:

Chairman		C. G. Thiele
Vice-Chairman		J. E. Kuntz
Secretaries		Aug Burnet . John de Jongh
Municipal Committee	{	C. Correiro, Aug Burnet, G. A. Moorhead, C. E. Francis, Dr K. Knud-Hansen
Trade and Lamp Tax Committee	{	John de Jongh, J. E. Kuntz, A. E. Smith, L. E. Stakemann, Rostchild Francis
Electoral Board		
Town		Aug Burnet
Country		J. H. Boschulte
St John		C. E. Francis
Public Cemeteries		G. A. Moorhead, A. E. Smith
Educational Board	{	Aug Burnet
Review	{	
Library Commission		O. S. Kean
~~Department of Health~~	{	~~Dr K. Knud-Hansen, Aug Burnet,~~
~~Committee~~	{	~~J. E. Kuntz, G. A. Moorhead,~~
	{	~~Rostchild Francis~~

2.— (Item 7 on the printed form)
Election of a member for the Library Commission vice Mr. O.S. Kean whose term of service expired on the 20th inst.

The election resulted in the return of O. S. Kean

3.— (The Supplementary order of the day).
Election of a member for the St Thomas Harbour Board for a period of 6 years, vice Mr. C. V. LaBeet, whose service expired on

the 6th April a.c.

Mr. Aug Burnet was elected.

4.— (Item 2 on the printed Order of the day):
Introduction of and first discussion on Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year from 1st July 1922 to 30th June 1923

The Government Secretary introduced the Budget. The 2nd elected member Aug Burnet recommended that the Budget be referred to the Municipal Committee and that no further action be taken by the Council until the committee's report be received.

After a few remarks by the Government Secretary and the 2nd elected member Aug Burnet concerning the Municipal Committee and its duties; and after a few further remarks by the 7th elected member C. Corneiro, and the 2nd elected member Aug Burnet, the Government Secretary and the 3rd appointed member Dr K. Knud-Hansen concerning the budget in general, the Budget was sent to the Municipal Committee for report.

5.— (Item 3 on the printed Order of the day)
Introduction of and first discussion on Draft of Ordinance, entitled "Organization of Laws pertaining to the Department of Health" proposed by Government.

The Government Secretary introduced the draft. The draft was referred to a com. of five, as members of which were elected Dr. K. Knud-Hansen Aug Burnet, J.E. Kuntz, G.A. Moorhead, and Rothschild Francis.

6.— (Item 4 on the printed Order of the day)
Introduction of and first discussion on Draf of Ordinance for the protection of wild Birds and Deer; proposed by Government.

The Government Secretary introduced the Draf After remarks from the 3rd appointed member Dr. K. Knud-Hansen, the 3rd elected member de Jongh the 2nd Appointed Member Aug Burnet, the member for the Country District J.H. Boschulte, the 7th elected member C. Corneiro, the 2nd Appointed Member L.E. Stakemann, the 4th elected member Rothschild Francis; the matter was referred to a committee of five, as members of which were elected-

H. Knud-Hansen, C. G. Thiele, J. de Jongh, Rothschild Francis; and G. A. Moorhead.

7.— (Item 5 on the printed Order of the day) Introduction of and first discussion on Draft of Amendment to the Police Regulations for St Thomas, paragraph 7, Chapter VI Section 34; proposed by Government.

The Government Secretary introduced the draft. After remarks from the 8th elected member G. A. Moorhead, the 2nd elected member ~~Hugo Burnett~~ the Government Secretary, and the 2nd member for St John; A. E. Smith; the draft was sent to second discussion.

The 3rd Appointed Member Dr. H. Knud-Hansen left the meeting.

8.— (Item 6 on the printed Order of the day) Introduction of and first discussion on Draft of Ordinance to alter and amend the age qualification for voting required by law; proposed by the 4th elected member Rothschild Francis.

The 4th elected member Rothschild Francis introduced the draft.

After a short remark by the 7th elected member C. Correiro who moved that the draft be sent to a Committee and after remarks by the first elected Member J. E. Kuntz, and the 2nd elected member Aug. Bunnet, the Government Secretary announced that it is the intention of the Government to offer certain amendments, and he delivered the Chairman (Thiele), copies for distribution to the members.

The amendments the Government intend to propose read as follows:—

Provided that as a condition precedent to registration, all persons shall pay to the Municipal Treasury a poll tax of two dollars per annum, such payment to be made on or before the first day of July in each year;

And Provided that the franchise is hereby extended to women under the same conditions are now applicable to men;

And Provided further that no insane person, pauper, person convicted of a felony, illiterate, or those receiving pensions from the local or any foreign

Government shall be eligible to vote or hold office.

A committee of five was then elected consisting of Members Rothschild Francis, Aug Burnet, C. Corneiro, J. E. Kuntz and L. E. Stakemann.

The Meeting was then closed at 5 P.M.

St Thomas, V.I. US, the 8th June 1922.

Thiele
Chairman

J. de Jongh
Secretary

At an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John, held on Friday the 23rd June 1922 at 2 P.M, were present: Members Thiele, DeJongh, C. Francis, Smith, Boschulte, Moorhead, Corneiro, Payne, R. Francis, Burnet, Kuntz, Stakemann, and Government Secretary Gaffney.

Before proceeding with the order of the day the Chairman mentioned the recent death of Mr. Hans Behagen, the Afsistant Secretary of the Council, and of Mr. James C. Roberts forme member and Chairman of the Council.

The members rose from their seats in honor of the memory of said two gentlemen.

The Chairman then remarked that owing to the death of Mr Roberts the meeting called for yesterday had been postponed until today with the consent of the Government, and after due notice to the members.

The order of the day was then proceeded with.

Item I — Government's letter of the 12th June 1922

The Government Secretary made a short remark regarding the importance of finishing old busineſs as fa as poſible and particularly the Budget.

Item II — Continuation of the first discuſsion o

Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year from the 1st July 1922 to 30th June 1923, with the Municipal's Committee's Report.

The Chairman remarked that he has only now been informed that no copies of the Municipal Committee's report have been distributed to the members, as said report was very short he suggested that the Chairman of the Municipal Committee read the report to the members and that the discussion be proceeded with according to the order of the day.

The Chairman's suggestion was adopted.

The 2nd elected member Aug F Burnet read the Committee's report and made a few short comments on same. The 7th elected member Corneiro recommended the draft of Budget as amended by the report, to be adopted by the Council; he emphasized the great importance of the intended education in agriculture.

The Government Secretary could accept the Budget as amended by the Municipal Committee, but wanted to say that in his opinion the Telephone Co. and its accounts should not be a part of the Budget.

The surplus of said Company, if any, is of course paid into the Municipal Treasury but the discussion in the Council of the Ordinance authorizing the Government to buy the Telephone plant shows clearly that it was intended to keep the Telephone Co. as an Institution of its own.

The 7th elected member Corneiro admitted that the Telephone Co. is a self dependent Institution, but nevertheless it is the property of the Municipality, and its accounts should be a part of the Budget, like the accounts of all other Municipal Institutions.

The 1st elected member J.E.Lintz agreed with Corneiro.

The 2nd Appointed member L. E. Stakemann remarked that there figures on the Budget the amount of F2,000.— to be distributed to the poor in St John, he asked to be informed how and by whom is the money distributed.

The Government Secretary explained that as far as he knows the money is distributed by the Despatching Secretary in St John.

The 2nd Appointed member Stakemann would suggest that two citizens of St John be elected to assist

the Despatching Secretary in St John the distribution ~~The 2nd Appointed member Stakemann would suggest~~ of the money. The Government Secretary promised that the matter would be investigated by the Government.

The 1st elected member for St John Francis spoke about the amount allowed for transportation of the sick poor from St John to St Thomas - $40.- is too small.

The 2nd elected member Burnet asked if the member for St John knows the amount spent last year for this purpose.

The 1st ~~Appointed~~ elected Member for St John did not know the exact amount but he was certain that the expenses were much more than $40.-

The Government Secretary remarked that it should not be forgotten that only poor persons are transported at public expense. The expenses last year did only amount to about $15.-

The 1st elected member for St John requested information regarding the amount allowed for the electoral Board.

The 2nd elected member Burnet explained that the amount is to be spent for printing, traveling, advertising, stationery etc. The expenses will not be different from former years' expenses, the only difference is that these expenses formerly used to be paid from the money allowed the Colonial Council, whilst they now appear on the Budget as a special item.

The 1st elected member for St John Francis still did not understand; he wanted to know if it is intended that members of the Electoral Board will be paid for attending the meetings of the Board.

He also requested information regarding the amount allowed the Public Works Department for the pump and cistern in East End.

The Government Secretary explained that if a member of the Electoral Board is requested to travel for instance from St John to St Thomas, his traveling expenses would be paid from the money allowed the Electoral Board.

With regard to the cistern in the East End of St John, the Government Secretary remarked that the history of the cistern should be well known from recent discussion in the Council. The money now budgetted will be spent for putting a pu-

on the cistern and for some minor repairs of it.

The 1st elected member for St John Francis and the 2nd elected member for St John Smith exchanged a few remarks regarding the cistern.

The 2nd Appointed member Stakemann requested information regarding the amount allowed the Police Department in St John for horse keeping and particularly if the Department owns any horses.

The Government Secretary did not believe that the Police Department in St John owned any horses, but he is not prepared just now to give any further information.

The 4th elected member R. Francis requested information regarding the amount allowed to the Public Welfare Department. He was not in favour of having any Minister of the Church in charge of the Public Library which should be open to all, regardless as to what Church they belonged to.

The Government Secretary explained that the amount budgetted Fcs 8.000.- will all be spent for the Public Library - salaries for the librarians, buying of books, subscriptions to periodicals etc.

The 4th elected member R. Francis, thanked the Government Secretary for the information given.

The Government Secretary said that he has now been informed by the Accounting Department, that the Police Department in St John is allowed the use of one horse.

The 2nd Appointed member Stakemann enquired if the horse is the property of the Police Department.

The Government Secretary could not tell but would investigate.

A few further remarks were made by the 2nd Appointed member Stakemann, and the 2nd elected member Bunet regarding traveling expenses in St John and the Government Secretary stated that since Dr. Perre's illness the Navy has sent a motor boat every Wednesday to Coral Bay and Cruz Bay with a Naval Doctor, without any expense to the Municipality.

The 1st elected member Hunte recommended that the Budget be adopted, and the 2nd ~~elected~~ appointed member Stakemann seconded the motion. The first discussion was closed. With the consent of the Government and the Council the second discussion

was declared open; and as no one desired to make any further remarks the Committee's report was put to the vote and adopted unanimously. The Budget as amended by the report was then put to the vote and adopted by all votes.

Item III Second discussion on Draft of Amendment to the Police Regulations for St Thomas, paragraph 7, Chapter VI, Section 34.

The Government Secretary recommended the draft for adoption.

The member for the Country District Boschulte, and the 2nd Appointed member Stakemann were oposed to the amendment. The Chairman asked the Government Secretary to inform the members how many dogs have been impounded since the beginning of the year.

The Government Secretary was unable to give the information.

After remarks by the 4th elected member R. Francis, the 5th elected member Payne, the 8th elected member Moorhead, the 2nd elected member Burnet and the 2nd Appointed member Stakemann, the Chairman took the vote as to whether or not the draft should go to the third discussion, with the result that three members voted for, and nine members against sending the draft to the third discussion.

Item IV Introduction of Executive Orders Nos 17 and 22 for finial ratification or amendment, in conformity with Section 28, Title I, Chapter I of the Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

The Government Secretary recommended the Executive Orders for final ratification.

The 7th elected member Corneiro found several of the fees too high, particularly the fees for Police Court cases. He suggested certain amendments.

The Government Secretary was in favour of reducing the fees mentioned by the 7th elected member Corneiro. After remarks by the 4th elected member R. Francis, the 1st elected member J.E. Kuntz, the 2nd appointed member Stakemann, and the Chairman Thiele; the 7th elected member Corneiro proposed the following amendments to Executive Ord No 17 -

"Fees for Sheriff."

The fee for serving Summons to be reduced fro-

Fcs 5.- to Fcs 2.50, and the fee for serving garnishee summons from Fcs 5. to Fcs 2.50.

The said amendments were put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 7th elected member Correiro further proposed the following amendments -

Miscellaneous Fees:

Keeping jurors per day (meals) Fcs 3.- to be changed to Fcs. 5,
" " night (lodging) Fcs 3.- " " Fcs 5,
Jury Commission per day Fcs 10.- " " Fcs 15.
Fee for Court Reporter for copies; Fc 1 for each hundred words or part thereof to be changed to Fc 0.50 for each hundred words or part thereof.

For certified copies public records Fc 1. for each additional hundred words or part thereof to be changed to F 0.50 for each additional hundred words or part thereof.

When record is in foreign language Fc 2.- for each additional hundred words or part thereof to be changed to Fc 1. for each additional hundred words or part thereof.

The 2nd elected member Burnet offered an amendment to the effect that the item, appraiser per day Fcs 15. go out; the amendments offered by the ~~2nd~~ 7th elected member Correiro, and the 2nd elected member Burnet were put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 7th elected member Correiro further proposed the following amendment -

"Police Court Fees":

Filing Complaint up to Fcs. 25 - Fcs 2.-, to read: Filing Complaint up to Fcs 50.- Fc 0.-, and
Filing Complaint above Fcs. 25 - Fcs 4., to read: Filing Complaint above Fcs 50.- Fcs 4.-

Certified Copy of any record Fc 1 for each additional hundred words or part thereof to be changed to Fcs 0.50 for each additional hundred words or part thereof.

The amendments were put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

The 7th elected member Correiro further proposed the following amendments

"Fees for Recording and Cancellations"

1) Recording of Deeds, Mortgages, Contracts etc. to

to be changed as follows –

of sums up to	Fcs 2.000.– inclusive	Fcs. 5 ,
Over	Fcs 2.000.– to Fcs 3.000.–	–10 ,
Over	Fcs 3.000.– to Fcs 5.000.–	–15 ,
Over	Fcs 5.000.– to Fcs 10.000.–	–20 ,
Over	Fcs 10.000.– to Fcs 15.000.–	–25

The remainder of the paragraph to remain unchanged.

3) Fcs. 3. to be changed to Fcs 2.–, and Fcs 4.– to be changed to Fcs 3.–

4) Fcs 3 to be changed to Fcs 2.–, and Fcs 4.– to be changed to Fcs 3.– .

The amendments were put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Executive Order No. 17 as now amended and Executive Order No. 22 were then put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

Item V. Election of a representative in accordance with Additional Money Bill of 22nd April 1922, vice Dr. V.A. Christensen.

The Chairman read a letter dated 22 June 1922 from Dr. V.A. Christensen. The Chairman remarked that he had received certain letters from groups of different citizens recommending the election of a certain citizen of St Thomas and requesting him to read said letters in the meeting of the Council today. The Chairman however did not consider the reading by the chairman of such letters to be in conformity with the rules of business. The letters are at the disposal of any member who wishes to bring them before the Council. The 4th elected member R. Francis asked to have the letters which were thereupon given him, and he thereupon read a letter sent by the American Federation of Labor in St Thomas and a letter referring to a Mass Meeting held last Wednesday in St Thomas, both letters demanding the election of Mr. Adolph Sixto as a Delegate. Member Francis strongly recommended the election of Mr. Sixto, which election, in his opinion, would be in accordance with the wishes of by far the largest part of the people in St Thomas.

The 3rd elected member de Jongh also recommended the election of Mr. Sixto.

The 7th elected member Correiro enquired if

word "people" as used by the 4th elected member R. Francis included the members of the Labour Union in St Thomas.

After a short remark by the 4th elected member R. Francis the Council proceeded to vote for a Delegate, the result of the voting being that Mr. G. A. Moorhead received nine votes, Mr A. Sisco two votes, and one voting ticket was blank.

The Chairman declared the 8th elected member G.A. Moorhead elected a Delegate.

Item VI. Draft of an Ordinance to amend Title II, Chapter 35 of the Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands of the United States of America. (Proposed by Government).

Draft of an Ordinance to amend Title I, Chapter 2, of the Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands of the United States of America. (Proposed by Government).

The Chairman remarked that the drafts were not received by him until Monday morning last and it had proven impossible to have copies printed and distributed to the members. He asked the consent of the Council to open first discussion. The Consent was given. The Secretary DeJongh thereupon read the drafts aloud to the members. The Government Secretary recommended the drafts to be adopted. The 7th elected member Correiro approved of the drafts. The 2nd elected member Burnet also approved of the drafts and moved that a committee of three be appointed to report on the drafts. The motion was put to the vote and carried, all voting in favour. As members of the committee were thereupon elected — J. E. Lantz, A. Burnet, and R. Francis. The 1st discussion was closed.

Item VII. Resolution granting a sum not to exceed ₣300.- to defray the funeral eschenses of the late Mrs Hans Behagen, proposed by the 7th elected member Correiro.

The Chairman stated that as all the members were aware this resolution has been drafted only day before yesterday and too late to have it placed on the Order of the Day in the regular way. The Chairman knew that all the members were desirous of having the resolution discussed and adopted today, but

he would ask the Government Secretary if the Government Secretary had any objection to this procedure.

The Government Secretary was heartily in favour of the resolution being adopted today, and with the Council mourns the loss of the Afsistant.

The 7th elected member Corneiro thereupon introduced the Resolution, which reads as follows:-

Whereas: Mr. Hans Behagen, the Afsistant of this Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was suddenly called to the Higher Life on the 18th inst; and

Whereas: said Mr Behagen had for a long period of twenty-seven years filled the mentioned position of Afsistant to the entire satisfaction of the members of the Colonial Council, it being the traditional custom of the various Chairmen to recommend him to their succesors, for his afsiduity, and of the members to refer to his affable inmanners as well as to his knowledge of the rules and procedure of this Council:

Therefore, in consideration of the long, faithful and efficient services thus rendered, the Council feels that some tangible recognition thereof should be given, and

Be it resolved: that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Francs be and is hereby appropriated to defray the funeral expenses of said Mr Behagen, and that this Resolution as a tribute to the memory of the deceased be spread on the Minutes of this Council.

The first discufsion was closed; the second discufsion opened and the resolution adopted with all votes.

Item VIII. Draft of an Ordinance to appeal and re-inact Sec V of Chapter I, Title I of Ordinance pafsed by the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John on 8th December 1921 and sanctioned and approved on 20th December 1921. (Proposed by Government.

The Chairman stated that he had received a copy of above draft just at the beginning of the meeting and that copies also had been distributed to the members. He was informed by the Government that it is considered important to have this draft before the Council as early as pofsible, he would ask the consent of the members to begin the first discufsion today.

The consent was given.

The Government Secretary introducing the Ordina

read a statement from the Governor as follows:-

Mr Chairman and Members of the Council:

The Governor has asked me to read the following message:

Last year not long after the inauguration of the Governor, a delegation of local lawyers called upon him and urged the desirability of having one district judge in the Virgin Islands instead of two, and suggesting the appointment of two commissioners, one for St Thomas and St John and one for St Croix empowered to perform certain functions in the absence of the district judges. As the delegation assured the Governor that this would add to the efficiency of the judiciary and at the same time effect an economy of public funds, the Governor consented to the proposed measure and it was finally passed and became the law.

Lately there has been a reaction from this view on the part of some of the bar and the Governor has been petitioned to exert his influence to restore the additional judge. It has been represented to the Governor that the administration of justice will be greatly accelerated by the appointment of a second judge so that there will be one judge in St Thomas, and one judge of the District Court in St Croix. The Governor desires that the judiciary shall be the most efficient possible but he is unwilling that the cost of running the judiciary shall be in anyway increased. In order that there should be no increase it has been proposed that the District Judge in St Croix shall also preside over the police court of Christiansted and that the District Judge in ~~St Croix~~ St Thomas shall preside over the Police court of St Thomas, thus doing away with the two offices of police magistrate. If this is done extra escpense will be avoided.

The 7th elected member Corneiro moved that a committee of five be elected to report on the draft; the mohon was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The election of a committee was then proceeded with, and gave the following result. Burnet received 10 votes, Hunt 9, Stakeman 8, Corneiro 7, R. Francis 5 and Thiele 5.

As there was a tie in the vote for the fifth member, a new vote was ordered between Francis and

Thiele, which resulted in the election of Thiele with 11 votes.
The 1st discussion was kept open until the report of the Committee is received.
The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.
St Thomas V.I. the 23rd June 1922

Thiele
Chairman

L. A. Jough
Secretary

The Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan held an Ordinary Meeting, the first in the Session 1922-1923, on the 17th August 1922, at 2 p.m.

The Ordinary meeting scheduled for the 3rd. August a.c. having with the consent of Government been postponed to this day.

Were present: Membels Thiele (Chairman), L. E. Stakemann, Dr. K. Knud-Hansen, J. E. Kuntz, Rothschild Francis, C. Correiro, Geo. A. Moorehead, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith, and John de Jongh. The Government Secretary (Jaffrey) attended also.

The Chairman declared the meeting open and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the two last meetings.

The Minutes of the meeting held the 8th June 1922 were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the meeting held the 23rd June were read and confirmed.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet) entered after the reading of the minutes of the 8 June

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann) said that in reference to the suggestion made by him at the meeting of the 23rd June a.c. that two citizens of St Jan be elected to assist the Despatching Secretary in the distribution of the assistance to the Poor; he would inform the Council that he had received information that the Government had appointed Reverend Geo. Penn and Mr Carl E. Fra

Regarding the enquiry made at the same meeting about the money budgetted for horse-keeping, and if the Department owned a horse; he had been subsequently informed that the Department did own a horse, it has however since died.

The Chairman (Thiele). We welcome the two Delegates heartily on their return. We have seen the splendid Memorial delivered President Harding; and I am sure we are all anxious to hear Mr. Corneiro's Report before proceeding with the Order of the Day.

The 7th elected member (Corneiro). I heartily accept the welcome, and I take much pleasure in submitting a report which I will make as concise as posible.

He explained, one by one, the conferences held with numerous heads of departments and other prominent people, beginning from the interview with Senator Calder, of New York, who expressed much sympathy with our cause, and promised afsistance at the opportune moment. He told of the call at the Navy Department, where Afsistant Secretary Roosevelt distinctly stated that the only interest of that Department was in the detailing of naval officers for civil duties in the islands. The Delegation was referred to the State Department. The conference at the State Department was lengthy, the Delegates going into every detail of conditions in their little country; numerous questions being asked by the officials and satisfactorily answered by our representatives. Through the courtesy of the State Department, interviews were arranged with other departments and prominent people, and the delegates dedicated their entire time in the National Capital in calling wherever they thought some interest would be taken in the islands.

At the White House, the delegates were cordially received first by the President's Secretary, Mr. George B. Christian Jr. who listened very attentively to their statements, made certain inquiries and promised to take the matter up with Mr. Harding; and later on, the genial secretary introduced the three delegates Moorehead, Sixto and himself to the President, who gave them a five minutes' audience.

The President stated that the islands would be given due consideration, but it was impofsible to do so at once, owing to the various problems at

present confronting the nation; nevertheless, the delegation should submit in writing the most urgent matters, which would be given his earliest attention.

At the office of the U. S. Shipping Board, the matter of the Coastwise Laws was discussed, the outcome being that the Shipping Board had no interest in having these laws applied to the islands.

Quarantine Regulations believed to be detrimental to the ports activities were taken up with Surgeon General Cummings, of the U. S. Public Health Service. Mr. Cummings explained that he had been giving the matter some study, that the law was uniform throughout the nation, nevertheless the most liberal interpretation possible would be given in its application to St Thomas, as it was not the intention of his department to do anything to ruin the port.

The Director of Prohibition, Mr. Haynes and the President of the Anti-Saloon league were also visited, and the disastrous effects of prohibition placed before them. But as Prohibition people are only bent on carrying out the law, regardless of its consequences, no aid can be expected from such quarters.

Matters connected with the Custom House were gone over with at the Treasury Department; and at the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education, the question of scholarships for meritorious students was discussed at length with the official in charge; the same subject was also dealt with during a conference held at Howard University at which Dr Emmett Scott, the Director, and Revd Dr. Wiseman were present. There is much probability that scholarships for native students will be available in the near future.

At the Department of Agriculture, the land question in its varied phases was brought up. It was pointed out to the delegates that the department has repeatedly insisted on a larger Congressional appropriation for the succesful carrying out of the work in all the islands, the amount hitherto granted being barely sufficient for the needs of St. Croix, where it had been spent. Willingness was expressed to do something for St Thomas and St John, provided the means was forthcoming.

Continuing the 7th elected member (Correiro) read a Copy of the Memorandum forwarded by the Sc

-gates to the President of the United States. He stated how the island had won the sympathy of the people and prefs. of Washington; how the delegates had spared no personal sacrifice to place the needs of the community before the nation, and concluded with the following deductions:—

That the islands are entirely unknown to the people of the United States; even in administrative circles, there being very few who are aware of their location and conditions; that the local government is entirely dependent of the personal disposition of the governor, who is responsible to the President only, and the national Executive has no time to attend to matters of so little importance as affairs of the Virgin Islands; that while it is conceded that something should be done for the island, no official or department seems willing to undertake the task, or assume any responsibility; nevertheless there seems to be a tendency to request Representative Towner, Chairman of the Bureau of Insular Affairs to investigate our conditions and report thereon. The speaker recommended that the work started by the Delegates be kept up, as we could hardly expect anyone to help us, if we did not try to help ourselves.

The 8th elected member (Moorehead) rose to endorse the Report of the 7th. elected member (Corneiro). He said: I corroborate the Report in its entirety. I am convinced that the members composing the Delegation, including Mr. Sixto should have equal praise. We did the work harmoniously. I think we should also emphasize the fact that the President promised us an Organic Act, and we may expect that Congress at its very first meeting will act on it.

The 2nd. appointed member (Stakemann). It has been very interesting to listen to the graphic description of the two last speakers, but also distressing. We appreciate the up-hill work that has been done and hope some good will come of it if we keep it up. It appears we have been living in a fool's paradise thinking that somebody was interested in us. From what has been told us, not one man there knows anything about us. The outlook is gloomy. We have had National Laws and Prohibition forced upon us, and nothing has been given us to replace or make up for the loss we have sustained.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis) I have also listened

attentively to the chairman of the delegation (Corneiro) and the 8th elected member (Moorehead). I understood the latter as saying that the principal thing to do was to link ourselves to some Society or political party on the mainland. But we must have a civil Government before we can send a representative.

The 8th elected member Moorehead. I maintain that we have a civil government administered by gentlemen of the Navy. And my contention is borne out by the fact that in Washington the Afsistant Secretary of the Navy (Mr. Roosevelt) told us that plainly when he said the islands were not under his department. The only interest his dept had in the V.I. was in the officers there administering the Government.

The 4th elected member R. Francis. I maintain that we have not got a Civil Government. The 8th elected member can think as he likes.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The 8th elected member (Moorehead) is right. We would like to hear from the 4th elected member (R. Francis) what constitutes a civil government.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). Before the transfer we had a civil government, but not now. I am not prepared to give a fuller answer now, but will do so at another time.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). These are words, but not an answer. Any man present here could be appointed a governor of the V. I.

The 1st elected member (Hunte). I move that we present a vote of thanks to the delegates for the good work they have done.

The members rose from their seats.

A recess was declared.

The 2nd elected member for St Jan (Smith) left the meeting.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Item I

Discussion on Draft of Afsefsment of Trade and Lamps Taxes for the 1st half year 1921 with the Committee's Report.

The doors were closed.

The Secretary read the report, which on being put to the vote was adopted unanimously.

The doors were opened.

Item II

2nd ~~Defs~~ Discussion on Draft of Ordinance for the protection of Wild Birds and Deer.

The Chairman of this Com (Knud Hansen) read the Report, and explained the proposed changes.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). I object that "sparrow" be placed in class "A". They destroy more grapes and mangoes than a man can eat.

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I attack the part of the penalty. A maximum fine of $5. is quite sufficient. I will not vote for any large fines. This is a poor community. Heavy fines are not punishments – they will simply ruin people.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). In clap "A" I see they have placed parrots. Why?

The 3rd appointed member (Knud Hansen). The sparrow mentioned is the W.I. sparrow. I did not know it did so much harm. This Ordinance is for Wild birds, and the parrot you may have in a cage is not covered by it.

The 8th Elected member (Moorehead). I also quite agree with the 2nd appointed member (Stakemann) about the matter of fines. $5. should be the maximum.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). I beg to say that yellow breasts are just as destructive as sparrows. If the agoutis and iguanas are not of any good, then it does not matter if they be destroyed.

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I am not acquainted with the habits of the agoutis. I think it is used as food – in such a case it should be protected.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). All these birds are here for a purpose. They destroy insects also. The agouti is good for food.

The 1st elected member (Kuntz). I support member Stakemann in the matter of the agouti. I see that "ground dove" has been removed from "B" to "A".

The member for the Country District (Boschulte). I notice that the "Chinchirri" have been omitted. They are very destructive to bees. The thrush and yellow breast attacks bananas, grapes, etc. The fines should not be higher than $5.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). Section 5 says: "Any person who at any time knowingly or wilfully collects turtle eggs, or knowingly or wilfully exposes or offers for sale or purchases such egg or eggs collected shall be guilty of a misdemeanor". What about our Traders from Tortola?

They have been accustomed for years to bring these eggs for sale here.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). I think that these people ought to know, and will learn about the Ordinance in time.

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I think the last speaker correct. And as the chairman of this committee informed us in presenting his Report that he had requested our Government to get in touch with the Government of the British Virgin Islands so that the legislation on this matter should accord — the islands being so near, I think there will be no difficulty here.

The 1st elected member (Kuntz). I think it will really help. The fishermen will gain more in the long run.

A recess of five minutes followed, after which the 2nd elected member (Burnett) proposed the following addition to Section I — Provided, however, that the owners and tenants of apiaries and fruit gardens, and the agents of such owners and tenants may kill yellow-breasts, sparrows, chinchirri, and thrushes when destructive to their bees or crops.

This proposal was put to the vote and carried, there being only one vote against — de Jongh.

The 1st elected member (Kuntz). I propose that "ground dove" be allowed to remain in Clas "B".

This was carried — 8 in favour.

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I propose that the maximum fine be $5.—.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I think this will be enacting a law with one wing. $5. will not deter law breakers.

The Chairman (Thiele). I am in harmony with the Government Secretary. I think we may place it $10.—

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) $15.—

The 2nd Appointed member (Stakemann). I think the Ordinance fine, but I have to object to $25.— I will not vote for a higher sum than $5.—.

The 2nd elected member (Burnett). I am not in favour of a higher fine than $5.— Boys are going to be the chief transgressors. And I am apprehensive that when many cases are brought before the judge, he is going to decide to make an example, and then some poor person in default of paying $25.— is going to jail.

because his boy killed a few birds.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I have listened to all the remarks. The Government is going to teach the boys— before they reach the age of 12 years to respect and love bird life.
The 2nd elected member (Burnet). I beg to differ with the last hon. speaker. Boys will always be aggresive to birds as long as they are boys.
The 2nd. appointed member (Stakemann). I propose that the maximum fine be placed at $5.—
The 2nd appointed member (Burnet) seconded; and the amendment on being put to the vote was carried, six being in favour.

The Committee's Report as amended was put to the vote, and carried.—7 in favour.

The Ordinance as amended was pafed to the third discufsion by seven (7) votes.

Item III

Report from the Commifsion on the Resolution before the Council for the renaming of the Streets of the town of St Thomas.

The Chairman of the Commifsion (Knud Hansen) in presenting the Report recommended its adoption by the Council, in the following words—

It is the opinion of the committee of which I have the honour to be chairman that a re-naming of the streets of this town is much needed, as the present names never will form an easy and natural part of our daily life. The list of names we hereby have the honour to present to the Council is the result of a careful attention to the voice of the town. We have, from the very first beginning, made it the point to make it pofible for our fellow townsmen to follow the progrefs of our work, and we have loyally paid attention to the suggestions offered.

Our working basis has been:

1) to use as many of the people's own street names as pofible;
2) to pay hommage to men and women who worked here and became dear to all who love this poor little beautiful island, and
3) last but not least, to honour in our own little way, good and true men from our new Fatherland.

With regard to the technical part of the work,

I shall just mention that in most cases we have avoided dividing streets in twos and threes, each bit with a separate name. It is, for instance, evident to us that the main thoroughfare from the cemetery in the west to Bluebeard Hill in the east ought to have one name, covering the whole stretch. You will here and there find the term "terrace" used, indicating that a flight of stairs form an essential and natural part of said "street".

Our work was naturally bounded by the town limits, but we have found it our duty to suggest that the country district known as "Hospitals ground" be incorporated into the town, its streets named and its houses re-numbered. As it is now, it forms a bewildering chaos. We beg to prohose the name "Oman Square" for this new suburb.

I shall not dilate upon the different names proposed through us, but this I want to say that just as becoming as it is to give the name "Pollock Landing" to the place where the new era landed in the gallant and heart-winning person of Captain Pollock, so also is it becoming to name the street leading from the town towards that landing "Dannebrog Street", in memory of the white cross on the blood-warm ground. And is it not a beautiful idea to name the little garden south of "1829" - "Sacré Coeur Garden" in memory of the work of the wise and wonderful Mother Calista and the other sisters of Sacré Coeur?

Hon. Members, we beg to recommend the street names as you find them in our Report.

The 5th elected member (Moorehead). I think there should be a street by the name of Dr. Knud-Hansen. I propose "Dr Knud Hansen Lane" instead of "Bleyden lane", and that another street be given Dr Bleyden's name.

The 3rd appointed member (Dr Knud-Hansen). As a citizen of this town I am grateful, but as chairman of the Com. I must say that we decided not to give the name of any person residing here whose life work was not complete, to any street. I do not see how we can get away from this basis.

The 2nd elected member (Bunnet). I fully appreciate the work done by the Com. But what a work will it ent-

to put it into effect. What an extra expense will this be to an already poor people. Will the Municipality take charge of the expense?

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I would like to support the proposal of the 8th elected member to change the name of "Dr Bleyden Alley" to "Dr. Knud Hansen Lane". I think that in view of all that he has done for this town that we name this lane after him. I would speak more, but it may sound as flattery.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). Why are we reluctant to use the name of a person living among us, whose life work may not be complete?

The 7th elected member (C. Correiro). With regards to the fears of the 2nd elected member, I can hardly bear him out. The affair of the new names and numbers cannot entail the expense he is apprehensive of. On Deeds the new names will be used, and for security sake the old names also.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). My fears are well founded, for on the Report I read — "Hand in hand with the renaming of the streets must go the re-numbering of the houses." This will necessitate the making of new records.

The 3rd appointed member (Dr Knud Hansen). The new names and numbers are to be added on the records. This is different to the matricul names.

The 2nd. elected member (Burnet). This is the opinion of the 3rd. appointed member but it does not change mine. You will have to get new Records.

The Chairman (Thiele). I would draw your attention to this:—

1) What the Government has asked, is whether we are willing to change the names of the streets, or not:
2) If we are, the Government asks that we suggest new names.
3) The Government's nesct business would be after receiving our reply in the affirmative, and our suggestions, to draw up a law embodying the new names.

It will therefore be seen that it is too early now to discuss the particulars before we have seen the law.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Exactly so.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). Are we not now legislating?

The Chairman (Thiele). We are only suggesting.
The 4th elected member (R. Francis) I understand that the Government will bring the matter before the Council.
The 2nd elected member (Bennet). This is another matter. I now understand it is only a recommendation; and that the Governor will send it back to the Council in the form of a law.
The 4th elected member (R. Francis). This is then only a Report.
The Chairman (Thiele). The Governor would take no action without first hearing the Council's opinion. I do not think he could have acted otherwise.
The 2nd. appointed member (Stakemann). What we have to do now is to recommend the Commissioner's Report.
The 4th elected member (R. Francis). I am not in favour of naming a street "Naval Band Street". There has been a suggestion to change "Bleyden Alley" to Knud-Hansen lane; some street should however be named after Bleyden — a native of whom we should all be proud.
The 8th elected member (Moorehead). I do not see any harm in naming a street after the Naval Band, this band has brought the island a great deal of prominence in one way or the other. I propose that "Bleyden Alley" be changed to "Knud-Hansen Lane"
The 2nd elected member (Bennet). I thought that all the streets had been named, now I see some have not been.
The 3rd appointed member (Knud-Hansen). They have all been named. There are some nameless alleys, mere narrow paths that have never had any names, and these are still nameless. I like the name "Naval Band Street". This band has done good work here. I like to pay hommage to talent.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). If it had been profible to have sent not only the Bandmaster, but the Naval Band also to the mainland, the Delegates to the City of Washington, would have found that everyone knew something about the Virgin Islands.
The Chairman (Thiele). I propose that we change "Mark Twain" Street to "Bleyden Street".

Both proposals were put to the vote separately and carried.

The amended Report was put to the vote and carried.

The Chairman (Thiele). An Additional Money Bill for the Department of Education has been proposed by

the Government, can we open the first discussion?
A unanimous consent was given.
The Secretary (de Jongh) read the Additional Money Bill.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney) read a letter from the Director of Education explaining the reasons why more money was needed.
The 2nd elected member (Burnet). I am sorry the Director of Education is not here. I would like to know how many children from Tortola helped to increase the number of pupils that more money is needed now.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I am absolutely unable to say how many children are from Tortola. The Director of Education was here until 6 o'clock. Since the question of the foreign children has been brought up, I would like to know how many meetings have been held by the Com. elected to attend to this and other Kindred subjects.
The 2nd elected member (Burnet). If, as argued in the letter of the Director of Education there are so many more children, could the children not be divided in such a way that a teacher attend to more pupils than in the previous school year? As regards the Com. meetings, only one had been held. Personally I have been very busy as a member of other committees and other affairs, but a meeting will soon be kept. There are a lot of children from Tortola and this matter must be attended to.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). All the information the Director of Education could give were he personally present, has been given in his letter. If the Council does not vote the money, the responsibility rests with them.
The 2nd elected member (Burnet). The children that apply need not be turned away, but received; and the pupils in a class increased.
The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I have listened attentively to the last two hon. speakers; and I see we can hardly come to an agreement.
The 4th elected member R. Francis; the 2nd elected member Burnet; and the 1st elected member Kintz were of opinion that the tuition of the Tortola children should be paid by their parents or guardians.
The 2nd appointed member (~~Gaffney~~ Stakemann) that the Additional Money Bill be sent to the Municipal

Committee for investigation.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). That is entirely satisfactory. When they see the congested state of affairs, they will give their assent.

The house voted it unanimously.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) read a despatch from the Government, calling the Council's attention to the amount of business still un-attended to, viz:

Legislation about the Schools,
Legislation about the Judiciary,
Legislation about the Department of Health,

and requested that these Bills be attended to with as little delay as possible, as it was advisable to turn over to the Governor's successor as little unfinished work as the circumstances would permit.

He gave notice that an Extraordinary Meeting would be called for Thursday, the 24th Augt 1922

The Meeting was closed at 6.45 p.m.

Thiele

Chairman

St Thomas, the 17th August 1922

Secretary

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St Jan, convened by Government in accordance with Section 36 of the Colonial Law (No 124 — 1906), was held Thursday, the 24th August 1922, at 2 p.m.

The following members were present :-
Thiele (Chairman), Plumtz (Vice-chairman) Aug Burnet (Secretary), J. H. Boschulte, G. A. Moorehead, C. Correiro, Rostchild Francis, and L E. Stakemann.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) was also present.

The Chairman declared the meeting open.

The Order of the day was proceeded with.

Item I

Election of two members of the Municipal Police Commission.

After a scrutiny of votes it was seen that eight (8) had been cast for Corneiro ; seven (7) for Kuntz ; and one (1) for R. Francis.

The Chairman declared the 7th elected member (Corneiro), and the 1st elected member (Kuntz) duly elected as members of the Municipal Police Commission.

Item II

Election of a Jury Commissioner.

After a scrutiny of votes it was seen that seven (7) had been cast for Corneiro and one (1) for Brunet.

The Chairman declared the 7th elected member (Corneiro) duly elected a Jury Commissioner.

Item III

3rd Discussion on Draft of Ordinance for protection of Wild Birds and Deer.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). As I stated at the last meeting of the Council, Government is satisfied with the proposed changes of the Bill with the exception of Section 9 which reduces the penalty from $25. to $5.-. For your information Government thinks this change takes the teeth out of Section 9, old Section 6. The maximum of $25. fine does not mean that every infraction will be punished with the maximum. Were this ordinance passed with such a small penalty it would surely fail to be brought to the Council again. The following amendment

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any remarks?

The 1st elected member (Kuntz). I voted last for $5.-, but after thinking over the matter, I am persuaded we ought to compromise and meet the Government with a $10.- fine.

The 8th elected member (Moorehead). It is all very well to meet the Government, but are we going to submit to the Government and change our opinions from one meeting to the other. If we knew how the fines would be inflicted, it would be another matter. Our judges here often forget the minimum and inflict the maximum. $5.- ~~here~~ to a poor man here, is equal to a much larger sum to an individual similarly placed in other places. I would like to meet the Government, but I can not vote a higher sum than $5.-.

The 1st elected member (Kuntz). In response to the last speakers I would say that the reason why I

*** As in clause proposed by the Government — Section 9 (old Section 6) Any person above the age of twelve years convicted of an offence against this Ordinance shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £ or $50.-

advocate a compromise of accepting the Governme
posal of $10.- is the certainty that the judges u
discretion. When on the other hand a man
well-to-do breaks this law with impunity, I thi
a maximum higher than $5. should be the p
The 8th elected member (Moorehead). The last spe
thinks the judge will be very lenient, and when in
take the safest course. I am however desirous of att
to the poor people here, and protecting them now.
have scarcely money to live upon; how are they then
$10.- fines. No, I think $5. high enough.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The 8th elect
ber (Moorehead) is desirous of protecting the poor m
this law is to protect wild birds etc. Let the poor
respect the laws and there will be no trouble.
to me you are arguing to protect the law-breaker
the law. It would seem $5.- is too small. I ad
a $10.- fine.
The 2nd elected member (Burnet). It seems that al
tion is being paid to the killing of birds, but
ordinance is for wild birds, agoutis, iguanas, etc
will be the principal offenders, and their poor pa
will have to bear the brunt. I took the stand of a
mum $5. fine, and I will not budge. The rich m
differently situated from the poor man. The greatest
as I said are going to be the boys. How for inst
a boy to know the difference between a male an
female lobster? We must pay attention to wh
happening here now-a-days. Maximum penalt
being applied. A man has recently been fined fo
violating the 18th Amendment — $100.- and
60 days in prison. The tendency is to use the m
and not the minimum. We are here to defend
ple, and not to accept penalties that would crush
I say the penalty should be $5. maximum.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). In reply to
2nd elected member, I would say in reference to t
inflicted of $100.- and 60 days imprisonment, that
bly he does not know that the maximum in tha
was $1.000.- . The judge used his discretion.
The 2nd elected member (Burnet). I did not sa
the maximum had been applied, it was howe
maximum for the man, for he could not pay it.
municipality is also the losers for having him

60 days. Should a boy above 12 years of age catch a female lobster, and his parents can not pay the fine of $10.- some body has to be jailed. Whereas if you had the maximum at $5.- it would not be so difficult. Let us enact it at $5., give it a trial, and see how it will work.

The 1st elected member (Kuntz). All I can see is, that the hunters will take advantage of the law, under a penalty of $5. I would therefore augment it to $10.- About the argument in reference to $5. the boys being the principal offenders, I am sure the judge will always take it into consideration.

The 8th elected member (Moorehead). In reference to the remarks of the last speaker I would say it is weak as regards hunters. As the 2nd. elected member (Burnet) said, the weight is going to fall heaviest on the boys - and their parents will have to stand the brunt. They find it difficult to pay house rent, how then will they be able to pay fines for the Killing of yellow breasts by their boys?

The 2nd apphointed member (Stakemann). I personally cannot alter my decision arrived at at the last meeting. The Government will understand that the Colonial Council Knows the condition of the people whether they can stand high penalties or not. We Know that at present we cannot put a higher penalty than $5.-. This law is one of those which will often be broken by innocent people, and $10. will not be a punishment, but a ruin. $5. is the highest - the maximum for violations against this law now before us.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). After listening to the remarks of the different speakers, I have to thank the 1st elected member for his support of law and order. The Government withdraws the Amendment; and now proposes the following amendment to the Ordinance for the protection of Wild Birds, Deer, Agoutis, Iguanas, Turtle eggs and female lobsters:

Section 9 (Old Section 6) "Any person above the age of twelve years convicted of an offense against this ordinance shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Fcs 25. for the first offence; Fcs 50. for the second and further offences, and any person convicted of three or more offences against this ordinance shall, in addition, be liable to have the implements used

(firearms, trap, net, fishpot etc) confiscated by the Court.

I do not think this is open to any objection.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte). Is it meant that the penalty for the first offense will be $5. and up?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). No, the maximum for the first offense will be $5.-

The 7th elected member (Correiro). I have been listening to the arguments advanced on both sides. There is a fear that the judge will not use his discretion. To make the fine however $5.- would be to ridicule the matter. Better no law. There is also a fear of putting the fines above the paying capacity of the people. We dread that. Children will be committing offences and the parents made to pay up. This Amendment of Government however has my approval. If one has been leniently dealt with at the first offence, he must naturally carefully avoid a repitition. I support the Amendment.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte). I second that.

The Chairman (Thiele). Before putting the Amendment to the vote, I would ask that it be read again.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) read the Amendment.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks?

The 2nd Appointed member (Stakemann). As I have stated before, this law is one exposed to be violated by innocent boys. After all, boys will be boys and I would not be astonished if the same boys violated this law over and over again. I will not vote for a higher fine than $5.- The members of the Colonial Council are to vote according to their conscience.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The members of this Council ought to know that all the violators of laws in this community are not boys.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). I stand with the 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I will not vote for a higher maximum fine than $5. Moreover I have not this second amendment before me, as I had the first. I cannot very well discuss this 2nd. amendment without having it in writing before me.

The Second amendment was typed and circulated.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks.

The 8th elected member (Moorehead). I would like to have some further information.

(The 2nd Amendment was again read.)

If a boy older than twelve years attending school is an offender, who bears the burden of the punishment if the fine is not paid? The parent or the boy?

The Chairman (Thiele). In some cases the offender and not the parents. Where the parents have shown neglect, they will be punished, but not otherwise.

The 8th elected member (Moorehead). It seems conflicting. The school age is ~~now~~ 15. Now if he offends at an age above 12, will you put him in prison, if the fine is not paid and prevent him attending school? If the school age is going to conflict, I think you ought to change it.

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I think we have threshed out the matter sufficiently. Please put it to the vote Mr Chairman.

The Chairman (Thiele). Please show hands those who are in favour of the Government's Amendment.

Members Kuntz, Corneiro, Boschulte, and Thiele voted in favour.

Against were Members Stakemann, Moorehead, R. Francis and Burnet.

The Chairman (Thiele). We are now voting on the law as amended.

Members Kuntz, Corneiro, Boschulte, and Thiele voted in favour.

Members Stakemann, Moorehead, R. Francis, and Burnet voted against.

The Chairman (Thiele). The law is then passed.

The 4th. elected member (Francis). I request that it be noted that I voted against this Bill.

Item IIII

Report from the Commission on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Title II, Chapter 35, of the Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands of the United States of America;

and on

Draft of an Ordinance to amend Title I, Chapter 2, of the Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands of the United States of America.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). I have been nominated Speaker for the occasion. (As regards Title I, Chapter 2, your committee has no change to propose, and recommends the matter in its entirety.

As regards Title II, Chapter 35, I would say the

following:- Your committee met with the Director of Education the 18th inst., and after going over the matter carefully, we decided to propose the following amendment.—

On Draft of an Ordinance to amend Title II, Chapter 35, of the Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, your committee proposes that the first paragraph be changed to read as follows:-

"Provided, however, that any foreign child or children attending any public school within the municipality of St Thomas and St John, whose parents does not own taxable property within said municipality, shall be required to pay a monthly tuition of $5.00 throughout the school year; said tuition to be paid on or before the fifth of each month to the Director, who shall cover the sum into the Colonial Treasury; And Provided Further, that the Board of Review may, upon recommendation of the Director, remit such tuition in its discretion"

The other paragraphs to remain unchanged, as proposed.

The time was so short, that it has been impossible to get printed copies ready for circulation among the members.

We would like to hear the opinions of the members now. The member for the Country District (Boschulte). Please read it again.

The 2nd. Elected member (Bunnet) read the report again; and said:- It was decided with the recommendation of the Director of Education that when it was quite clear that the child's parents could not pay, the child would not be debared from school. No hardship was intended. Such children would have to be educated; we could not have them growing up in our midst ignorant.

The 8th elected member (Moorehead). It is the custom to have printed or type-written copies of amendments to be discussed. I would like to have this one before me.

The Chairman (Thiele). We are deviating from the Rules of Business in discussing this matter today. The request of the 8th. elected member is perfectly in order.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). I think the 8th elected member right. Can he not be given a report?
The 2nd elected member (Burnet.) The Government asked for information on these amendments at the last meeting; and we have hastened to expedite the reports; but the printed copies could not be had in time for to-day.

A recess was declared; after which type-written reports were distributed to the members.
The Government Secretary (Lafferty). The Government wishes to state that the report has its approval. The fee does not refer to children born here, or whose parents own tapable property in this municipality; but to those who come for the sole purpose of being educated here.
The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). Mr. Chairman I am in accord with the amendment, and I ask you to put it to the vote.
The Chairman (Thiele). Has the 8th elected member anything to say?
The 8th elected member (Moorehead). I am reading it over
The 4th elected member (R. Francis). The 8th elected member referred to the first proposal, of which this is the amendment.
The 2nd elected member (Burnet). The change from that first proposed to this is — any child could be sent here and any person owning tapable property be appointed its guardian. In such a case the child would be able to get a free education, when perhaps the parents were well off and could pay. The word guardian has therefore been struck out. As a rule the foreign child comes here not so much for education in the primaries as for instruction in the higher grades.
The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). The provisions made by the com. is a protection for the community. Anyone residing here might, as the last speaker explained be appointed guardian of a foreign child and frustrate the ordinance. There is an influx of foreigners coming here for gratuitous education, and this must be stopped.
The Chairman (Thiele). If there are no further remarks, I will take the vote. Please note there are two drafts on Item 4. The amendments were put to the vote.

There were 7 (seven) in favour; and none against.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). As the school year has already begun, and it is desired that the Director of Education be prepared to deal with foreign children along the lines indicated, as soon as possible; the Government desires the third discussion to take place today.
The Chairman (Thiele). It is the Government's desire that the 3rd Discussion take place to-day.

The Council gave its consent, and the third Discussion was declared open.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government has no proposals to make.

The 7th elected member (Correiro). I propose that the 3rd discussion be closed.

The 2nd. appointed member (Stakemann). I second that.

The Chairman (Thiele). I will then put both drafts to the vote. The vote was unaimous; and the chairman announced that both drafts had been pased.

Item V

Report from the Municipal Committee on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and 8th Jan for the fiscal year ending 30th June 1923.

The 2nd. elected member (Burnet) read the Report from the Municipal Committee, and continued: This Additional Money Bill was presented the Colonial Council at the last meeting, and referred to the Municipal Committee. The Municipal Committee met the Director of Education and he explained to the Committee's entire satisfaction, the reason why the money was wanted. The Municipal Committee accepted and now recommends this Additional Money Bill to the Council.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks? Today is the 2nd Discussion.

The Additional Money Bill was then put to the vote. All were in favour, and the Chairman announced that it had been pased by the Council.

Item VI

Continuation of 1st Discussion of Draft of Ordinance regarding change of Ordinance of 20th December 1921.

The Chairman (Thiele). It happens that I am the

chairman of the Commission. I request the Vice-Chairman (Hunty) to take the chair, as I may have to enter into the debate.

The Vice-Chairman (Hunty) took the chair.

The 6th elected member (Thiele). The 7th elected member (Corneiro) is the Speaker.

The 7th elected member (Corneiro). The matter now before us is one of extraordinary importance and should receive the most serious attention possible. It treats of no less than the Courts of Justice and provisions made for the judges thereof. With permission of the chairman I will read the report.

The Report was read.

As I said Mr Chairman, this is a matter that requires very careful consideration. Both the Government and the Council are striving for the best possible administration of justice. The Report is self explanatory. It will be seen that the first thing we asked for is a presidential appointment of the judge. It gives the judge a more independent character in attending to his business; and at the same time the Ordinance authorizes the Governor to suspend him in case of misbehaviour. As to the term of years some thought two, and some were of opinion that five was in order. We compromised and decided on three instead of the two years proposed. At the commencement the idea was to have one judge for St Thomas exclusively and only in case of disqualification or sickness that his colleague from St Croix would be asked to assist. It might be argued that the work is not so voluminous as to require the presence of a judge all the time. I concede that there is some argument in this; but it is better to have a judge unoccupied a few weeks, but available when required. Hardships may occur when you have to get him from St Croix. As a matter of principle we are against having the Government Attorney act as Police Court Judge. When a case is brought before him in his other capacity, his mind might be entirely biased, and the case prejudged. He is the principal head of the Secret Service force. He issues orders for arrests, and has to fix bail. And to bring up a person before such a man is entirely opposed to the principle that a man is innocent until proven guilty. Again when we consider the work of a Police Court Judge, and his

limited jurisdiction, although called a magistrate, I do not see why men of intelligence of this community could not be appointed. In all cases it is only a case of first instance, and we should welcome this opportunity to demonstrate that we have natives of this island able to dispense justice. I recommend the report to the Council, but I must also draw attention to the last part of the report which refers to the President's disapproval of the former ordinance. We question where is the probability of receiving the President's sanction when we re-enact what a former President refused to sanction. Assurance is wanted that the work we are now doing will obtain sanction from Washington.

The 1st elected member (Kuntz). I have heard the Speaker's Report.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). There is hardly any more to add. The committee has drafted in a masterly manner what the Council committed to its care. I am in duty bound to support it.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government proposed an amendment, and asked the Council's suggestion. The report presented is not to the point.

The 7th elected member (Corneiro). It is intended as a beginning of conversations on the subject, and to learn whether there is a likelihood of obtaining Presidential sanction.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). No guarantee that the President will approve can be given. If the Government recommends it is expected he will approve. If the Governor approves an Ordinance, the chances are that it will not be put aside.

The 7th elected member (Corneiro). The Secretary has spoken correctly, but in Governor Oman's time when the Council after a great deal of work paped that part of the Code arranging for 2 judges, and Governor Oman sanctioned it, President Wilson vetoed it. Is there any chance that it will be sustained now? Is there a Code here?

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). It is not necessary. We understand the circumstance to which you refer.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I have a few remarks to make. The Government Secretary then read a statement.

The 6th elected member (Thiele). Am I to understand that it should be left to the Governor to decide whether or not a judge should be discharged? Does the Governor reserve the right to appoint and also

the right to discharge ?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). You are right, but no judge will be discharged without cause.

The 6th elected member (Thiele). I do not believe any federal judge can be discharged unless action is taken by Congress.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). What have federal judges to do with judges of the S.A. of the U.S. ?

The 6th elected member (Thiele). But I do not consider our judges to be less. I consider it quite as great an honour to sit on our bench.

The 2nd. elected member (Burnett). I cannot see why the Governor should appoint and discharge. Suppose the governor refuses to take action on a just complaint against a judge? It is very unfair to the community that the appointing and the discharging power should be vested in the Governor

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The 2nd elected member is stating a hypothetical case, which has never occurred, and which will never exist.

The 2nd elected member (Burnett) We must take all views. We do not know what is going to occur. We must take all kinds of hypothetical views.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). You would take the power from the Government and give it to the complainant.

The 2nd. elected member (Burnett). It ought to go to the Appelate Court. To have one man to sit upon it is not the thing. A Court must sit on it.

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I would like to know who appoints the judges in the States ? The Governor here is practically our president.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). State judges are usually appointed by the Governor in Massachusetts.

The 6th appointed member (Thiele). In which other States ?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). There are two methods: election by the people, and appointment by the State Government. The trend is toward Government appointment.

The 6th elected member (Thiele). I would like to know definitely.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The trend is toward Government appointment as just stated by me.

The 6th elected member (Thiele). I would like to know definitely.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The trend is there.
The 6th elected member (Thiele). That the State Government appoint?
The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). How many states are there in the union? 48. You can only mention one. We would like to know in general, not the exception.
The 2nd elected member (Burnet). The Government Secretary says in the state of Massachusetts, the judges are appointed by the State Government. Who discharges them?
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The appointing power I suppose has the power of discharge. While we are looking up ~~the~~ for information about the other states, we would like to know what bearing has this to the Virgin Islands which are under the President.
The 6th. elected member (Thiele). It is that the judiciary is as important as the executive. It is altogether bad if the judge is influenced by the Government. She is bound to have to give opinions on matters in which the Government is directly concerned.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Is this your experience?
The 6th elected member (Thiele). I will give an example. Suppose a person attacked the Government in print, and was prosecuted for libel by the Governor, the judge must give a sentence; and would it not be better that everybody concerned knew that the judge was absolutely independent of the Government? The proposed system that the Government shall not only appoint but discharge, puts us 1.000 years back.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). You mis-understood me. I asked about your personal experience.
The 6th elected member (Thiele). I shall be glad to answer your question: I was extremely pleased to serve under Governors Oliver and Oman, but I will state that only men of their calibre would not mis-use their power. Both of them were always most painstaking not to influence my decision, but in spite of that I always had an uncomfortable feeling that I was at their mercy.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Did you serve under Governor Kittelle?
The 6th elected member (Thiele). The first time I met Governor Kittelle in this Council, I decided to hand

my resignation. For the short time I then served afterward, I was only winding up business, and did not give any decision of importance.

The 8th elected member (Moorehead). I thank the 6th elected member Thiele for being so frank. He answered correctly. He had to keep in direct touch with Capt. Dyer, otherwise he would have been thrown out. Please respect his answers.

The 6th elected member (Thiele). I was never influenced by Governors Oliver, Oman, nor their Aides. I hope I would have had back enough to give up had this been the case. But it is very unpleasant to know that you are dependent.

The Government Secretary (Caffrey). I want to thank the 6th elected member for his answers, but I want to tell him ..... In the praise of past administrations, the inference is apparent that a criticism of the present administration is intended. I ask if this is the case?

The 6th elected member (Thiele). I am perfectly aware that members up here have full right of speech. I am not criticizing the present administration which is leaving us in a short time.

The 2nd appointed member (Stakemann). I do not think that anything the 6th elected member said showed any slight on the present administration; but in that report the Government Secretary read, the words "almost an impertinence" were used. I think it a little far fetched, to use such words to a legislative body of this island. I am not pleased at all to have these words used.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis.) We usually get a copy of these reports, but in this instance we have none. Impertinent means not pertinent. I think that while we are sitting here we have freedom of speech, and I think we have seen the Government Secretary continually harping on the 6th elected member. The judiciary should be entirely independent, free of any kind of influence. It is within our province to see that the best man is secured.

The 6th elected member (Thiele). I forgot to mention a little while ago that the Governor has ifsued certain Executive Orders without any authority. Should a question arise before the Courts as to whether or not the Governor overstepped his authority in ifsuing such orders, it would be the Governor and not the Governor on behalf of the people who would be the interested. We may have

many more such expective orders to fight and we do not wish to fight them before a judge sitting at the Governor's pleasure.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). After paping the law providing for 1 judge for this island, it came back, that is it was not approved. Before we paps another, we wish to know a thing or two. We have sent in a report and many questions have not been answered. We are against having a judge appointed and discharged by the Governor. And we have to take hypothetical views. We have to legislate for the people and not leave everything to one man. I must say I am against the Government Attorney or District Judge being the Police Court Judge. What is going to happen in an appeal, you will have to get a coordinate judge, and the former's decision will be upheld. I think we should come to a decision to know what we are to do. We cannot amend one section only, If you amend one you must amend all.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). We would like to know something definite. The Government Secretary read an answer to the report sent in, and we gather that the Government does not accept it. What are we sitting here for? Let the Governor then appoint a judge by Executive Order.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I think that is very good sense.

The 2nd. appointed member (Stakemann). I am coming back to the word impertinence. The 4th elected member volunteered an esplanation.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). This is the paragraph to which the word referred. "We do not deem it advisable for one judge to sit and determine appeal cases paped upon by a coordinate judge. It is to be expected, and we know it is the practise for judges of coordinate rank to sustain each other, and especially would this be true here where each judge would be sitting on the other's cases. We are afraid it would resolve itself into a demonstration of the old adage: "You scratch my back and I will scratch yours". It will be noticed that not only the word "impertinence" is used but also the word "untrue".

The 6th elected member (Thiele). Can you name me a single place in the United States where a judge exercises appeal power over a coordinate judge?

The Government Secretary (Caffrey). The Government Attorney is here and will answer the question.

The 6th elected member (Thiele). But do not mis-understand me. I am not referring to cases where four or five judges form an Appeal Court, and decide cases appealed from judges of the same rank. I mean cases where a single judge decides on appeal cases already decided by a coordinate judge.

The Government Attorney — Mr Williams now expressed as his opinion that there was no reason to expect that any judge would be corrupt enough to uphold a wrong decision even if such a decision was given by a coordinate judge and even if he could expect that his decisions in turn might be tested by the other judge. He also emphasised that the appeal trial before a District Court would be practically a new trial where evidence not heard by the Police Court would be produced, and such appeal only in a theoretical sense could be called an Appeal of the Police case.

The 4th elected member (R. Francis). Will the Council continue the discussion on this subject?

The 6th elected member (Thiele). The Rules of Business provides that all Government Proposals automatically go to 2nd discussion. I move that the 1st discussion be closed.

The vote was taken and the motion carried.

The Government Secretary then gave notice that it was the Government's intention to call an extraordinary meeting for Thursday, the 31st August 1922, at 2 p.m.

The Meeting was closed.

St Thomas, the 21th August 1922

Thiele
Chairman

Chas A Bendtsen
Secretary

At the Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council convened by order of the Government, and held Thursday, the 31st August 1922, at 2 p.m., the following members were present:- Thiele (Chairman) Dr. Knud-Hansen, Hunty, Correiro, Moorehead and Boschulte.

The Chairman (Thiele) waited until 2.30, and then announced that the Government Secretary (Gaffney) would like to deliver a message from the Government. He, the Chairman remarked that as there was not a quorum present, no Resolution could be taken nor Motion passed, nevertheless the Rules of Business allowed that such a message could be delivered.

Printed Copies of the message were delivered to the members present.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) read the message.

The Chairman (Thiele). Has the Government Secretary anything further to say?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). No, that is all.

The Chairman (Thiele). As there is not a quorum, and no business can be transacted, the meeting is adjourned.

St Thomas, the 31st August 1922

Thiele
Chairman

Chas Edwards
Secretary

An Extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, convened by order of Government pursuant to Section 36 of the Colonial Law, was held Thursday, the 26th. October 1922, at 2 p. m.

All the members were present, with the exception of the 8th. elected member (Rothschild Francis) who is off the island.

The Government was represented by the Honourable the Government Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by the Senior chairman (J. E. Huntz), who appointed member John de Jongh to act as Secretary and members Aug. Burnet and C. Corneiro as speakers.

Item I Examination of Patents of Elections.

Following the instructions of the senior chairman, the members sat in two divisions, the eastern division examining the Briefs of the western, and the western those of the eastern.

The Speakers — members Burnet and Corneiro, having reported the Briefs in order, the senior chairman (Huntz) declared the following gentlemen, duly entitled to sit and vote as members of the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St John, to wit :—

Herbert E. Lockhart	as 1st. appointed member,
Carl. A. Anduze	" 2nd, " " "
Leroy Nolte	" 3rd, " " "
Philip Gomez	" 4th, " " "
George A. Moorehead	" 1st, elected "
Aug. Burnet	" 2nd, " " "
Luther Stakemann	" 3rd, " " "
J. E. Huntz	" 4th, " " "
C. G. Thiele	" 5th, " " "
C. Corneiro	" 6th, " " "
John de Jongh	" 7th, " " "
J. H. Boschulte	as member for the Country District of St. Thomas,
Carl E. Francis	as 1st elected member for St. John,
Abram E. Smith	as 2nd elected member for St. John.

Members H. E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze,

and Philip Gomez signed the oath prescribed for the occasion, promising to discharge their duties in a conscientious manner.

Item II Election of Council's Officials.

Chairman. On a scrutiny of votes it was seen that 13 votes had been cast for the 5th elected member (Thiele), as chairman, and the senior chairman (Kuntz) requested him to take the chair.

The newly elected chairman (Thiele) on taking the chair thanked the members for the confidence expressed, and hoped that the Council would be able to do some good work for the island.

Vice chairman. The 4th elected member (J. E. Kuntz) was elected Vice chairman with 13 votes.

Secretaries. The 2nd appointed member (Anduze), and the 3rd appointed member (Nolte) were elected secretaries with 13 and 12 votes respectively.

Member de Jongh vacated, and Member Nolte occupied the Secretary's chair.

Item III Election of members to the Municipal Committee and the several commissions.

Municipal Committee Elected were:—

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) with 14 votes;
" 1st appointed " (Lockhart) " 13 " ;
" 2nd elected " (Burnet) " 13 " ;
" 1st elected " (Moorehead) " 10 " ;
and " 1st elected " for St John
(Carl E. Francis) " 10 " .

His Excellency the Governor entered accompanied by the Honourable the Government Secretary, and the members rose from their seats as a token of respect and esteem.

The Chairman (Thiele) in a short speech gave His Excellency a hearty welcome on behalf of the Council.

His Excellency the Governor: Allow me to thank you for your kind words of welcome, I appreciate them, and hope you will work with me for the uplift of the island. Will you allow me to congratulate you personally as to your re-election?

His Excellency then delivered the following address:-

Honourable Mr Chairman and members of the Colonial Council:-

It is my pleasure to greet you this afternoon as the duly elected and duly appointed members of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John. As such, you have before you the work of enacting legislation for this municipality and to this work your earnest and conscientious efforts should be directed.

Confidence has been placed in you, which your acts must prove has not been misplaced. Remember you should act for the people as a whole, not for the individual. You must sink your own individualities for the general good, seek to become well informed on matters you know will come before the Council, study the reasons for and against the various measures submitted to your deliberations, make up your mind individually and when the vote is called for, cast your own vote as directed by conscience and honest conviction, according to your own lights and after mature consideration of the merits of the matter in hand, remembering that loyalty to your position demands that you cast your vote with the good of the Virgin Islands, the Virgin Islanders, or the Municipality, as the case may be, solely at heart.

In your meetings let me urge that discussions be short and to the point, that they should be entered into with an open mind, a willingness to see the other man's viewpoint, for antagonism, bitterness, acrimony, will get you nowhere.

The fact that a fellow member of the Council, though a possible business competitor or even enemy, favours a certain measure, is not sufficient reason for you to vote against it, that would not be for the best interests of the islands, the islanders, or the municipality, but would simply be a spite vote, and as such would exclude you from the right to be considered loyal to the duties of an island legislator.

Kindly bear in mind, and caution those who have elected you to office against the danger of accepting reports, hearsay gossip, or rumors as to the governor's position or expressions upon any matter whatever, when such statement does not appear over the

governor's own signature or is not proclaimed or announced in his name by a member of the Government.

We enter now together upon an era which I sincerely hope will be one of good feeling, mutual confidence, and earnest endeavour to do the work imposed on us all, as thoroughly and as well as possible.

Knowing that you have many preliminary matters to attend to, I now leave you Mr. Chairman and Honourable Members, to your deliberations.

At the conclusion, and before His Excellency left the Council, the 3rd Appointed member (Nolte) replied as follows:—

Mr. Chairman; We have heard with satisfaction the address of His Excellency.

It suggests a broad mind which augurs well for promoting the good relations that should exist between the Executive and Legislature as coordinate branches of government.

It has always been the aim of the Council to maintain the completest harmony in its working with the Government, and if the give-and-take plan be followed, there should never arise disagreement that cannot be amicably overcome.

The Council continued with the elections.

The Trade and Lamp Tax Committee. Elected were:—

The 2nd elected member for St. John (A. Smith) with 13 votes;
—— 4th elected member (Kuntz) with 13 votes;
—— 7th elected member (de Jongh) with 12 votes;
—— 4th appointed member (Gomez) with 12 votes;
—— 3rd elected member (Stakemann) with 11 votes.

The Electoral Board Town. Elected was the 2nd elected member (Burnet) with 13 votes.

The Electoral Board Country. Elected was the member for the Country District (Boschulte) with 12 votes.

The Electoral Board St. John. Elected was the 1st member for St. John (Carl E. Francis) with 14 votes.

The Educational Board of Review. Elected was the 2nd elected member (Burnet) with 13 votes.

Item III Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance regulating automobile traffic and providing penalities for violations thereof.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) introduced the draft and explained the different reasons that led to the necessity of submitting the amendment proposed.

A discussion ensued in which the Government Secretary, the 2nd elected member (Burnet), the 4th. elected member (Kuntz), the 6th. elected member (Cornero), the 1st elected member (Moorehead), the 3rd. appointed member (Nolte), and the member for the Country District (Boschulte) took part.

In this discussion it was shown that up to that part called "Lover's Lane" is included within the limits of the town, and that the fee provided for by the Ordinance is too small taking into consideration the detour that has to be made when returning to the town proper, the Police Regulations not allowing them to use the same road when westward bound as when going east, – this in reference to the roads in the vicinity of Bluebeard Castle.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). Since different points are being raised, perhaps it might be better to revise the entire Ordinance.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). I second that. The entire ordinance ought to be gone over. A good many charges are out of proportion.

The 4th elected member (Kuntz). When the law was framed there was no distinction between east and west bound traffic.

The 3rd. elected member (Stakemann). I would also propose that the chief of the Police Department attend the Committee meetings.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). As far as I see the whole ordinance is not under discussion – only two items are under discussion.

The members for the Country District (Boschulte). If the chauffeurs drove carefully there would be no danger of collision.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). Certainly. There is no more danger up in that vicinity than in the lower section of the town going to Nisky and further down.

The Chairman (Thiele). We can only report on the draft before the Council.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolte). The debate has developed and shown that there are other points requiring change.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). When I seconded, I had this mind.

The Chairman (Thiele). How can this be done? We have to confine ourselves to the amendments proposed.

The 4th elected member (Kuntz). As far as I see, to amend the Ordinance, you will have to make a new town limit.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). We have meddled with a hornets' nest.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). The chauffeur will not go all the way round for fifteen cents. If you take the Ordinance you will see they give you the limit of the town, as Lovers Lane on the east, to the cemetery on the west. There is another part which says the chauffeur must take the shortest route. Mr. Ettrup paid £4.- fine for taking the shortest route.

The Chairman (Thiele). A committee of how many shall we elect?

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). A committee of three. We do not wish to turn down off hand any proposal of the Government.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government has no objection to its going to a committee. The 2nd elected member (Burnet) should be able to find some solutions to his objections.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). The man who makes the objections leaves it to others to find the solutions!

The Chairman (Thiele). I would ask the members to vote for three members for the committee.

The committee elected were:- Burnet with 12 votes; and Lockhart and de Jongh, with 5 votes each.

The first discussion was closed, and the second opened.

With the permission of Government and the Council, a letter from the cabmen was submitted to the members and circulated.

Item V The Chairman (Thiele). I have been informed that the 6th elected member (Correiro) who recently went to Washington as delegate has received from the American Civil Liberties Union

a certain draft or proposal with regard to our future political organization, and I will ask for the consent of the Government and the Council to hear his report in this matter, and eventually decide what steps we should take.

The consent was given.

The 6th elected member (Correiro). Hon. Colleagues, I suppose you have read the memo. that has been circulated in town, forwarded by some people on the mainland about obtaining for us another form of government. I consider the matter a very serious one.

The 2nd elected member (Burnet). I received a copy from the American Civil Liberty Union. Who are they? What do they know about us?

The 6th elected member (Correiro). Perhaps they may have influence. I am sorry I cannot say definitely who they are. I am not acquainted with the persons who compose the Society.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). The last speaker in his remarks said the matter is serious. Queried as to whom the persons are, he replies he does not know.

The 6th. elected member (Correiro). There are a good many serious things going on about us and we do not know the individuals. What I refer to is that I have not come into contact with these people. The organization may have some importance, and perhaps influence for aught we know.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis). It seems to me the Society is taking much upon themselves to send us such a paper. The Council should not waste any time about it. Thank them for it and put it under the table. If it came from any people in authority it should go to the Government.

The 2nd. elected member (Burnet). I beg to differ from the last speaker. The matter is serious. The Council must attend to it. They are working their side, and expect us to do something here. We should take some action today.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). Mr. Chairman, this paper is addressed to the delegate, and the Colonial Council should take notice of it. ~~It is~~ Their names are of importance. The document evidently has been sent us for our cooperation. The Council

should take some notice of it. It is directed to us, and our view-point required. I do not think it is the proper thing to do to put it under the table. It is not as simple as it appears.

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl E. Francis). I repeat what I said and I mean it. The Council ought not to worry itself about it. There seems to be no authority behind it. Courteously thank them for it ___ that's all.

The 1st appointed member (Lockhart). I also beg to differ from the 1st elected member for St John. He seems to forget that there are a large number of Virgin Islanders in the U.S. who will eventually become citizens. They are all members of a Society, how do we know that these people have not gone to them and sought their cooperation. This document is serious and should have our attention.

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). I am in accordance with the views expressed by the 3rd appointed member (Nolte). The matter is serious and the whole house should form itself into a committee to deal with it.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The 2nd elected member (Burnett) wanted to know with whom we are dealing. On the letter head are the names of some of the most known socialists in the United States. I have been asked what do they represent? Information from the Department of Justice says less than 1/10 of 1% of the population.

The Chairman (Thiele). I think we ought to get through with it now.

And a recess of ten minutes was declared.

The Chairman (Thiele). The recess is over. I beg to inform the Government that the Council has unanimously agreed upon the following Resolution which I will now ask the Secretary to read.

The Secretary read the Resolution as follows:—

Whereas the present economic situation is of paramount concern; and

Whereas until said situation has been adjusted, no political change will be of substantial benefit to this community;

Be It Resolved by the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John in extraor-

meeting assembled, that any change in the Act of Congress of March 3rd, 1917 should be permanent and therefore it is deemed advisable to await a betterment of the economic conditions whereby the government can be maintained before political legislation be enacted for this municipality; and

Be It Further Resolved that any change which may be made at any future date, should be the result of careful investigations of conditions in this municipality, and should be previously submitted to this Council for its opinion thereon.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government appreciates the action of the Council, and considers it a vote of confidence in the Government.

Item VI The Chairman (Thiele). We wish to obtain the Government's permission for the discussion of another matter.

The permission was granted.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolk), after a few introductory remarks pertinent to the commercial depression we are at present undergoing, and the late ruling of the enforcement of the Volstead Act, submitted the following Resolution.

Resolution

Whereas the Volstead Act enforcing Prohibition has been extended to all the insular Possessions of the United States; and

Whereas the President of the United States has ordered the enforcement of a recent ruling of the Attorney General forbidding the entry into the Virgin Islands of all ships, national and foreign, carrying liquor; and

Whereas the putting into operation of this ruling will prove destructive to the shipping trade through forcing vessels which hitherto used the port to cease calling; and

Whereas the loss of the shipping trade will eventually ruin the already crippled commerce and completely impoverish the community;

Resolved: that the Colonial Council of St. Thomas

and St John, in sefsion afembled, as representing the People, record its deep sense of disappointment and dismay at the application of a measure fatal to the island's welfare, by striking at the economic root of its chief source of living, menacing thereby the existence and activities of municipal departments and businefs concerns, through loss of both harbor and municipal revenues, and taxes; and

Resolved Further: That in the event of no modification of the ruling being granted, or other relief provided, the Council will regard the Home Government as morally bound to appropriate considerable funds to cover deficiencies and alleviate in part the distrefs which must necefsarily result from the drastic order; and

Resolved Finally: That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the President for his guidance, and by him submitted to the authorities concerned.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any remarks?

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). The Resolution has my sympathy as it accords with my labour as delegate in the United States. We also foresaw that such a ruling would come, and in the memo. handed the President we partly provided for it. I congratulate the proponent, and will vote the Resolution with pleasure.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). I appreciate the last speaker's remarks.

The Chairman (Thiele). I will now put the Resolution to the vote.

The Resolution received a unanimous vote, and the chairman handed it to the Government Secretary.

The Meeting was then closed.

St Thomas, V.I. U.S. the 26th October 1922.

(Thiele)
Chairman

Secretary

An extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. John, convened by order of Government pursuant to Section 36 of the Colonial Law, was held Thursday, the 11th January, 1923, at 2.00 p.m.

All the members were present.

The Government was represented by the Honourable, the Government Secretary.

The Chairman (Thiele) called the meeting to order at 2.15 p.m.

The Chairman (Thiele). The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held the 17th August; of the extraordinary meetings held the 24th August, the 31st August, and the 26th October 1922, have all been published in extenso in The Bulletin, soon after said meetings had taken place. If the hon. members are agreeable, these minutes will be considered confirmed. The Members were agreeable and the Chairman declared the minutes confirmed.

The Order of the day was then proceeded with.

Item I Examinations of Patents of election of Mefrs. Rothschild Francis, and Axel Holst.

The Patents of Election were examined by the thirteen members, and were found to be in order. The chairman therefore declared Mefrs. Rothschild Francis, and Axel Holst, duly entitled to sit and vote as the 8th and 2nd member respectively, for the town of St. Thomas, in this Council.

Mefrs. Rothschild Francis and Axel Holst entered and took their seats; as they had been former members of the Council, and had already signed the oath, they were not requested to do so again.

Item II First Discussion on Resolution concerning the appointment of a stenographer for the District Court.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Mr Chairman and hon. members, a trial has been made to see how the District Court would get on without a stenographer. Six months have now elapsed in the present fiscal year,

and the judge reports many delays due to lack of Steno
afsistance. The salary would be borne in equal shares b
two municipalities. As a stenographer to fill this p
would have to be highly efficient, and have to travel
between the islands, the salary has been placed high
han it would otherwise have been entered with. The Mun
Committee has recommended this Resolution, and
Government recommends its adoption by the Council
The 6th elected member (Correiro). The Report from th
Municipal Committee recommends among other item
the adoption of the Resolution for the appointment of
stenographer for the District Court. May I read th
Report Mr Chairman?
The Chairman (Thiele). Yes.
The 6th elected member (Correiro) read the Report
and continuing said:— It is obvious even to the la
mind that it is necesary that the District Court
should have a concise and correct report of the d
ferent testimonies given in the different suits
This can only be obtained by having a first cl
stenographer. Especially is the need of a goo
stenographer felt in appeal cases. Both sides c
find themselves handicapped for the lack of it
The municipal Committee therefore recommen
this Resolution for the final adoption of the C
The Chairman (Thiele). I consider it very impor
to have a first class stenographer for the Distri
Court.
The 4th elected member (Kuntz). It seems to me n
member of this Council would object to vote this
Resolution so that the District Court would be
to have the services of a first class stenographer.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis). I am in acc
with the 4th. elected member, and I am confident
one will vote against this Resolution. The Stenog
er for the District Court must be fully qualif
I hope a native will be found capable of filli
the post.
The Government Secretary (Caffney). As frequentl
announced, it is the outstanding policy to in eve
instance employ local qualified persons in pr
ence to any other.
The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). I rise to sa
that the Council should further this Resoluti

I wonder how the Courts managed to get along without a stenographer. I move that the first discussion be closed.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis). We would like to have copies of the Rules of Business to guide us in these discussions. I second the proposal that the first discussion be closed.

The first discussion was closed and the second discussion declared open by the Chairman.

The chairman (Thiele). Are there any remarks before I put this combined Money Bill and Resolution to the vote?

The combined Money Bill and Resolution on being put to the vote was unanimously passed.

The Chairman informed the Council that the Rules of Business was in the printers' hands for some time now, and he hoped they would soon be in our possession.

Item III First Discussion on Additional Money Bill for the Department of Education.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Mr. Chairman and hon. members:- The items here proposed cover such phases of the schools' course of study not adequately covered by the Budget. We bring it now as the first half of the financial year has shown us how the items budgetted will work. The matter has been presented to the Municipal Committee, and the Director of Education has appeared before them and given eschaustive esplanations.

The Chairman (Thiele). I notice that between the Additional Money Bill and the Report presented, there is a slight difference. Will the Chairman of the Municipal Committee esplain?

The 6th elected member (Correira). The difference of Fcs1.000.- for Domestic Science was brought about by the 1st elected member for St John who recommended or suggested to the Director of Education that the children in St John should also have the benefit of having sewing and other branches of Domestic Science taught in St John. After the matter had been ven-

tilated, the Com. agreed to the increase of Fcs 1.000.—, in the hope that the council would endorse, and the Government finally approve.

The Chairman (Thiele). Is the Government favourable to this increase ?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government has very confidence in the Municipal Committee and is willing that the Department of Education should asist in the teaching of sewing in St John, and accepts the increase proposed.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith). Perhaps it may not be out of place to mention just here the salary of the physician for St John. It has been budgetted I understand from $135.- (of a previous year) to $150.- per month with living quarters. Since he has arrived from New York he has had no living quarters allotted him as contemplated, and has been spending, when you take into consideration travelling expenses and house rent, more than his salary. Is the Government able to provide him with a suitable dwelling ?

The Chairman (Thiele). This question may not be quite in order. Is the Government Secretary willing to give an answer ?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I am pleased to answer the question. It is well remembered that it was agreed with the Municipal Committee that the physician resident in St John would have living quarters provided for him. I know that it is very difficult to obtain a central position which would suit. At the time this decision was reached the M. D. was not on the spot. This is the first time it has been brought to Government's notice. If the Doctor through the proper channel will present the case, every consideration will be given it.

The Chairman (Thiele). We will now proceed.

The 4th elected member (Kuntz). Since the Government has agreed to the increase, I would propose that the 1st discussion be closed.

The Chairman (Thiele). There being no further remarks, the first discussion is closed, and with the ~~consent~~ permission of Government and the Council I will open the 2nd discussion

The 3rd. elected member (Stakemann). Mr. Chairman while I am in favour of eduction, we have to kee

within the bounds of our treasury. It seems to me this is a time when we have to look into the cost of things. Can you tell me how much was budgetted in the years 1920/1921 and 1921/1922 so as to be able to make a comparison. It may be that we are spending too much on one department to the detriment of other things.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I have sent to obtain the desired information.

The Chairman (Thiele). There may be other remarks from other members meanwhile.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). I am glad the 3rd. elected member raised that question. What about the item posted as:- For Agriculture Fcs 3.400.- In how many schools will this be taught ? Is it to be taught in any special schools ?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Mr. Chairman, In reply to the question of the 3rd elected member, the amount budgetted for 1920/1921 was Fcs 206.000.-; for 1921/1922 Fcs. 264.150.-; for 1922/1923 Fcs 229.200.- Even when this Additional Money Bill is added, the Budget for 1922/'23 will not equal the amount for the previous year. The average cost per pupil was, in 1921 $ 25.-. In 1922 $ 27.10. In 1923 the average cost will be less than the average cost last year by a few cents. In view of the fact that we are giving the details, and the Director of Education is present, I will ask him to give further information.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) repeated his question about the item for Agriculture Fcs 3.400.-.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I believe the Director of Education can give a full and concise explanation.

The Director of Education gave the desired information.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). I thank you for the information.

The chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks? I will then ask those members in favour of the amendments to indicate it by show of hands.

The amendments were unanimously adopted.

The Additional Money Bill as amended was then put to the vote and passed by a unanimous vote.

Item IV First Discussion on Additional Money Bill for the Public Works Department.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Mr. Chairman and hon. members :- The first amount asked for, -Fcs 25.000.- on this Additional Money Bill, is to cover the cost of installation of salt-water flushing system and new toilets at the George Washington School. Where ever we have large groups of children or grown-ups it is necessary to provide proper sanitation methods.

The second amount refers to the continuation of road and street repair work in the island of St. Thomas, for which an increase of Francs 50.000.- is asked. The amount budgetted has been exhausted, and without further funds it will not be possible to continue the work. The Public Works Officer is here, and will be glad to explain his plans.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). I am glad to hear the Public Works Officer is here to explain; but I am sorry that no repairs of roads in St John is mentioned in the Additional Money Bill. When I was last there the roads were in a very bad condition.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). I regret to say that a good many of the roads in St John are in a very bad condition. They require reparation, not trimming. There is a gate laying across a certain road for over two years now. Later on when the budget for the next financial year is presented; I will take the matter up.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith). The reason why the roads in St John are in such a bad condition is because there is no responsible person to see about the repairs.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). That is clear.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). If I understand correctly the remarks of the 1st and 2nd members for St John, there is no one responsible for the repairs of the roads in St John; then the money is wasted.

The members for St John (C. E. Francis and A. Smith). That is so.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). Then the Gover-

ment should be asked to look into the matter.
The 4th elected member (R. Francis). I support the remarks of the last speaker; and I hope they are in order though not on the Order of the day.
The Chairman (Thiele). The roads of St Thomas and St John form one great system, and when one is discussed the other can be also.
The Public Works Officer then gave an account of the intended repairs of the roads.
The member for the Country District (Boschulte) No mention has been made about repairs to the roads on the north side. I would pay budget another Fcs. 50.000.-, and put all in good condition.
The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). I rise to thank the Public Works Officer. As regards the repairs to the roads, the last hon. speaker anticipated me. I wish I could increase the amount proposed ten times.
The roads at the northern and western sides are very bad. In the town also there are many bad streets, take for instance Commandantgade, it is in a very bad condition, and is much used by people going to the north side. Fcs 50.000.- will not go very far. We welcome the plans of which we have just had the outlines.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I would ask that the road leading to Red Hook be repaired. Near the "Bovoni" lagoon it is difficult to make use of it as it is bordered on both sides with acacia trees which almost overlap. I think it very necessary that this be attended to, and I hope it will be.
The 1st elected member (Moorehead). Good roads are not only necessary, but indispensable now that we are encouraging agriculture. The poor man requires it to get his produce to town. The north side road is of much importance.
The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). There is no doubt that some of the streets in town are very bad also. Another agreeable feature is that labour will be furnished the unemployed. I would like to know if it is possible to have the amount increased.
The Government Secretary (Gaffney). I have listened attentively to the hon. speakers. It must be borne in mind that the work covered in the outlines given by the Public Works Officer would take about five

months. As he is building on a system and plan, it would seem better to defer the increase until the Public Works Department would be able to take care of it. The Government would not like to have more money voted than can be spent within the allotted time. I will take note of the wise recommendations of the members.
The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). I propose that the first discussion be closed.
The Chairman (Thiele). It is moved that the first discussion be closed.
The 4th elected member (Kuntz). I think that the plans outlined are admirable; but in view of the approaching tourist season, the repairs of the streets in the town should be begun first. So many people do not live in the country after all.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I quite understand the information given by the hon. the Government Secretary. It seems too much to tackle at once.
The 7th elected member (de Jongh). The Money Bill will have my support. Will the future plans contain the continuation of the concreting of the road down-town from the Catholic Church to the cemetery?
The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). The 4th elected member mentioned that so many people do not live in the country. I think a good many people do live there, and the reason why more do not live there may be on account of the poor roads. The tourist question is all right. The northern country road is nevertheless only a trail. By all means let us have good country and town roads.
The 4th elected member (Kuntz). In reference to the remarks of the 3rd appointed member, I did not mean that the country roads should be neglected.
The Chairman (Thiele). As there are no further remarks, I will close the first discussion; and with the consent of the Government and the Council, I will declare the 2nd Discussion open.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). We have at present one reservoir. I would like to know if it is sufficient to supply water for the whole town, or if it will be necessary to build another? —
The Public Works Officer in reply said that that particular phase had been discussed. By pumpi

an additional 3 (three) hours daily, the supply would be sufficient. Plans are already on the way to provide for another reservoir later on.

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). I understand from the explanation given that the money to be spent for the George Washington School does not only cover the expenses of the installing of the toilets in the school building, but also the expenses in extending the mains from where they stop now to the school building. I therefore propose the following:- "Maintenance". Public Works Department, is hereby increased by Frcs 25.000.00, for the purpose of extending the salt water flushing system to the George Washington School, and installing new toilets therein.

The Government Secretary (Jaffney). The Government accepts the proposed reading.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks? None.

Who are in favour of the amendment?

All were in favour.

Who are in favour of this Additional Money Bill?

The Money Bill was paped, all being in favour.

Item V Election of a member to the Municipal Committee.

On a scruting of votes it was seen that the 2nd. elected member (Holst) received 13 votes; the 3rd. elected member (Stakemann) 1; and one voting slip was blank.

The Chairman declared the 2nd. elected member (Holst) duly elected as a member of the Municipal Committee.

Item VI Introduction of, and first Discussion on Draft of Ordinance for the organization and maintenance of a Department of Health, and laws

pertaining thereto.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). This Bill was introduced last May, and it died with the last Council. The Government hopes that it will be enacted before the end of the fiscal year. The Medical Aide will be glad to answer any question. I recommend the Bill to the members for their study and thorough investigation, so that they may be familiar with all its features. All members will be furnished with a new corrected copy before the next meeting.

The 2nd appointed member (Anduze). I think that this is a very important Bill, and I move that a committee of five (5) be elected to report on it.

The 8th. elected member (R. Francis). I rise to support the 2nd appointed member. We have a large volume placed before us, and we must go through it carefully. My opinion is that it should be placed before a committee of the whole house, to be properly threshed and studied paragraph by paragraph.

The 2nd appointed member (Anduze). I agree with the last hon. speaker, but I still think a committee of five (5) sufficient. When it comes before the house it will then be discused by the house.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I think that the work will be more espeditiously carried out with a com. of five (5) than with one of the whole house. I second that proposal.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks?

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). Are all the members in posession of copies of the Draft? It would otherwise be premature to appoint a committee.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). The committee of five (5) is in order. I did not make a motion; I only suggested that the com. should include the whole house.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks? How many are in favour of a com. of 5? Twelve responded in the affirmative.

The voting took place, with the following result. Members Anduze received 12 votes; Holst 11; Moorehead 9; Stakemann 9; Lockhart 8; Correiro 8; and Nolte 6.

As there was a tie between Members Lockhart

and Corneiro; a vote was taken, and Member Lockhart received 14 votes.

The Chairman declared Members Anduze, Holst, Moorehead, Stakemann, and Lockhart duly elected.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government requests the com. to elect a chairman, as soon as posible, so as to expedite the work.

Item VII Election of a citizen of the Municipality as a member of the permanent Board of Review and Equalization, in accordance with Section 34 of the Ordinance providing for the apsesment, levy and collection of taxes upon real and personal property in the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, V.I. U.S.A.

Member Stakemann (3rd elected) was elected by 14 votes.

The Chairman (Thiele). There is another item to be disposed of, which the hon. the Government Secretary drew my attention to. It is not on the Order of the day. It is—

Item VIII Election of a member for the Educational Board of Review.

Members Nolle received 8 votes; Holst 3; Lockhart 2; R. Francis 1; and Gomez 1.

The Chairman declard Member Nolle elected, and he accepted

The Chairman (Thiele). I received today a letter from His Excellency the Governor, which I will ask the Secretary to read.

Item IX The Secretary read as follows:—

Government of
The Virgin Islands of the United States
St Thomas.

10 January 1923.

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Colonial Council
For St Thomas and St John,
St Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Sir:

The American Red Cross, through its local Field Representative in the Virgin Islands, has requested permission to establish a playground for children in St Thomas.

The Field Representative of the American Red Cross states in her letter:

"The cost of equipment and the fencing of this plot of ground will be provided by the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross so that there will be no expense to the Municipality".

and it therefore gives me great pleasure to recommend to the Colonial Council that authority be granted to the American Red Cross to use the plot of land between the Municipal Hospital and the Hospital line (part of this tract having been the former site of the Municipal Poor House) for playground purposes at no expense to the Colonial Treasury.

Yours very faithfully,
(Signed) Henry H. Hough
Governor

The Chairman (Thiele). I consider this very nice. The Government need not have asked.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). It is certainly an act of politeness, and to learn our opinion. I suppose it will be a unanimous yea.

The Chairman (Thiele). I agree with you. The Government seeks our opinion.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). I move that the offer be accepted, and the chairman be authorized to write His Excellency the Governor to that effect; and requesting him to convey to the American Red Cross, our sincere thanks.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Whereupon the chairman declared the meeting closed.

St Thomas, the 11th January 1923

Thiele
Chairman

Secretary

Sunday, the 8th April 1923 the Honorable Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby and his party including Admirals Coontz, Reynolds and Pratt and a number of United States Congressmen, Senators and representatives of the Press visited St Thomas.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Councils of St Croix, St Thomas and St Jan at the invitation of the Governor, Captain Henry H. Hough met the Secretary and his party in the Administration Building to present the views of the Councils concerning the needs of the islands.

The members present were, from St Croix :- Robert L. Merwin (Chairman), David Canegata, (Secretary), and Members Folmer Andersen, K. Henderson, A. R. MacIntosh; A. J. Blackwood, J. L. Curry, D. Noll, John Alexander, and D. Armstrong.

From St Thomas and St Jan :-
C. G. Thiele (Chairman), Leroy Nolte (Secretary), and H. E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, L. E. Stakemann, J. E. Kuntz, Conrad Corneiro, John de Jongh, Rostchild Francis and J. H. Boschulte

The Governor who acted as Chairman opened the meeting with a few well put remarks.

Chairman Thiele delivered a short address of welcome on behalf of the St Thomas-St Jan Council and was followed by Chairman Merwin of the St Croix Council, who delivered a similar address on behalf of the Council and inhabitants of St Croix.

According to prearrangement the members of St Croix presented their views first, their Secretary reading a Memorial which had been prepared, a copy of which is on file in the Colonial Council's Office.

Messrs. Merwin, Folmer Andersen, Judge Curry and Captain Blackwood followed, speaking on various subjects and answered the questions put to them by many of the visitors, particular stress being made on the need of adequate water supply.

The St Thomas-St Jan Council had prepared Memorials regarding the water question, agriculture, and needs of the harbor, copies of which Memorials

were distributed to the visitors and are on file in the Council's office; this was supplemented by remarks from Mesdrs. Correiro, Boschulte and Nolte.

At the conclusion of remarks from the members of the Council, the Governor concluded with an address on behalf of the inhabitants of the Islands and in a most able and sincere way supplemented the remarks of all the previous speakers regarding the needs of the islands particularly laying stress upon the fact that although we are poor and working against great odds we are still hopeful and have not as yet lost our faith as to the future prosperity of the islands, finally concluding with the good American spirit saying "we are not beaten by a long shot".

Secretary Denby then addressed the meeting and expressed his interest in the welfare of the islands particularly remarking that although he in his official capacity did not have charge of the affairs of the islands still he would do all in his power to aid in helping to bring about renewed prosperity.

St Thomas, 9th April 1923

Chairman

An Ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, the first in the Session 1922/23 was held Thursday, the 12th April 1923 at 2.00 p.m.

Present were: Messrs C. G. Thiele, the Chairman; J. E. Hunte Vice-Chairman; Herbert E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Leroy Nolle, Luther E. Stakemann, Conrad Corneiro John de Jongh, Rostchild Francis, and J. H. Boschulte.

Excuses were made for the absence of Messrs George A. Moorehead, Abram E. Smith and Axel Holst.

The Chairman (Thiele) called the meeting to order, and said the arrival of the Governor and the Government Secretary would be awaited before proceeding further.

His Excellency Governor Hough accompanied by the Honorable the Government Secretary, Commander Gaffney entered.

The members rose from their seats as a mark of respect.

The Chairman (Thiele). Your Excellency:- Before proceeding with the order of the day, I desire on my own behalf as chairman of this Council, and on behalf of the members to thank you sincerely for the brilliant way in which you assisted the united councils Sunday during the interview with Secretary Denby and the Congressional Party. We thank you for the understanding of the people and the sympathy you evinced with our requirements, and we hope that we will be fortunate to retain you as governor for a very long period indeed.

I ask that one of the members move that the Council tender a vote of thanks to H. E. the Governor, and that it be spread upon the minutes.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I move that this Council tender a vote of thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Governor for the interest manifested by him in the welfare of these islands and their people during the visit of the Congressional Party on the 8th April 1923, and that same be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). I beg to second that motion. I thought of proposing that the Council

send a letter of thanks to the Governor for the able manner in which he afsisted us on Sunday in our representations. I second the motion with pleasure.

The 6th elected member (Corneau) I propose Mr Chairman that in this instance we vote by rising.

All the members rose: the vote was unanimous.

His Excellency the Governor:- Mr Chairman, Honorable Members of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John; I am deeply appreciative of your kindnefs in extending to me the vote of your confidence. I have a few words to say. While here among you, it is my intention to try and do all I can for the Virgin Islands and the Virgin Islanders, that being my earnest endeavor always.

Speaking of the conference last Sunday, it was not intended in any way to do more than to give you all an opportunity to meet the Secretary and the Members of Congress, to give them the opportunity to ask and you to answer any question asked. In a meeting of that sort, it is hopelefs to try and carry on for too lengthy a period. I feel that the meeting will bring forth good. As I said to you Mr. Chairman, in my note, I feel that our points fell on receptive ears and I feel that there was a great deal of sympathy towards our needs, on the part of the gentlemen forming the party.

We are not beaten, not by a long shot. We are perhaps a little depreffed; poffibly to the extent of pefsimism, but let us turn away from that and see if, in the whole situation as it excists, we cannot find something that strikes a cheerful note.

We are going ahead on this proposition of the water as far as we can. Mr. Denby said he would send us a competent civil engineer to work out a plan. I stated we needed to make a study, work up a plan, make estimates and then go to them with a request for their help which we expect to get. Now I did not speak for myself; I am only here in paffing, my being here as Governor is an incident in my life. I may stay two years, I may go sooner, who knows? I don't. But while I am here, I will interest myself in your problems.

I sincerely hope we are going to find something in the study of the water question that wi

enable us to make a definite plan, submit it to the authorities and say, give us the money and we will go ahead. I earnestly believe the visitors went away with the feeling that they are ready to help us in accordance with what our plans may develop. This is my feeling and I spoke not for myself, but for you people, the inhabitants of St Thomas, St John and St Croix. I earnestly feel, Mr. Chairman, that the meeting was good and that it will bring forth results which will be of infinite good. The question of irrigation must be considered more or less in the distant future. Water for stock, water for domestic purposes, if we can get that and get that in full measure, it will be a blessing for these islands. Again I thank you gentlemen for your confidence.

The Chairman suggested that the minutes of the last meeting, a copy of which having been published in The Bulletin, be considered read and adopted.

The Council consented to this.

The Order of the Day was then proceeded with:

Item I. Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the 2nd half year 1921 with the Committee's Report.

The Secretary (Anduze) read the Report.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any remarks? I will then put it to the vote. The Draft was passed. One member abstained from voting.

Item II Election of a member to the Harbor Board.

There were 8 (eight) votes cast for Mr. H. O. Creque; 1 (one) for Mr. George Levi; and 1 (one) voting slip was blank.

The Chairman declared Mr. H. O. Creque elected.

Item III Election of a member to the

Poor Commission.

There were 7 (seven) votes cast for Mr. Carl A. Anduze; 1 (one) for Mr. K. Francis; 1 (one) for Mr. Herbert E. Lockhart; and 1 (one) voting slip was blank.

The Chairman declared Mr. Carl A. Anduze elected.

Item IIII Election of two men to afsist the Government in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Golden Wedding Legacy.

Mefsrs. Abram E. Smith and Herbert E. Lockhart were elected with respectively 8 (eight) and 4 (four) votes.

Item V. Election of two men to afsist the Government in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Silver Wedding Legacy.

Mefsrs. Conrad Corneiro and J. E. Huntz were elected with 7 (seven) votes each.

The meeting was then closed.

St Thomas the 12th April 1923

Chairman

Secretary

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, the Second in the Session 1922/23, was held Thursday, the 7th. June 1923 at 2.00 p.m.

Present were:- C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Huntz, Vice-Chairman; H. E. Lockhart, Carl A. Andrize, Leroy Nolte, G. A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, L. E. Stakemann, Conrad Corneiro, John de Jongh, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Bos-Shulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Chairman (Thiele). I declare the meeting open, but before proceeding with the Order of the Day, we will await His Excellency the Governor, as I under-stand he desires to address the Council. His Excellen-cy the Governor accompanied by the Honourable the Government Secretary, Lieutenant Commander Gaffney entered.

His Excellency the Governor. Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members, I shall not detain you very long. I wish to introduce to you Commander Zane, who relieves Lieutenant Commander Gaffney as Govern-ment Secretary. I bespeak for him the same hearty cooperation you gave his predecessor. For some time he will be taken up in studying the details of the work, and may call upon you for information. I now present to you Commander Zane.

Commander Zane stood up.

The Chairman (Thiele). On behalf of the Council, I offer Commander Zane a hearty welcome. In saying good-bye to Commander Gaffney, I would say we have had our fights but always in the correct way. In saying good-bye to him, we express the hope to see him again some day.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). May I have the word? Mr. Chairman, His Excellency and honorable members:-

I think I may safely say that I voice the sentiments of my colleagues that it is with deep regret we learn of the retirement of Commander Gaffney from official duties here. He has been Gov't Secretary for a longer period than any of his predecessors; he has made a profound study of the problems of this community, to the credit of himself and the Government he represents.

I consider his resignation a loss to the island and a gain to any Department of the Service to which

he goes.

Our regret is minimized by the fact that a man of his ability and character will make good in whatever sphere of action he may be placed. We hope that wherever the Commander may be placed he may make as great a succes in his work as he has made here.

I hope we will see him often again, perhaps some day as an admiral visiting our port. Succes and promotion will surely follow him.

Commander Gaffney. Mr. Chairman and Noble members:- Please permit me to extend my sincere thanks for the kind words uttered by the last speaker, the sixth elected member (Connor) and through him to the entire council who have worked here for the past two and a half years that I have held office, always towards modern legislative progress for this municipality.

You have not suffered any loss in my return to the United States, but rather you hold my friendly good-will and in my succesor gain a new friend who will work only for the governmental good of all the people of the Virgin Islands.

In conclusion I wish to assure you that wherever I may be, and in whatever position of trust I may enjoy under the Government of the United States, I will continue to have an abiding interest in the welfare of the Virgin Islands and wish for them and you the greatest happiness and prosperity through all the years to come.

The 4th elected member (Kuntz) I propose that we rise as a mark of appreciation.

The members rose.

The Chairman (Thiele). We will now proceed to business; and ask the secretary Mr. Nolte to read the minutes of the last meeting held the 12th April 1923.

His Excellency the Governor. I will now leave you to your deliberations.

The minutes of the meeting of the 12th, April 1923 were read; and there being no objection, confirmed.

The Chairman (Thiele). The Secretary will now read the report of the meetings of the Councils of St Croix, and St Thomas and St John with the Congressional Party, the 8th April 1923.

The Secretary read the report.

Item 1. Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend the Ordinance providing for the Assessment, Levy and Collection of Taxes upon Real and Personal Property in the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, approved the 25th February 1922.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) in introducing the Draft, recommended it to the favorable consideration of the Council, and said that the Board of Review and Equalization appointed under authority of the Ordinance approved the 25th February 1922 found that a large portion of rural property, which formerly paid a small tax, was now in accordance with the ruling of Section 18 (a) not permitted to contribute their share towards the ordinary expenses. The Board found it necessary when the value of property approached $300.00 to let the assessment remain at $300.00 or permit the owners to forfeit their privilege of assisting toward the upkeep of the municipality, and it is to correct this which the Board of Review and Equalization considers an unfair working of the law that the following changes are proposed; viz:-

In Section 18 (a) change "three hundred dollars" to "fifty dollars".

The 1st elected member (Moorehead). It is not to be denied that this change is also intended to raise revenue, but I can hardly see that the exemption should be lowered from $300.- to $50.-. This will not affect the great land owners, but will affect the poor people who to avoid paying house rent, have economized, built a small house, and in many cases still paij a land rent. I think the $300. exemption a just one. Or if you wish, make a general exemption for everybody. In other words do not take more money from or make it harder for the poor people.

* of their right of contributing towards the upkeep of the community. I do not believe there is anybody who would like to be deprived

The 3rd elected member Stakemann. I happened to be a member of the Board of Review and Equalization, and in going over the taxes we found that a large number of former taxpayers, had by the new law been deprived* of paying their share of taxes. They

would like to take part in everything. In exempting th
from paying taxes we make them dependent. That is on
phase. The next thing is that a tax must be fairly dist
buted. This is a poor community — there may be a time
that we may be forced to repeal all taxes — if things
remain as they are. But that time, that trouble! I
think it was an oversight at the time the Law wa
framed to place the exemption at $ 300.—. I recom-
mend that it be now placed at $ 50.—.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis). I have
listened to the two last speakers, and both had some
thing good to say. My opinion is as we have thi
law tax with an exemption of $ 300.—, it should
not be changed to $ 50.— — you might have propose
$ 150.—. People are grumbling about taxes, they do
not collect enough to pay. On principle I will no
vote for it, though my ndy may be solitary.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte). I
not against the people paying taxes, but I say
let this rest in abeyance for a few years. We ar
taxed enough just now. And living is higher
than in former years, and it is more difficult n
to earn money. The poor people are more than 9C
of the population. Put it off until things get bette
If you get a few more francs, it will take a good
deal to collect it.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I refer to th
adjustment of these taxes. No new burden is bein
put on the people. They were always accustomed
to pay taxes on their houses. It is only a co
rect adjustment we are seeking. As long as we hav
a law, the tax ought to be equally distributed. Al
should contribute toward the upkeep of the municipali

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I was a member of
the Com. to whom the tax in question was submitte
And I think it would have been well if there
had been a general allowance of $ 300.—. It is sa
to deprive people of the community to contribute
toward the municipal expenses, but on the other
hand to compel people to contribute who are no
able is another thing. In the Income Tax there a
exceptions. It is decidedly much harder for an owne
of a $ 300.— property to pay $ 3.—, than an owner of
$ 10.000.— to pay $ 100.— : I cannot therefore agree w

the 3rd. elected member, and think it should stand as it is.
The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis). I have listened to the 3rd. elected member. I respect every man's opinion; the moment is I consider in-opportune. The Council should let this alone. We do wish to pay our quota, and are paying it already indirectly. This is however not the time to bring more taxes. Let sleeping lions alone.

A further discussion took place in which the 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis), the 8th elected member (R. Francis), the 2nd elected member (Holst), the 1st elected member (Moorehead) and the 3rd elected member (Stakemann) took part. Members C. E. Francis and Stakemann being in favour of the change to $50.-, and Members Rothschild Francis, Holst and Moorehead being opposed to it.

The Chairman (Thiele). How many properties are there between the assessed value of $50.- to $300.-? How much more taxes will be collected?

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). On the rough not so much more will be collected. But the taxes should be fairly distributed; that is the point.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Before going to the vote, I would like to say it goes without saying that this is not a highly prosperous community. The amount of exemption in Pto Rico is $300.-. The Board of Review and Equalization give it as their opinion that the exemption of Fcs 1.500.- is too much for this community. The amendment is to re-distribute the taxes to a certain extent. If things are to become worse - all must contribute according to our means for the upkeep of the municipality. Another point of difficulty is the matter of the town limits; where rural property begins.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks? The 1st discussion is then closed; and having been proposed by the Government it goes to 2nd Discussion.

Item 2. 1st Discussion on Draft of the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, Virgin Islands of the United States, for the fiscal year July 1, 1923

to June 30, 1924.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members: I have the honor to introduce the Budget for the financial year 1st July 1923 to 30th June 1924. It was sent simultaneously to the Chairman of the Council and to the Chairman of the Municipal Committee.

The 6th elected member (Correiro). In presenting to you the Report of the Municipal Committee on the Budget we do not claim for it the perfection of a finished product. We are willing to consider any defects that may appear on it. It may be considered strange that we should reduce a revenue producing item. I refer to Page 1, Item 3 – From Pay Patients at the Municipal Hospital Fcs 25.000.–; the com. thought fit to reduce Fcs 20.000.–. We were a bit surprised to see that such an item should have been augmented by Fcs 5.000. from that posted on the Budget for the current financial year which expires the 30th inst. How can it be expected to raise $1.000.– more from people who are in a worse position now. The Municipal ~~Hospital~~ Committee I must say was shocked at it. The Municipal Hospital which should be considered a beneficent institution has become a nightmare and a bugbear, for when they catch you up there, they soak you $2.50 per day. Besides this they charge for the Operation Room, and still charge for the ambulance. Sickness costs the community too much in this depressed economic state of affairs.

I shall be glad to withdraw what I have said, if proven that I am wrong.

Page 5 Expenditure. The Colonial Council. The amount posted for Maintenance Fcs 7.250.– has been divided in such a way as to allow a larger amount for travelling (expenses) allowance for the members from St John.

Page 6 The Fire Department. There has been added Assistant Chief of Fire Department — Fcs 900

The person who at present devotes much of his spare time to this Dept't in a very efficient manner, is a member of the Police Force, and it is thought fair and just that he be remunerated for this extra work.

Since the report has been handed in there is a proposal to increase the salary of the clerk of the

Comm. See Page 5, the Judiciary Department; by Fcs 600.- pr year. The incumbent in question is Mr. George A. Mena. The chief of the Department finds him very efficient, and he takes proper care of the work under his charge which has increased very much of late. This increase is recommended to the Council, and left to its discretion.

Page 10, The Poor Department; This is self-explanatory. It is to cover the espenses for the maintenance of inmates from St Thomas and St John at King's Hill, Poor Farm, St Croix.

Page 10, The Department of Education; It was proposed to have a Sewing Teacher in St John. We strongly recommend that this amount be entered.

The Chairman (Thiele). With reference to the amount entered as revenue from Pay Patients at the Municipal Hospital, it must be remembered that the amount is always uncertain, and only estimated on the basis of the rates.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). I agree with that.

The Chairman (Thiele). When the Municipal Committee finds fault with the amount posted, are we to understand that the Municipal Committee recommends a change in the rates charged?

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). The Municipal Committee thinks this very necessary.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). The last speaker seems to have forgotten the matter of the travelling allowance for the members from St John.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). I did not forget anything. The item has been increased by a deduction from another item in the same group. It has been proven that $4. for the travelling expenses is easily eaten up. The travelling expenses is however not to exceed $8. for a trip to and fro.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I refer to this affair about pay patients. The budgetted amount does not interfere with or control the fees payable. It would be well to know the rates that now obtain.

If in the opinion of a majority of the Council, the rates are too high, then they ought to be changed.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) reviewed the amounts posted under item 17 Maintenance — The Department of Health; such as charcoal, Kerosene,

wood etc., and quoted the current rates which are below the ones entered on the Draft of the Budget. He also quoted (page 8) the Carpenter's Helper entered with a larger amount than the carpenter. He asked for an explanation. The amounts that would be so to say gained by entering smaller amounts more in keeping with the present market rates, could, he said, be passed to, posted, or added to that posted to the Reform School Leinster Bay.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). I have a few questions to make. On page 7 Department of Health, the salary of the Superintendent of the Municipal Hospital is increased; and placed the same as the Municipal Physician for St John. And then what about the charges for the use of the ambulance? The fees charged pay patient are also too high. The argument in favour of Leinster Bay Reform Home is in order.

I would like also to have some information; see page 10, Item 32, Education. 2 High School Teachers. Why this addition? Page 11; The Public Works Department No 35 Technical Assistant. Why this addition? Page 5, The Police and Prison Department. It would appear there are as many officers as patrolmen. It reminds one of a neighboring place 600 men and 10 generals. And last but not least why should we pay more rent for the office of the Colonial Council: It is placed higher than the Central Exchange of the Telephone Building. The place is too large, and at the same time the increase is too much.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). I see on page 6, The Police and Prison Department No. 9 Gasoline and Oil entered with £1.500.-. Is this for a car for the use of the policemen? And horse keeping and travel for policemen in St John £1.500.-. When a policeman uses a horse, is he paid for the use of the horse?

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). We are getting confused. Let us tackle the items in order. The Hospital: What protection has the public against the high charges of doctors?

The Chairman (Thiele). The charges of the doctors are regulated by the governor.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). The item for horse keeping in St John: I suppose what is want

to be known is, if a policeman must use a horse if the hire of the horse is taken from the amount budgetted.

The ~~Government Secretary~~ (Gaffney). Yes.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). Why should a sewing teacher in St John receive Fcs 1.800.—, and a sewing teacher in St Thomas Fcs 2.400.—?

The Chairman (Thiele). The Director of Education is present, and I refer the question to him.

The Director of Education (Mr Nase). In St John the sewing teacher attends only to certain classes a day, whereas in St Thomas the sewing teacher is occupied from 8.30 to 4.00; and attends to more classes. The pay for St John is in proportion greater for St John than for St Thomas.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). What is the proportion of the time occupied?

The Director of Education (Mr. Nase). In St John less than half as compared with St Thomas.

The member of the County District (J.H. Boschulte). The way I look on it is that the whole budget should be gone over. About 75% of all these expenses should be cut down.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). Coming back to the teacher for sewing for St John; I am glad to hear the explanation from the Director of Education. I am glad to see the amount budgetted. If the teacher should prove unsatisfactory, I hope he will be able to get another.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis). I enquired about the High School Teachers.

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). I refer to page 12, Public Works Department:- Maintenance and Operation of Pump Station and Line, including electricity furnished ——— Fcs 50.000.—

Maintenance —	other water lines	5.000.—
Maintenance —	Sewers	5.000.—
Miscellaneous —	Unforseen	5.000.—

Why such an increase?

The 2nd elected member (Holst). On page 1, the estimated difference between Revenues and Expenditures, to be made up from other sources is $158.000.—, more or less. If I understand correctly, this is to be made up by the Federal Government. Am I correct?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Deficit is

always made up by Federal Funds.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I wish to thank the Government Secretary for this information. There will then be no chance of raising or attempting to raise any part of it by local taxation.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I strongly second the question raised by the 2nd elected member. "Other sources" did appear vague. And we have to be very careful, and consider well what we are doing. The changes are made so rapidly in the Heads of Departments, that it is good to have definite information as we go along. I also would like to know that the deficit is not to be made up locally.

The chairman (Thiele). I understand that the Federal Government will make good the deficit.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I note an item on page 10 — No. 21 — Salaries — Municipal Dentist, I would like to know if it is the duty of the dentist to attend to the children of all the schools?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Fifteen hours a week are given to school children. It does not matter to what school they belong.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolle). Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members: Much has already been said about this budget and many queries made, the heads of the different Departments were they present would surely be able to answer. The member of the Country District spoke about reducing the Budget 75%, but we have since had the assurance that the deficit will be made up from Federal Funds. As long as the Government is going to foot the bill, we have only to assist them that the outlay or expenditure is effected along those lines which our experience shows us is the best.

In the matter of the Judiciary Department, I notice the stenographer for the District Court is entered with Fcs 6.000.—. Has a stenographer been appointed?

The Chairman (Thiele). Yes.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolle). In the matter of equipment, has any provision been made for a jury? I think that there should be at least comfortable seats for the jury. I notice that on page 1 under II Indirect Taxes No. 5 Court Fees and Fees from the Police Office are entered with Fcs 33.000.—. There are alway

complaints of heavy fines for minor offences. If we could learn definitely, we might legislate to modify. As regards the Public Works Department, it is to be noted that labour is high and slow. If the Chief of that Department had been here, we should have obtained the information required, and heard also about the roads. I wanted to compliment him on the way the roads have been fixed.

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). On page 1, No III Sundry Revenues: No. 6 Miscellaneous is entered with Frs 35.000.-. May I ask what are these items?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). All I can say is that it is the general catch all for items of revenue so small as not to be budgetted separately. I can have a synopsis prepared if necessary.

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). I did not expect a full detail, will you mention just one item or two.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). It may be noticed that under Revenues (III) No4 Passport Fees are entered with Frs 1.000.-, but several smaller items are entered as miscellaneous.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). May I perhaps assist by mentioning the 10% State Tax from The National Bank of the D.W. Indies?

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). On page 6, item 9, payments for mongoose according to law are entered with Frs. 3.000.-. How is this divided between St Thomas and St John?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). Whenever a mongoose is killed, the bounty is paid. The Government helps in this way to get rid of the pest.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). The money I understand is sent to the Despatching Secretary at Cruz Bay, (St John) when the mongoose is killed in the districts far from Cruz Bay, it is very difficult to collect the bounty, for it decomposes quickly after death. At present there is no inducement to catch and destroy them. If the Despatching Secretary would put a certain amount in the hands of reliable persons on the north side, the south side, and Maho Bay Quarter the situation would be changed. I would be glad if the Government would give this matter its attention.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government will be pleased to take up the matter, and give all

the aid necessary.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). The Government has built a fine cistern at Cruz Bay, but there is no shed to throw the water in it; there is only a small balcony. Would the Government give its attention to this also?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). That will likewise have the Government's attention.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). Returning to the matter of the jury, they have no adequate quarters. It is hard that a body of men should meet in a room without accomodations. As we are discussing the Budget now, some effort should be made to remedy this defect.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks?

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government would like to have the 2nd Discussion opened today.

The Chairman (Thiele) took the vote and there was not the 3/4 majority the Rules of Business required.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government has not been able to answer the flood of questions that have been put; the heads of the different departments not being present. The Budget entails a lot of clerical work. We generally begin in December, and it is natural that prices arranged in December may change by June, this refers to Kerosene etc. Again there is the question raised about the charges of Doctors and the Hospital question. By re-committing the Draft of Budget these things may be better discussed, and from the Government's point of view I recommend that.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I quite agree with the Government Secretary. The quotations of the different items are so to say minor, let us come to the major complaints. Re commit the budget and let us confer with the heads of the different departments.

The Chairman (Thiele) submitted the proposal to the Council, and the first discussion was closed; the second to be opened at the next meeting.

Whereupon the Meeting was closed.

St Thomas, the 7th June 1923

Thiele
Chairman.

Pars Rasmussen
Secretary.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St. John, convened by order of the Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the Colonial Law (No 124-1906) was held Thursday, the 21st June 1923, at 2.00 P.M.

Were present:-

Members C. G. Thiele, Herbert E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Leroy Nolle, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Asel Holst, Luther E. Stakemann, C. Conniro, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith, and Carl E. Francis.

The Government was represented by the Hon. the Government Secretary, Commander Gaffney.

Item 1. 2nd Discussion on Draft

of an Ordinance to amend the Ordinance providing for the Assessment, Levy and Collection of Taxes upon Real and Personal Property in the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, approved the 25th February 1922.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) said that since the last meeting the entire subject had been gone over. In accordance with the law now in force the taxes must go down for collection the 30th June 1923. The law as it now stands with the limit of $300. caused any number of reclamations against assessments in this neighborhood to be thrown out; but if the Council would pass this measure today and make it reto-active for 1922, requesting that the collection of taxes be held up, it would materially assist in having the taxes more evenly distributed.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). At the last meeting I tried to make myself understood that in advocating the change from $300.- to $50.-, no new burden was being put on anyone. As the law is at present it is a great injustice to a large number of people, especially owners of property in the rural district approximating the value of $300.-. For example we have here foreign people down in what is called "Honduras" in the Country District with houses of three rooms approximating in value $300.-

and also many houses of similar values in the precincts of the town. It does not seem fair that so many houses should go un-taxed. I would therefore ask my colleagues to vote this measure. There is another facility; the reclamations that were not considered will now, if this law be amended have a chance, and then the time of payment will be extended for the payment of these taxes.

The Chairman (Thiele). May I ask whether in the case of rural property the land on which the houses stand is tasced ?

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). Yes.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). It will not be possible to reconsider all reclamations that were late. Only reclamations against assessments of $300.- or thereabout would be considered.

The 6th elected member (Correiro). I do not think the case of the "Honduras" people cited by the 3rd elected member is to the point.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). If the house is erected on land which is not owned by the owner of the house, then it is personal property.

The 6th elected member (Correiro). It does not matter whether the house be worth $300.- or not, if it contained no more than two rooms and was used by the owner of the land, it is exempt from taxation at present. I am in favour of changing the limit from $300. to $50. The point is whether we can do that and make it legally retro-active. To correct it for the future is all right. But since it is to be made retro-active it should go to a committee.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). A person owning a rural property of say $300.-, on his own land, would as things go now be free of taxes.

The 6th elected member (Correiro). Yes.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). We wish to bring him in now and include him in the list of tax-payers.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks?

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). I do not quite understand about the changes being retro-active. But I repeat I do not think it will hurt the people. I hope the Council will vote the new limit of $50. It can not hurt anybody. I think it the right thing to do.

The member for the County District (Boschulte). When

this tax law was being framed, the last speaker thought it would bring bankruptcy on St. John.

The 1st member for St. John (C. E. Francis). I believe the last speaker is in a dream. I spoke against high fines. Always I stand up for the poor people.

The Chairman (Thiele). I will ask those in favour of this Draft of Ordinance, to indicate it by a show of hands.

There were three in favour: Members Stakemann, Corneiro and C. E. Francis; and Nine (9) against: Members Thiele, Lockhart, Anduze, Gomez, Moorehead, Holst, Rothschild Francis, Boschulte and Smith.

Member Nolle abstained from voting.

The Chairman (Thiele). Those members in favour of sending this Draft to 3rd Discussion, will please raise their hands.

There were three (3) in favour, and nine (9) against.

The Chairman (Thiele). The Ordinance will then rest here.

Item 2. 2nd Discussion on Draft of Budget for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John, Virgin Islands of the United States for the fiscal year July 1, 1923 to June 30th, 1924.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). The Report submitted by the Municipal Committee was a result of a meeting held by this com., and attended by the Govt Secretary and the Heads of the different Departments. I think it useless to start a further discussion on the matter. I recommend to the other members that the Budget be adopted in accordance with the Report submitted.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there two reports?

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). The Report of the 14th June covers everything.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney). The Government has no objection and accepts all the changes proposed.

The 7th elected member (de Jongh) entered.

The Chairman in accordance with the Rules of Business, put the Budget as amended to the

vole, page by page; and it was unanimously voted.

Item 3. Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the 1st half year 1922, with the Committee's Report.

Member Smith (Senior member of the Tax Com) read the Report.

The Draft was put to the vote by the Chairman and passed unanimously.

Item 4. Draft of an Ordinance to amend Title III, Chapter 71 of an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Providing a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands", passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John on the 10th March 1921, and approved the 17th March 1921.

(Introduced by the 6th elected member C. Corneiro).

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). All legislature is experimental, it is only in carrying out measures that the way of improvements is shown. The matter now before us deals with Probates. When a man dies his relatives are bound to give a report of what he has left, so that the legacies should be well adjusted. But when the value of the estate left is small, it is hardly worth while to go into details and incur expenses which eat up in many cases a great percentage of the already small capital. Only estates the value of the afsets of which amount to less than $300.- come within the scope of this change.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis). I rise to support the Draft before us. I know a case in which a person died leaving $5.-; and a good deal of formality had to be gone through.

The Chairman (Thiele). According to this you can get the money all at once.

The 2nd Member for St John (Smith). Why not make it $1.000.- ? also remarks on the Bill

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). I make a motion that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I second the motion.

The Government Secretary (Gaffney) said that the Government had consulted the Attorney ~~General~~ and the Judge of the District Court, and is in favour of it.

amendment proposed.

The Chairman (Thiele). Any further remarks? The first discussion was closed, and the members gave a unanimous vote that the 2nd discussion be proceeded with.

The 3rd. elected member (Stakemann). I propose that the 2nd discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The 2nd discussion was closed.

The Chairman (Thiele) requested the permission of the Government and the Council that the 3rd discussion be opened. Both sides consented.

The 3rd discussion was opened.

The Chairman (Thiele) took the vote and the Draft of Ordinance was unanimously paped.

Item 5. Election of a Jury Commissioner for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for a period of one year from July 1, 1923 in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 12, Title V of the Code of laws.

Member Corneiro received eleven (11) votes, and Members Holst, Lockhart and Moorehead (1) one each.

The Chairman declared Member Corneiro elected.

Whereupon the meeting was closed.

St Thomas, the 21st June 1923

Thiele
Chairman

Carl A Rudnick
Secretary

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, the third in the sefsion 1922/1923, was held Thursday, the 16th August, 1923, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Huntz, Vice Chairman; Carl A. Andreze, Leroy Rolle, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, C. Corneiro, John de Jongh, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Carl E. Francis, and Abram E. Smith.

The Government was represented by the Honorable the Government Secretary, Commander Zane.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman.

The Chairman (Thiele). Before we proceed with the business before us today, I wish to say that there has been written by one of our members a Resolution in memory of our late President. You have all read the resolution and I am sure that you all agree with me that it expresses in a very beautiful way the feelings of this Council. I will now ask the 6th elected member to read the Resolution he has prepared; and I also ask the members to rise as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased President and as a sign of their approval of the resolution.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) read the Resolution; the members of the Council standing up.

Resolution

Whereas the thread which bound the life of Warren G. Harding has been suddenly severed thus ending a career adorned with the highest civic virtues; and

Whereas the services rendered to the Nation by the said Warren G. Harding as its Chief Executive have been such as to merit not only the grateful acknowledgement and esteem of his countrymen but the admiration of the world; and

Whereas through the untimely demise of the aforesaid Warren G. Harding the island of St Thomas has been blighted in its ardes-

hope of welcoming the illustrious Head of Nation on its soil; and

Whereas the Municipality of St Thomas and St John as an integral part of the United States of America should associate itself in the sorrow and bereavement which overshadows the Nation;

Be It Resolved that the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John in ordinary Session assembled, expresses its adhesion to and solidarity with the message of condolence and sympathy extended by His Excellency the Governor in the name of the inhabitants on August 4th, 1923, and hereby manifests its deepest sorrow for the great loss sustained through the death of the late President of the United States and extends its sincerest condolence to his surviving widow.

Be It Further Resolved that this Resolution be spread on the minutes of the Council and copies thereof be transmitted to the Honorable Secretary of State and to Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

St Thomas, Virgin Islands of the United States.

The Chairman (Thiele). The copies will be forwarded at an early date.

The Chairman (Thiele). I have received excuses for non attendance from members Stakemann and Lockhart.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) entered.

The Chairman called upon the Secretary (Anduze) to read the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held the 7th June 1923.

These minutes were confirmed after some minor alterations.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held the 21st June 1923 were next read and confirmed.

The Order of the Day followed.

Item I First Discussion on Additional Money Bill, providing

Fcs. 3.250.00 for acquiring the property No.1 d King's Street and Quarter, St Thomas, Virgin Islands, and further the sum of Fcs. 2.000.00 for erecting a toilet thereon.

The Government Secretary (Zane) introduced the Money Bill and explained how it was absolutely necessary that the Thomas Jefferson School should have proper sanitary arrangements. Any other means of satisfying these needs than by purchasing the adjoining property does not seem to exist. The Public Works Officer is here, and if more information is required, will give it.

The Chairman (Thiele). There is a report from the Municipal Committee recommending this Money Bill and the one covered by Item 4 for extending the Salt Water Fire Protection Lines into the so-called Savan District.

The Report was read.

The Chairman (Thiele). If there are no further remarks I will close the 1st discussion.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolte). It might be well to hear what the Public Works Officer has to say about the matter.

The Public Works Officer (Johnson) gave further information. The toilet arrangements to be put up at the Thomas Jefferson School would be similar to that at the George Washington School.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further questions or remarks?

The 1st discussion was declared closed.

The Government requested that the 2nd discussion should follow. The Council consented; and the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The Chairman (Thiele) Are there any further remarks? None. I will then place this Money Bill to the vote. The Money Bill was passed unanimously.

Item 2 (4) 1st Discussion on Additional Money Bill, providing for an appropriation of Francs 12.500.00 for the purpose of extending the Salt Water Fire Protection Lines into the so-called Savan District.

The Government Secretary (Zane). This item is as self explanatory as Item 1. The extension of the Salt Water Protection Lines is I think a necessity. Had this extension been made before the fire

in this District, it would not have been so destructive.
The Chairman (Thiele). The members have already heard that the Municipal Committee recommends this Money Bill. Are there any remarks to be made?
The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). Personally I approve of this Money Bill. But I would also like to see similar lines for other streets, for instance, the Garden Street. As soon as funds permit, it would be much appreciated if the Government would place similar lines in the Garden Street and the so-called Long Path. There are a number of wooden houses there, and protection against fire is required.
The Government Secretary (Cane). The Government has already been discussing this matter, and it is likely the Council will hear about it soon.
The 2nd. elected member (Holst). I am glad to see that some attention is being given to the matter of fire protection — that is absolutely necessary. I hope we will be able to advance on these lines.
The Chairman (Thiele). If there are no other remarks I will close the 1st discussion.

The 1st discussion was closed and the 2nd discussion opened; consent having been obtained.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks? None. The Money Bill was then put to the vote, and unanimously passed.

Item 3 (2) 1st Discussion on Draft of Ordinance to amend Section 5 of the Ordinance to provide for a Municipal Police Force for St Thomas and St John fixing the salary of the District Chief of Police at Francs 9.000.00 per annum.

The Government Secretary (Cane) introduced this Draft of Ordinance, and informed the Council that it was to correct a discrepancy which existed. The salary budgetted was Francs 8.000.00. The gentleman who held the post the last two years received Francs 9.000.— His Excellency the Governor thinks this discrepancy ought not to exist, and this Money Bill is to correct it.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis). I wish to

make a few remarks. A District Chief of Police had to be selected from afar, without finding out whether we had qualified natives here on the spot. The nesct time we should be given a chance. I am sure we have natives here capable of filling this post. This Draft of Ordinance should go to a committee of 3.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) seconded.

The Chairman (Thiele). Any further remarks?

The Government Secretary (Jane). The remarks of the 8th elected member were listened to with much interest; I feel, however, that they have nothing to do with the point at ipsue. The Governor has found a discrepancy, and he comes free, open, and above board and asks the Colonial Council to help to correct it. The Governor feels that his predeceSor left him a condition which he does not care to carry along. Where a District Chief of Police should be sought is beside the question.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead). I seconded the motion of sending this Draft to a Committee. We have confidence in the Government and we believe everything is all right. Yet we have budgetted Francs 8.000.00 and we find that the Official has been receiving Francs 9.000.-. I therefore think it should go to a Committee and thresh the matter out.

It does not look in my mind right that one month ago we paSed a budget for Francs 8.000.00 and the Official has received more.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis). I am going to vote the bill, but it is opportune that it should go to a committee so that we would be able to say some things that we would not care to say here and now.

The Government Secretary (Jane). I would like to make the Government's position clear. The Government has no objection that this Draft should go to a committee. The matter should, however, be handled expeditiously.

The Chairman put the proposal of sending this Draft to a committee of three, to the house. Three were in favour and ten against; the motion was lost.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any further remarks?

The 2nd elected member (Holst). Whilst it is regrettable that a mistake has taken place, the Government has explained everything, and as the Government wishes to expedite the matter, there is no use for a committee.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). I heartily endorse the ideas of the last speaker. I can not see what would be gained by sending the bill to a committee. The official is getting the salary and will continue to get it. This bill will, however, put it on a strong, sound and legal basis.

The Chairman (Thiele). Any further remarks? None I will then close the 1st discussion.

The Government Secretary (Jane). The Government would like it to go to 2nd discussion to-day.

The Chairman (Thiele). How many are in favor?

There were eleven in favor, with two against.

The Chairman (Thiele). The 2nd discussion is now open. Are there any remarks? None. I will then close the 2nd discussion. What about the 3rd discussion?

The Government Secretary (Jane). The Government would like to have the third discussion take place today.

The Council gave its consent by 12 votes.

The Chairman then put the Draft to the vote and it was passed by 12 votes.

Item 4 (3) First Discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the Executive and Administrative Functions of the various public Boards, Commissions and Committes of St Thomas and St John.

The Government Secretary (Jane) introduced the Draft and mentioned the changes that had taken place since the temporary suspension of the workings of the different commissions in 1918.

The School Commission had been replaced by the Department of Education; the Sanitary and Hospital Commission by the Department of Health; the Road and Building Commission by the Department of Public Works; the Police and Prison Commission by the Police Department; the Quarantine Commission by the Department of Health of the Federal Government.

The Poor Commission, the Municipal Committee, and the Trade and Lamp Tax Committee were not affected by the change then made; nor will they be

affected now.

Continuing, he said that in reading over the files of June 1918 he was struck by the fact that the reasons advanced by Governor Oliver were as true today as then. That is, that the old form of Government by commissions was incompatible with the new sovereignty.

The framers of the Constitution took particular pains that none of the branches of the Government should become paramount and dominate the other. Prior to the change, with one exception, you had the same thing. The Colonial Council legislated, the Judiciary interpreted, and the Government executed. But you also had the Committee to execute. And in this particular you differed from the United States.

The executive functions lodged with the committees should be lodged with the Governor permanently.

I cannot speak of the working since the change during the last five years. Those who have been here prior to 1918 and since know the value of the change, but I am informed that the standard of Education has improved; the death rate has decreased; the Police Force is more efficient; the roads better kept; and the living conditions bettered. The commercial depression is due to other causes. The Draft of Ordinance you have before you is to continue and further develop along the lines which are well known.

How we could ever go back to the form of government with the commissions is more than I can see. Certainly the advantages which the change brought are apparent. And that the Federal Government has developed along these lines for nearly 150 years clearly demonstrates that the principles are sound and workable.

He referred to Section 63 of the Colonial Law and Section 2 of the Organic Act, and continuing said that it was evident that no one imagined that the Colonial Law would remain forever unchanged.

To reiterate then — just one point more; this Draft of Ordinance is to continue existing conditions. If this legislation does not become law it will retard progress.

I invite your attention to the matter of the charges of the Municipal Hospital, and to the

letter recently sent to the members. As soon as it became evident to His Excellency the Governor that a change was desirable, attention was at once given the matter. ——— The member for the Country District (Boschulte). Take the Road Commission for instance; if we had a Road Commission now functioning, I think it would be better. That there has been some good work done, I admit. ——— The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). I have listened with much attention to the words of the Government Secretary. I endorse nearly all should go into the hands of the Executive, yet I can assure you I could never vote to throw up the Road Commission. For instance up in St. John, I feel sure the one in charge would be willing to have the roads in the best style, but he cannot. I ride often, and complain about them. Suckers are in the roads, and would never have been there if there was a Road Commission. The Commission would ride about and see about it. We ought to have a Road Commission; roads would be better kept; impossible that they should not be better kept. The Draft should go to a committee to thresh it out. ———

The 6th elected member (Correiro). I think that the subject before us should have the careful attention of a committee. It is something to be looked at from different angles. With the Danish Government, the different commissions were intended to share with the officials sent from Denmark in their efforts to promote the general welfare. We have been called upon to give them up and abandon them, and there is a fear that in giving them up we give up all control. Take the matter of the Hospital; when Dr. Riddick came here he wanted to arrange the fees. I remember that when Governor Oman prepared the fees to be charged by the Courts, the Council deliberated on it. ———

We hesitate giving up the power and then having nothing to say. Some safeguard should be enacted when the liberty of action the commissions had is given up. ———

I endorse the motion of the 1st member for St John that the Draft should go to a committee, and I suggest a committee of the entire house. ———

The 2nd. elected member (Holst). In my mind the committees need not be abolished, they should act in an

advisory capacity. And if they are to act as "advisory" there is scarcely any change. The Public Works Officers for example remain only about 2 years, so it is good to have a stationary committee to be familiar with the situation. Referring to the remarks of the 1st member for St John I am surprised to hear that the roads in that island are so bad. I am an admirer of the system of commissions and think this draft should go to a committee of the whole house. Let us go to the very base of the matter, and see whether it has been detrimental. The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). What I say about the roads I say from experience — some parts fairly good. I was born in St John, have been away 12 years and it is now 20 years since I am back. I know what it was and what it is. Some parts fairly well. The trimming is good. I know what I am saying. You can ride everywhere fairly well. Some parts you find well; but to speak about the roads in general! Just let the Road Commission remain with the Poor Commission.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). What about the Sanitary Law now being framed?

The Chairman (Thiele). The new law when passed will do away with two of the commissions now under discussion.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis). The regulation concerning these commissions ceased the 4th June this year. What are we working under now?

The Chairman (Thiele). The Government has to do the work that was incumbent on the old commissions.

The 7th. elected member (de Jongh). ~~When I use the words — surrendering rights, I am only repeating what is heard all along, that in giving up the commissions we are surrendering~~

I am also in favour of sending this Draft to a committee of the whole house. Moreso as the people are continually censuring the Council for surrendering their rights.

The Chairman (Thiele). If I am not mistaken, in St Croix they did away with all the commissions five years ago.

The Government Secretary (Caine). As the Hon. Chairman stated, in St Croix they have no commissions as they had formerly. St Croix is operating under

the new system. I think the term used by the 7th elected member - surrendering rights - misleading. Nothing is being taken away. The proper term would be, making a change for the better. ——

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). When I use the words - surrendering rights - I am only repeating what is heard all along, that in giving up the commissions we were surrendering the rights of the Council. I should like to see the Draft go to a committee of the house. ——

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). If we do make a change let it be for 5 (five) years; and leave out the Poor Commission and the Road Commission.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I am still unable to understand this. The 2nd paragraph in the Draft reads :- Provided, that any such Board, Commission, or Committee which shall have been divested of administrative and (or) executive functions, as herein provided, shall thereafter act in an advisory capacity to the Governor in relation to such functions etc. etc. Then they must still exist otherwise they could not act in an advisory capacity. I would like to have the chairman's opinion. ——

The Chairman (Thiele). I do not myself see it. It is my opinion that a few changes are to be made.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolte). Do these commissions still exist ? ——

The chairman (Thiele). No re-elections took place.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). ——

I gather from the Secretary that as this is an American colony it must be ruled along American lines. I believe also that no one can gainsay that improvements have been made, at same time a word from anyone in the community who knows would assist. It cannot be expected that the American officials should know everything about our conditions; and I believe the public interests would be furthered if they consulted and heard opinions of responsible people. ——

The 8th. elected member (R. Francis). How many commissions are now working? ——

The Chairman (Thiele). The Poor Commission, the Electoral Commission or Board, the Trade and Lamp Tax Commission; besides there are the several persons elected for the distribution of the Legacies. The others that are not

working at present are those to which the present Draft of Ordinance refers.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). I am glad I raised the question. I am in favour of sending the Bill to a committee. Should we have to go back, I do not know how we will manage.

The Government Secretary (Zane). I wish to echo the opinion of the 8th elected member. It is also necessary to expedite the Draft. The Government does not know where it stands in regards to certain matters. One of our inhabitants died of tuberculosis. The owner of the house objected to have it fumigated, and it has not been done.

The representatives of the people take their place in the advisory capacity. In the Colonial Council you do it in a large measure through your appropriations. If the 1st member for St John is not satisfied with the condition of the roads in St John he would have a right to take up the matter with the Municipal Committee. The Road Commission could only recommend, the could not execute. The advisory functions are still lodged with the Colonial Council, the executive with the Governor.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolle). Perhaps the Council seldom acts up to it. The Hon Secretary has so to say simplified it, and explained the situation. When the Draft goes to a committee something satisfactory to all may come of it.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith). In former years under the old regime the Quarter Officers reported the condition of the roads, what repairs were to be done. The Chairman of the Road Commission then went to see the same, who in turn reported to the Road Commission. A meeting of said commission was then held, and roads were repaired according to the finding of the Road Commission. At the first of every month the Hospital Commission held its meeting at the hospital, the accounts were examined, the Inspector showed the Commission what was expended and what was taken in; tenders were advertized for every six months for the supplies of the hospital, and were awarded to the different merchants who tendered; now we do not know what takes place in any Department.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). Even if it should be like this, that the advisory capacity went back to the Council; as the Council does not meet often, there ought to be some kind of board to act. I recommend sending the Draft to a Committee.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis) Just a few words to thank the Secretary for his explanation.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) I do not think the matter requires to be attended to so hurriedly. The Governor has authority to act meanwhile.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). As regards this Municipality, the time limit has passed, and it is the duty of the Council to act.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). The time limit has paped it is true and certain conditions may arise; yet there should be no undue haste.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). The American system which obtains wherever the American Flag goes— requires laws. It is our duty to enact the laws.

The Chairman (Thiele). I put the motion to the house.

Eleven (11) voted in favour; and the 1st discussion was closed.

Whereupon the meeting was closed.

St Thomas, the 16th August 1923

Thiele
Chairman

Secretary

An extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, convened by Order of the Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the Colonial Law, was held Friday, the 31st August 1923 at 2 P.M.

The following members were present: C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Kuntz, Vice Chairman; Herbert E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Leroy Nolte, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, C. Corneiro, L. E. Stakemann, John de Jongh, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Government Secretary, Commander Zane represented the Government.

An excuse was made by the Chairman for the absence of the 2nd elected member Axel Holst.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and remarked that there was only one Item on the Order of the Day, viz:-

1 Second Discussion on Draft of Ordinance concerning the Executive and Administrative Functions of the various Public Boards, Commissions and Committees.

He called upon the 1st appointed member (Lockhart), the Secretary of the Committee elected, to report upon the Draft of Ordinance.

The 1st appointed member (Lockhart) read the Report and continued as follows:- It is hardly necessary to add anything further; the Report is self-explanatory, and we have good reason to be assured that this arrangement will work well. As the workings of the several departments will be greatly assisted by the passing of this measure, I move that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the 3rd discussion take place today.

The 4th elected member (Kuntz) I beg to second the motion. I see that this method is the best way of arriving at a solution. The Municipal Committee, when necessary, can always seek and obtain all the information required. I hardly think any member can go against it.

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). I happen not to have been present at the meetings of the Committee. I am not going to enter into the discussion, but

would like to get some information. I notice it says here "the Municipal Committee of the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. John shall hereafter act in an advisory capacity etc etc" _____

The Colonial Law paragraph 63 says "Until otherwise prescribed by Ordinance, the Colonial Councils shall appoint such members of the School Commissions, the Hospital Commissions, the Quarantine Commissions and other Commissions on municipal affairs as before the Colonial Law of 27 November 1863 were appointed by the Burgher Councils".

When the present Ordinance becomes law, will section 63 be automatically repealed? If it be repealed would the powers hitherto held by the Municipal Committee be curtailed or augmented? _____

The Chairman (Thiele). I do not believe it will take away any power, and even if it did, we have already changed the Colonial Law. Furthermore the law quoted says: "Until otherwise prescribed....." . Finally by this Ordinance we are giving the Municipal Committee more power than was vested in it in 1906. _____

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). I understand from your remarks that when passed this Ordinance would be in force, and section 63 of the Colonial Law also, and the Municipal Committee will then act in a double capacity; advisory as per Ordinance, and supervisory as per Colonial Law. _____

The Chairman (Thiele). It says "Until otherwise prescribed by Ordinance, the Council shall do so and so _____

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). If anyone should happen to bring in an Ordinance saying that the Municipal Committee should consist of 7 or 9 members would that be also in order? _____

The 2nd appointed member (Nolle). If I may be permitted I would say that it is rather late in the day to raise this question. The Draft of Ordinance before us has been in force five years and given satisfaction, I do not think it is at variance with the section of the Colonial Law quoted. The Government has been satisfied and the Council has agreed to it.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). Referring to the remarks of the 2nd appointed member, I would say that in my conception of the Colonial Council it has the power to repeal any Colonial Law.

My idea is we can make any change. I am sorry the 7th. elected member did not attend the committee meetings of the whole house. We aired our opinions freely. He has however the right to raise questions about it here.

The 3rd. elected member (Stakemann). I also happen not to have been present at the committee meetings of the whole house. I am heartily in favour of the Draft as it is, but why is there no time limit placed? We at first placed a limit of 5 years. I would like to know why no time limit is placed now.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). That matter was discussed. There was a minority in favor of a time limit, but a majority thought otherwise.

The 2nd appointed member (Nolle). The giving to this Ordinance permanent operation seems to me a matter of course. The Council has the right at any time to change it should it not work well.

The Chairman (Thiele). The Government might not sanction it.

The 2nd appointed member (Nolle). It is to be supposed that if a law is not working well, the spirit of fairness would urge a change.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead). I would like to obtain some information. What are we considering, a Report on an Ordinance or a motion? If a motion has been made and seconded, what are we discussing?.

The Chairman (Thiele) The Secretary of the Committee of the whole house, the 1st appointed member, after reading the Report and recommending it made a mohon that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the 3rd discussion take place today. The 4th elected member seconded. The business before us is the passing of this Draft of Ordinance, and it seems to me that as long as the 2nd discussion is not finished we cannot well take a vote as to whether or not the 3rd. discussion shall take place today.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). I am quite in favour of the committees going over to the Government. I am fairly satisfied, but I am not in favour of giving it up altogether. I believe in giving it up for a time. I believe and feel this is best for all concerned. Give it for five years. You will remember I said so.

I am sorry a majority of the Council's committee did not think so.

The 4th elected member (Hunty). In answer to the remarks of the last speaker I would remind him that we are also passing over permanently to the Municipal Committee the rights and powers proposed by the different commissions, and the Municipal Committee will have the right to act as the Draft mentions.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). I say about the Municipal Committee same as I say about the Government. I believe for a time whether for the one or the other. It is my humble opinion that when handed over permanently you will never get them back again. Now if you give up the commissions etc. for a period of 5 years, and you see it does not work well, you will not give it up again. I have been a member for many years. I have lifted up my hand and said "yea" to my regret afterwards. And I will be careful now.

The 1st elected member (Moorhead). In reply to the 1st. member for St John I beg to say that while I respect every mans opinion, I think we should make this ordinance permanent. The Tax Law, the Code of Laws, all are permanent. It would be out of place that this should be otherwise. (We could not then touch it before 5 years, but we have a right to bring in an amendment now at any time.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I have already stated that I have all confidence in all the Departments. In 1918 we arranged for 5 years and has not everything worked in a satisfactory manner? I do not see why we cannot fix it for another 5 years.

The Chairman (Thiele). After the committee's first meeting we sent in a Report, with a minority of three recommending a period of 5 years. Another meeting was held and the matter gone over. The Report before us is the outcome.

The 7th elected member (de Jongh) I simply wanted some information about the Colonial Law I quoted. I am in favour of the Ordinance before us; and as regards the argument of 5 years, I think it would be much better to pass them indefinitely.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). If contrary to our expectations, any report of any transaction

came before us that we think is incorrect, we have the right to say: You did so and so in this department, and we will have this changed; and we can handle it in the appropriations paped yearly. We want laws stating specifically what can be done in the premises, and then remember we can carry the battle in the newspapers.—

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). Can I be informed if the Colonial Council will have any power to change this ordinance.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). I respect the minority. The question before us is for the protection and Americanization of our home; however since the 4th June this matter is pending, and it should be attended to permanently.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). Having suggested at the previous meeting that the Ordinance should be permanent, I must of course support it. All laws passed here are permanent, with possibly this exception. Why this fear? You have the law-making power, and you have the power to annul. We must also remember that confidence should exist between the executive and the legislature.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis). In answer to the last speaker let me say that my fear is not without grounds. If anyone here had had the experience with a governor that I had, he would say differently. I speak from experience. A Governor said to me------ I understand Mr. Francis, you are right------ this over and over------ now I understand you. That governor did just the contrary thing promised ------- and now you tell me of confidence! His action put St John back 200 years ------ the reason ungrounded! Where is the fear? We have experiences that make us to be afraid! I am going to be plain. I would advise the members to be careful in all they do.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I move the following amendment: After the words "their successors be named"---- insert: Provided further, That this Ordinance shall be in force and effect for a period not exceeding 5 years after the date of its approval.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis) seconded. The Chairman put this motion to the vote and it was lost. There were 10 votes against. Members

Convero and Smith abstained from voting/.

The Draft submitted by the committee was then put to the vote and raped by 12 votes, two members voting against it.

The Chairman (Thiele). Shall this Draft of Ordinance go to 3rd discussion today?

The Government Secretary (Bane) said that the Government would appreciate this; and the Council gave its asent by 12 votes.

The 3rd discussion was declared open.

The 3rd appointed member (Nölle) moved that the 3rd discussion be closed.

The 4th elected member (Lintz) seconded.

The Government Secretary (Bane) drew the chairmans attention to a typographical error in the second line in the body of the Report; "here" should be "hereby".

The rectification was made.

The Draft was then put to the Council for the final vote, and 12 voted in favour; Members Stakemann and C. E. Francis being against.

The Meeting was then closed.

St. Thomas, the 31st August 1923

Chairman

Secretary.

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, the first in the Sefsion 1923/1924, was held Thursday, the 4th October, 1923, at 2.00 P. M.

All the members attended, namely: C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Luntz, Vice Chairman; Herbert E. Lockhart, C. A. Anduze, Leroy Nolle, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, L. E. Stakemann, C. Corneiro, J de Jongh, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Carl E. Francis and Abram E. Smith.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Zaine.

The Chairman called the meeting to order, and enquired if there were any changes to be made in the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held the 16th August 1923, and those of the extraordinary meeting held the 31st August 1923, copies of which had been circulated among the members.

There were no changes to be made in that of the 16th August; but members de Jongh and Nolle proposed some minor changes to that of the 31st, which were accepted.

The Minutes of both meetings were then confirmed.

Item I Election of the Council's Officials.

Chairman. The 5th elected member (Thiele) was elected Chairman with 14 votes; and thanked the members for his re-election.

Vice Chairman. The 4th elected member (Luntz) was elected Vice Chairman with 14 votes.

Secretaries. The 2nd appointed member (Anduze) and the 3rd Appointed member (Nolle) were elected with 14 and 13 votes respectively.

Municipal Committee.

The 1st Appointed member (Lockhart) with 13 votes.
The 1st elected member for St John (C. E. Francis) with 10 votes.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) with 13 votes.
The 1st. elected member (Moorehead) with 11 votes.
The 6th elected member (Corneiro) with 8 votes.

Trade and Lamp Tax Committee.

The 2nd elected member for St John (Smith) with 15 votes.
The 4th appointed member (Gomez) with 14 votes.
The 4th elected member (Rusty) with 13 votes.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) with 11 votes.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) with 8 votes.

The Electoral Board, Town.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) with 9 votes.

The Electoral Board. Country District.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) with 13 votes.

The Electoral Board, St John.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis) with 8 votes.

The Educational Board of Review.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolle) with 10 votes.

Advisory Committee Assistance of the Poor, St Thomas

The 2nd. appointed member (Andize) with 10 votes.
The member for the Country District (Boschulte) with 10 votes.

Advisory Committee Assistance of the Poor, St John.

The Rev. G. Penn, with 8 votes.

Committe on Accounts.

The 1st appointed member (Lockhart) with 12 votes.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) with 11 votes.

Item 2 — Amendment to the Budget for 1923|24, proposed by the Government.

The Government Secretary (Zane) introduced the Resolution, and gave an exhaustive explanation on the item budgetted under No. 15 as well as that budgetted under No. 23. In the course of his remarks he said that there was enough money budgetted to take care of the salaries. It is because there is enough that this business is introduced as a Resolution and not as an Additional Money Bill.

The Chairman (Thiele). This Resolution is subject to two discussions. The 1st discussion is now open. Are there any remarks?

The 6th elected member (Correiro). The matter was thoroughly discussed by the Municipal Committee, and recommended.

The Chairman (Thiele) If there are no further remarks with the consent of the Government and the Council I will close the 1st discussion and open the 2nd.

The 4th elected member (Kuntz) Considering the explanations given, I will surely vote the Resolution.

The Chairman (Thiele). I will now put it to the house. Fourteen (14) voted in favour, and the Government's consent being obtained, the 1st discussion was closed and the 2nd opened.

The Government Secretary (Zane). The Government has the following amendment to propose to the Resolution ---------- That the following words be inserted after the word "and" on the last line of the first paragraph:— "that one male nurse for the Insane Asylum, whose salary is budgetted at Francs 3.000.00 may be paid during this current fiscal year, a salary of Francs 3.300.00 and that one Ward Maid, budgetted at Francs 480.00, may be paid during this current fiscal year, a salary of Francs 540.00 and "

After the Amendment had been distributed to the members and some time had elapsed, the Chairman (Thiele) asked those members in favour of the Amendment to signify same by show of hands.

Fourteen (14) voted in favour of the Amendment.

The Resolution as amended was then put to the vote and passed.

The Chairman (Thiele). I have received a letter from member de Jongh resigning his seat as the 7th. elected member and requesting the Council to accept said resignation.

The letter was read by the Secretary (Nolle).

The 7th elected member (de Jongh). Before retiring I would like to make some supplementary remarks. In the future I will not be able to devote any time to the duties of the Council. I am not trying to shun duty, but as I have served about 4 to 5 years devoting much time to public work, and finding that I am unable to continue doing so, I think it my duty to resign. He retired.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). In view of such a frank statement I think there is nothing to do but

allow the retirement.

The Bpd. elected member (Statkemann). Personally I regret the resignation, but I suppose there is nothing to do but accept it.

The Chairman (Thiele) put the matter of the resignation of the 7th elected member (de Jongh) to the vote, and it was accepted by 14 yeas.

Whereupon the Meeting was closed.

St Thomas, the 4th October 1923

Thiele
Chairman

Secretary

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St-John, convened by Order of Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the Colonial Law, was held Friday, the 19th. October, 1923, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- C. L. Thiele chairman; J. E. Kuntz, Vice-chairman; C. A. Andreae, Philip Gomez, J. A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, C. Corneiro, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Leroy Nolte.

Member Herbert E. Lockhart sent a verbal excuse for non attendance.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Bane.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2.00 P.M.

Item 1 (3 on the Order of the Day) Examination of Letters of Election.

The Letters of Election of Dr. K. Knud-Hansen

as 7th elected member was circulated among the members, and the 4th elected member (Kuntz) appointed Speaker by the Chairman.

The 4th elected member (Kuntz). Having read the letters of Election, we find it in order, and I ask you to declare Dr. K. Knud-Hansen, the duly elected 7th member for this town.

The Chairman (Thiele) declared Dr. K. Knud-Hansen duly entitled to sit and vote in the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John as the 7th elected member; whereupon Dr Knud-Hansen entered and took his seat.

The Chairman (Thiele). I have received a letter from the Government Secretary suggesting that we decide at subsequent meetings as to the correctness of the minutes of a previous meeting. As the Proceedings are kept in type* pending confirmation, for perhaps two months.

* until finally approved, you will see that they would otherwise be kept in type

As the minutes of the last meeting held the 4th October 1923 have been in the posession of the members for some days now, may I ask if you have any changes or corrections to suggest?

There were no suggestions and the Chairman declared them confirmed.

The Chairman (Thiele) informed the members that a few days ago a cable was received by Mr. Emile A. Berne according to which cable the Coastwise Laws would be extended to these islands on November the 1st., unless a further extension was obtained. Upon representation of a committee of citizens the Government Secretary had immediately drafted and sent to the Governor for his approval a wireless to the Secretary of the Navy requesting that an effort be made to obtain further extension.

The Government Secretary (Jane) informed the Council that the wireless had been received in Washington. He handed a copy to the Chairman which was read aloud by the Secretary (Nolle).

Item 2 (1) First Discussion on Draft of Ordinance to amend an Ordinance Providing for the Asessment Levy and Collection of Taxes upon Real

and Personal Property in the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, approved February 25, 1922.

The Government Secretary (Jane). Mr. Chairman and Hon. Members. Certain gentlemen of the Colonial Council have represented to the Government the desirability of making some modifications in the Tax Ordinance whereby cases of real hardship might be relieved.

A letter explaining the modification as proposed has been sent to the Chairman with the Draft of this Ordinance, and as it is self-explanatory, I ask that it be read.

The Secretary (Nolte) read the letter. Continuing he said that perhaps further information may be had from the Secretary.

The Government Secretary (Jane). As stated, I think the letter of transmittal self explanatory. Fundamentally it is to lodge the discretionary power with the Government. As the Ordinance now stands it would be necessary the day after the expiration of the term to take steps for collection.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte). Thank you. There is one point I would like to mention. I see there is a penalty for non payment of taxes. It seems to me people do not fail to pay their taxes when able. Whatever the extension of time it will be appreciated. I hope my colleagues will adopt the measure. I move that the first discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). When the existing law was passed I was a member of the Colonial Council and member of the Committee to report on the Draft. In said capacity I then expressed the opinion that it would be difficult to collect.

When the law was finally agreed to, it was explained by the Government that the additional 1% meant that it would not exceed 1%; that it was only a sliding scale; that a much smaller percentage would generally be used, say for instance 1/3 %. These are the figures I remember, but I am not quite sure. Can the Chairman say if I am correct? But 1%, as it is we were in bright times!

The Chairman (Friele). I will ask the Government Secretary the question.

The Government Secretary (Jane). The total number of persons owing was 377, the amount Francs 29.325.80ct; up to last night 149 had paid Francs 12.239.00. Of the 149 who have paid a penalty with 1% Fs 240.40 have been received.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) Thank you for the information. It may of course be a little difficult to do anything to reduce the percentage considerably, say to 1/3 %. I am on the whole against matters of discretion in tax matters and with laws I would be glad to hear the opinion of the other members.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). When this law was passed we were in a much better economic condition than now.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith). When the 8th elected member (R. Francis) and I interviewed the Government about these taxes, we asked for an extension of time. Times are so bad that a good many persons have disposed of many belongings and keepsakes – put aside for a rainy day – to meet their taxes. All we are asking for is an extension of time, and we hope we will get it for the good of the people.

The Government Secretary (Jane). It might save time and useless discussion to bring before you the following. There can be no concrete extension of time. The matter of precedent has also to be considered. And the Government has also to have St Croix in mind. The Colonial Council passes a tax law, and the Executive has the duty of collecting. And it is the duty of the populace to contribute towards the expenses of the Government. The Government was approached to do something for those who were utterly unable to pay. I think the Draft which you have under consideration is as far as the Government can see its way to go in the matter.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). May I propose a recess of 10 minutes?

The Chairman (Thiele) Yes.

The 7th elected member (Knud Hansen) retired.

After the lapse of ten minutes the Chairman called the meeting to order, and the 1st discussion was continued.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) proposed the following amendment.

"That the Levy and Collection of Taxes upon Real and Personal Property for the year 1922 shall be extended for a term of sixty days beginning from October 20, 1923, and without any interest on said delinquent taxes during the said term of suspension"

The Government Secretary (Jane). I have heard the amendment as proposed, but for the reasons already stated the Government cannot see its way to accept it.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). May I propose a committee of the whole house?

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) seconded.

The Government Secretary (Jane). As I read the existing law, there does not seem to be any other alternative than that of undertaking proceedings after midnight of the 20th inst.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I beg that it be noted that proceedings will be made after midnight of to-morrow.

The Chairman (Thiele). It has been proposed and seconded that this Draft of Ordinance go to a committee of the whole house. Are all in favor? All were in favor but the 3rd. appointed member (Nolte).

Item B (2) First Discussion on

Draft of Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, providing for an appropriation of $331.30 for the purpose of re-imbursing the Director of Education for loss sustained while traveling on official business.

The Government Secretary (Jane). This is a matter of simple justice and the letter which accompanied it fully explains the circumstances.

The Chairman (Thiele). The discussion is open; if any member has anything to say, he has the word. The 6th elected member (Cabrera). The matter was referred to the Municipal Committee, and all the members fully agreed, and recommended it

favourably.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) sympathized with the loser and found the amounts exceedingly reasonable, even as he found the articles of such a nature that they could be considered reasonably necessary for the fulfillment of the official duties which the Director of Education had been ordered to undertake.

Yet, he would prefer if the amount could be granted in another manner than proposed. He had heard that the Director had taken very active part in the rescue-work following the disaster, and would prefer if the amount could be granted for instance in appreciation of this.

As it was now proposed, the amount is very paltry; but what would have happened if the amount had been larger or if even the life of the Director had been lost, he wondered whether the community would have been responsible; if we acknowledge responsibility in the small, we must shoulder it in the larger.

He argued that the Municipality could not be held responsible, because the Director had only been sent on a mission connected with his position, and for which he received compensation in his salary. He meant that any job or position was connected with some risk, some positions being more risky than others; the risks being compensated for in the salaries fixed for the various positions, as doctors, quarantine physicians, etc.

Continuing, he said there was the matter of insurance, and that the Director of Education may have availed himself of this, to cover the risk of loss of his personal effects.

If a merchant in New York sent his clerk down town in a street car, and the street car took fire, and the clerk's pants were lost; the clerk did not lose his pants because the merchant sent him, but because the street car took fire. When a man sold his services, he sold them in his working apparel, because he could not sell them otherwise — the job and the clothes went together.

Concluding he considered that the Navy, or the sub chaser, was the cause of the Director's loss, and rightly should compensate for same.

The Government Secretary (Jane). I have listened with much interest to the last speaker, and I have been impressed with the wisdom of his remarks. I hope that in voting, the members will not allow their sympathy to run away with their judgment.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). How many discussions is this Money Bill subject to?

The Chairman (Thiele). Two Discussions.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). I too have listened attentively; but on principle I cannot vote this Money Bill. It might sound radical, but I cannot help. When a man is employed he must take the risk connected with the work. To vote this Money Bill is to create a precedent. The Navy ought to stand it, if not the Director of Education.

I am sorry I cannot vote the Bill as the 2nd elected member said he would.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I did not hear the last words of the last speaker.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). To my mind I cannot vote the Bill as the 2nd. elected member said he would. It may appear radical, but a man must have clothes, they are a part of his tools; and the losses in similar cases must be borne by him.

The Chairman (Thiele). I believe I can now close the 1st discussion. I am informed the Government would like the 2nd discussion to take place today. Only 6 (six) voted in favor of opening the Second discussion (9 (nine) votes were requisite).

The Meeting was then closed.

St Thomas, the 19th October 1923

A E Kenny
Vice Chairman

Geo Abdel
Secretary.

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John the 2nd in the Session 1923 1924 was held Thursday the 6th December 1923 at 2.00 PM.

The following members were present: J. E. Kuntz, Vice-Chairman; Herbert E. Lockhart, C. A. Andrae, Leroy Nolle, Philip Gomez, Axel Holst, C. Correiro, Rothschild Francis, H. H. Boschulte and Abram E. Smith.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary (Commander Zane).

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman (J. E. Kuntz).

Excuses were made for the non-attendance of the Chairman (Thiele) and the 1st elected member (Moorehead).

His Excellency the Governor (Captain Philip Williams) entered, and the members received him standing.

The Vice Chairman (Kuntz) announced that His Excellency the Governor would address the House.

The Governor then delivered the following address:-

Honorable Vice-Chairman and Members of the Colonial Council:-

I had the pleasure the other day of meeting the members of the Council individually and I want to take advantage of this occasion, without taking up too much of your time, to meet the Council in Session in the performance of its work. I am very anxious to instruct myself on all the problems connected with these islands and to have your assistance and advice on all questions, especially, and above all, the economic aspect. I have come here a stranger and like many strangers, I have one or two ideas which I would like to speak about and ask your assistance and also to ask your individual influence with the other members of the community.

I know that we are going to have here in the next month or six weeks a very large gathering of ships and men, and that means the possibility of great, very great advantage to the community. So much so that I may mention that influences of the most powerful character are always exercised in the largest cities to prevent these forces, these ships, these men from being withdrawn from the neighborhood of these large cities. The presence of these

large forces is a great advantage to the community. They need a great many things. There are a great many young men who will absorb all of the soft drinks and all of the curios, and any little manufacture or curiosity that they may find. There is practically no limit to the amount of these things that these young men will buy. This need is aside from other things, aside from important merchandise which the ships may need. I want to impress my idea that this coming visit is only a start, a beginning of what in the future may develop in that direction. It is perhaps the beginning of a new era of naval activity in these waters and one peculiarity of these men who are coming here is that they are young. A good many of them are very young. Sometimes they will get too much to drink, if it is possible to get drink. If they should do so here, we would all regret it very much.

They have their own patol, the purpose of which is to maintain order and discipline among the enlisted men who are allowed shore leave, and I should regret very much if they stepped from the narrow path along the lines I am indicating, and it would be a bad thing for us all if they did so. ———

There are several things which exist and which augur well for our future. They are rather too indefinite for me at the present time to put into words, except that some of the most influential men are very, very favourably disposed towards the location of these islands and the advantages which they have to offer.

I hope that we will be able to develop these friendly sentiments during this visit in such a way that they will become tangible and perhaps permanent assets. I assure you that this is one very sincere objective I have at the present moment. It means a flow of wealth into this community which is by no means to be despised and I ank asking that you use your influence with other members of the community to look upon it in the right way. Let us make it a permanent advantage. ———

I would like very much to meet each member of the Council individually and to have him give me his views on all subjects, economic and otherwise; and give me whatever afsistance and advice I may ask him to give me. ———

In the meantime, our schedule, our program, our legislative work will be carried on as it has been in the past. I will not take up more of your time.

I thank you very much.

The Vice Chairman (Hunt) thanked the Governor for his suggestions and assured him on behalf of the Council, that a whole-hearted co-operation would be given him, expressing the hope that our united efforts would be crowned with success.

The Governor retired.

The Order of the Day followed.

The Minutes of the meeting held the 19th October 1923 were confirmed, no one offering any criticism.

Item I Discussion on Draft of Abstement of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the 2nd half year 1922, with the Committee's Report.

The Secretary (Nolte) read the Report.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) moved that the Report be adopted.

The 4th appointed member (Gomez) seconded, and the Report was unanimously adopted.

The Vice Chairman (Hunt) then put the Draft to the House, and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

Item 2. Election of a member of the Board of Review and Equalization as required by Section 34 of the Real and Personal Property Tax Ordinance of February 25, 1922.

Member Smith received seven (7) votes; Member Stakemann three (3) votes.

A lengthy discussion now took place; members Holst, Carneiro and Nolte were of opinion that member Smith had been duly elected. Member R. Francis argued that according to the custom that has obtained hitherto eight votes were required to elect a member.

The Government Secretary (Jane) stated that he himself could read two separate and distinct meanings in Section 19 which treats of simple and absolute majority of votes, and suggested that a

committee be formed for the purpose of rendering an interpretation of Section 19 for the future guidance of the Colonial Council. He further stated that there was no urgency in the election of a new member of the Board of Review and Equalization and the matter could well go over into the next meeting, when it might be expected that the interpretation given to Section 19 by the Committee would be rendered and the Colonial Council would have the benefit of it when again attempting to elect a member of the Board of Review and Equalization.

The Vice-Chairman (Huntz) decided to take another vote. The result was similar to the first; and he declared both invalid.

The House then elected members Corneiro (8 votes), Holst (7 votes), Lockhart (5 votes), Thiele (5 votes), and Nolle (5 votes) as a committee to deal with the correct interpretation of Section 19 of the Rules of Business.

The Secretary (Nolle) then read Government's letter of the 3rd November 1923, about the withdrawal of the following:-

(1) Draft of Ordinance to amend Section 57 of the Real and Personal Property Tax Ordinance of the 25th February 1922;

(2) Additional Money Bill designed to re-imburse the Director of Education for personal effects lost through the sinking of the U.S. sub chaser in Cruz Bay, St. John.

The meeting was then closed, there being no further business.

St. Thomas, the 6th December 1923

Thiele
Chairman

Lockhart
Secretary

Proceedings of the joint session of the Colonial Councils for St Croix, St Thomas and St John.

At 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday, February the 7th, 1924, the Colonial Councils of St Thomas and St John and St Croix met in joint extraordinary session in the Council Hall in Christiansted (Convened by request of Government).

Present were:— For St Thomas and St John: C. G. Thiele (Chairman), J. E. Kintz (Vice Chairman), Leroy Molle (Secretary) Herbert E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, C. Correiro, Dr. Knud-Hansen, Carl E. Francis and Abram E. Smith.

Absent: Luther Stakemann and J. C. Boschulte absent from illness, and R. Francis absent from the Islands.

For St Croix: Robt L. Merwin (Chairman), Robt W. Skeoch (Vice chairman), D.S. Armstrong (Secretary), F. Andersen, M. M. Skeoch, H. Berg, A. J. Blackwood, F. Coulter, Jno L. Curry, D. C. Cancgata, D. H. Jackson, Thos. Ramsay, Jos. Alexander, Holger Jessen, W.S. Abramson and W. H. C. Fleming.

D. Moll absent from the island and A. R. McIntosh absent from illness.

Government Secretary (Zane) and Despatching Secretary (Barrett) were present at the meting.

The Federal Commission comprising the following members were guests of the Council at lunch at one O'clock p. m. and were also present at the meeting:

Hon. George H. Woodson, Lawyer of Des Moines, Iowa, Chairman

Hon. Cornelius R. Richardson, Attorney-at-law, Richmond, Indiana, Vice-Chairman.

Hon. Charles E. Mitchell, Institute West Virginia, Secretary.

Hon Jefferson S. Coage, Wilmington, Delaware

Hon W. H. C. Brown, Newport News, Va., Disbursing Officer.

Hon. Wm. H. Davis, Washington, D.C. Stenographer.

The following prayers were offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Father Francis W. Clair:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Lord God Almighty, we are thy creatures and standing humbly before Thee we bow in adoration. We gratefully acknowledge all the blessings received from Thee and pray that these may be used according to thy divine will. Bless all here assembled that all they do may be done with a good motive, and grant that all things begun in Thy holy name may by Thee be happily ended.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon us all and remain with us forever. Amen.

The Chairman of the St Croix Council (Merwin) in the chair announced the presence of a quorum as follows: 12 members from the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John and 16 from the St Croix Council present.

The following communications were read:

1 Letter from the Despatching Secretary (Barrett) dated January 28, 1924, transmitting letter from His Excellency the Governor reading:

25 January, 1924

The Honorable,
The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of St Croix
St Croix, Virgin Islands.

Sir:-

I have the honor to refer you to the draft of an insanity Law for the Municipality of St Croix, proposed by the Government which was introduced to the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St Croix in February, 1923.

In view of all the development which have occurred since the date of submission of the draft

of Ordinance in question I have to withdraw the above mentioned draft of an Insanity Law from further consideration.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Philip Williams
Governor.

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2. Letter from His Excellency, the Governor reading:

5 February 1924

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of St Croix,
St Croix, Virgin Islands.

Sir:-

Pursuant to the adoption by the Municipal Committee of the Colonial Council of St Croix at its meeting on Monday afternoon, February 4, 1924, of a Resolution resulting from the letter of His Excellency Governor Hough, dated October 20, 1923, I have the honor to advise you that I have conveyed to the Chairman of the Colonial Council of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, your invitation to sit in joint extraordinary session with the Colonial Council of St. Croix at 2 P. M. Thursday, February 7th, 1924, for the purpose of jointly considering the two identical resolutions, the one in this Municipality having been previously unanimously adopted by the Municipal Committee of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

The Chairman of the Colonial Council of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John has signified his acceptance of this invitation and has notified all members of the Colonial Council of this Municipality. The U. S. S. "Grebe" will sail for Christiansted at 7.45 a. m., February 7, 1924, for this purpose.

I cannot too strongly express my gratificatio at this early prospect of a joint meeting of the two Colonial Councils. I feel that this action will lay the foundation for a greater coordina

tion and cooperation of effort between the two Municipalities which I consider so essential for the proper functioning of all branches of the Government and by virtue of which I am certain much can be accomplished towards the improvement of our general economic situation.

The purpose for which this extraordinary joint session is convened is in itself epoch making. The resolutions which will be presented for consideration by the two Colonial Councils are the concrete evidence of the effort of the people to lay out a logical and comprehensive program for the betterment of our economic situation and will constitute, in effect, a definite platform and foundation upon which to constructively build.

The presence of the Federal Commission appointed by the Secretary of Labor at the instance of the President of the United States to investigate and report upon the economic situation of these islands, in St Croix at the time of this extraordinary joint session of the two Councils, is nothing short of providential. The opportunity to show it that we have, ourselves, attempted to analyse our condition and to devise a program for its improvement, cannot but impress it with the fact that we ourselves are capable of constructive effort and that the Federal Commission will lend its weight and assistance in furthering the several features embodied in the resolution, I do not doubt.

As the sentiments expressed in the foregoing are equally applicable in this Municipality, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of this letter to the Honorable, The Chairman of the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St John for his information.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Philip Williams
Governor.

The Chairman remarked: In view of the letter just read I forwarded an invitation by radio to the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John which is as follows:-

Radio

From: Chairman, Colonial Council, St Croix
To: Judge Thiele, Chairman, Colonial Council, St Thomas
As Chairman of Colonial Council of St Croix I ex-

tend to you and to the Members of St Thomas and St John Colonial Council a most hearty invitation to sit with our Council in joint session at two o'clock Thursday afternoon for purpose of receiving and discussing and passing in joint session of the two councils a memorial as submitted by Municipal Committee of both Councils, with an object of improving economic situation in the Virgin Islands and at which also I shall invite the Chairman and Members of the Federal Commission.

Merwin
Chairman

The Chairman remarked: I have to announce that I received an answer by radio from the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John reciprocating in the most hearty manner. His reply is as follows:

From: Chairman of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John (Thiele)

To: Chairman of the Colonial Council of St Croix (Merwin):

On behalf of the members of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John I thank you for and accept your most cordial invitation to sit in joint session with your Colonial Council tomorrow Thursday afternoon for consideration of joint resolution designed to improve economic conditions in Virgin Islands. I consider this occasion a very important one both from a historic and from the benefit which it is hoped may be derived therefrom. I look forward to seeing you upon my arrival in Christiansted.

Thiele.

B. Letter from Chairman of the Colonial Council of St Croix to Honorable George H. Woodson, Chairman of Federal Commission, reading,

Christiansted,
February 6, 1924.

Hon. George H. Woodson,
Chairman of Federal Commission,
Christiansted.

My Dear Mr. Woodson:

On Thursday the 7th there will be held a

a joint meeting of the Colonial Councils of St Thomas and St. John, and St Croix in the Council Chamber, Christiansted.

I invite you, Sir, and all the members of your Honorable Commission to be present as guests of our Council and to participate as you may desire. The object of the meeting will be to receive a resolution embodying recommendations to better the economic conditions in the Virgin Islands and which has been in Committee under debate for past few months-and a matter which I feel you have so sincerely at heart.

I understand there will be a buffet lunch, particularly for our hungry St Thomas friends and at which no doubt we may have the honor of your very good company.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Robt L. Merwin,
Chairman, Colonial Council.

The Chairman remarked: The minutes of the last meeting have been published as customary and if I hear no objection I will consider them tacitly adopted.

The chair heard no objection, the minutes as published were declared tacitly adopted.

The following message from His Excellency, Governor Philip Williams, was read by Government Secretary Jane.

Message from the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States to the Colonial Councils of the Municipality of St Croix and the Municipality of St Thomas and St John in joint Extraordinary Session assembled — February 7, 1924.

It is with much regret that I am not present with you on this momentous occasion. Only most adequate reasons prevent my coming to St Croix at this time, the first being that Commander Warfield, the eminent Civil Engineer sent to the Virgin Islands by the Secretary of the Navy to investigate and report upon the plans which have been evolved for the establishment of a permanent water supply system for the towns of St Thomas, Christiansted and Frederiksted, has now completed his investigation in St Thomas and is ready to report the result of it to me Thurs-

day, February 7, 1924, unfortunately the date of the joint meeting of the two Colonial Councils. Should I delay this matter one day, it would necessitate Commander Warfield delaying his departure for St Croix on the U. S. S. "Grebe" Friday, and consequently delay the prosecution of his work in the Municipality of St Croix. The second reason is a more personal one, of sickness in my family.

I have stated in letters addressed to each of the Chairman of the Colonial Councils, my strong gratification in this joint meeting and I trust that each Chairman will see fit to read my letter to him in the presence of the two Colonial Councils. I am informed that this is the first occasion upon which the two Councils have met in joint session for accomplishing a legislative purpose. The very fact that this legislative purpose is the same for both Municipalities is, in itself, a great achievement. It is an instance of a co-ordination and cooperation between the two Municipalities, in my opinion of great future significance. It lays the foundation, I am certain, of that coordination of effort between the legislative and executive branches of Government, by means of which adequate results may be obtained. The Virgin Islands are a concrete unit of the Federal Government of the United States. They are not two units. The fact that they are divided into two Municipalities is a matter of legislative and administrative convenience, and they should not be considered separate entities.

The occasion of this joint extraordinary session of the two Colonial Councils is tremendously important in two respects. First, the purpose of it is for the consideration of a resolution resulting from a definite action of the people of the Virgin Islands to analyse their economic condition and to develop concrete recommendations to improve it. This, in itself is profoundly significant. The adoption of this resolution by the two Colonial Councils will mean that there will be presented to the executive branch of the Government a platform upon which both the executive branch and the legislative branch can build. The second purpose is one of opportunity, but it is no less important. At the instance of the President of the United States, the Secretary of Labor appointed a

delegation of six eminent citizens of the Continental United States for the purpose of visiting the Virgin Islands, investigating generally their economic condition and make recommendations towards improvement. We have seized this opportunity and will show these gentlemen of the Commission that we ourselves, are not lacking in the ability to analyse our economic situation and to devise ways and means of improving it. The adoption of this Resolution in the presence of this Honorable Federal Commission, will most certainly impress it with a sense of our initiative, clearheadedness and desire to help ourselves, and I sincerely believe, that the gentlemen of this commission, when they see this resolution, will not only be willing, but will be anxious to embody the features it contains in their report to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of Labor, and thereby sanction them as being worthy of such assistance in their fulfilment as we may represent to the proper authorities of the Home Government, is necessary.

I am represented at this joint session of the Colonial Councils by the Government Secretary and by the Despatching Secretary, Saint Croix. I feel that they will do all that is necessary on behalf of the executive branch, towards bringing the business before the two Colonial Councils to a successful conclusion. I offer only one more remark. The resolution in its present form embodies the most careful and painstaking thought of the two Municipal Committees. The two Municipal Committees were kind enough to permit the Government Secretary to work with them in evolving this resolution, in order that the two Municipal Committees and the Executive branch of the Government, as represented by the Government Secretary, might agree beforehand on a document satisfactory to both, and therefore I consider it my duty to point out that this document should not be amended upon the floor for the most important reason that, because of lack of time for the adequate consideration of amendments, it may well be that amendments would so weaken the whole document that the Government would find itself unable to utilize it as a whole in representing matters to the Home Government.

Gentlemen, while I am not with you in the

flesh, I am most certainly with you in the spirit, and I wish you most earnestly, a successful conclusion of this most important matter before you.

(signed) Philip Williams
Governor

The Chairman (Merwin) on behalf of the Council thanks His Excellency, Governor Williams for the interest he is taking in the islands.

The Secretary of the St Thomas Council (Nolte) read the following communication received by that Council from His Excellency the Governor:

February 5th, 1924

The Honorable,
The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of St Thomas and St John,
St Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Municipal Committee of the Colonial Council of St Croix, at 5.30 p.m., Monday, February 4, 1924, adopted unanimously a resolution resulting from the letter of His Excellency Governor Hough, dated October 20, 1923, in which he recommended that the Municipal Committees of both Municipalities hold public hearings for the purpose of developing concrete ideas as to what should be done to better the economic condition of the Virgin Islands.

The resolution is identical to that unanimously adopted by the Municipal Committee of the Colonial Council of this Municipality, and I feel that this opportunity of establishing the basis for greater coordination between the two ~~the~~ municipalities should not be lost, and I accordingly recommend that the two Colonial Councils meet in joint extraordinary session in the Municipality of St Croix at 2.00 p.m., Thursday, February 7, 1924, for joint consideration of the two identical resolutions.

The presence of the Federal Commission in the Municipality of St Croix at this time, will, in my opinion, greatly add to the value of this joint session and should the joint resolution be adopted, I am convinced that the Federal Commission can greatly aid in its succesful prosecution.

The U.S.S. "Grebe" will be placed at the disposal of the Colonial Council to convey it to Christiansted, St Croix, and return with the Colonial Council on the evening of the same day.

In view of the foregoing, I have the honor to postpone the extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 1924 until Thursday, February 14, 1924

Respectfully,

(Signed) Philip Williams

Governor

The Chairman (Merwin) remarked: Honorable Members of the Colonial Councils of St Thomas and St John, and St Croix. Before proceeding to the memorable duty before us today we should first show respect and cast our thought to the late Honourable Woodrow Wilson who has, so to speak, just died and his corpse is now laying in Washington. He, it was, that negotiated for and put through the transfer of these islands to the United States Government and as a result of which we are sitting here today as American Legislators. He was our War President, and it was largely through his efforts that the Great World War came to such a successful end and keeping our country free. He also, like our late President Harding, hastened the end of his life by his untiring devotion to duty in the Nation's cause. I ask every one to arise from his seat as a mark of respect to the late Mr Wilson. All the members rose.

Item 1.

Colonial Council Bill No. 17.

Fourth Council, First Session, 1923-1924.

Introduction of draft of resolution embodying recommendations to better the economic condition in the Virgin Islands,

forwarded by the Municipal Committee of St Croix

forwarded by the Municipal Committee of St Thomas and St John.

The Bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 17

Fourth Council, First Session 1923-1924 of St Croix.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost descend upon us and remain with us forever. Amen.

The Chairman (Merwin) remarked: Honorable Members before opening the meeting I desire on behalf of the Colonial Council of St Croix to welcome the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John. We appreciate your coming to participate with us. The question before the House today as you all are aware is a resolution which has been drafted by the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John and sent over with the Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas, and which, after some changes were made by the St Croix Council in a caucus meeting held last Wednesday, I understand has been adopted by the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John. I will ask the Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Croix (D.C. Canegata) to introduce the resolution for St Croix and afterwards the Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas will introduce it for St Thomas.

As our time is short I ask that members be not lengthy in their speeches, particularly as some of the members of the St Thomas Council have expressed a desire to see some of their friends in town before leaving for St Thomas.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman, In introducing the Resolution for the Colonial Council for St Croix which I have just been asked to do at the last moment, it is not my desire to occupy much of the time of this Council this afternoon in discussing this matter, but I think it expedient to state the view which I take on this question. I am in cordial agreement with the principle of the bill, but it does not follow that it is on all occasions opportune to carry it into effect. I hold at the same time that we cannot be too jealous and too determined in guarding our privileges against usurpation. Leave intact the free privileges of the representatives of the people. And why? Because it is the exercise of those privileges by which whatever we have, have been won and by which alone they will be and can be maintained in the future. The stand I take today I would if the opportunity

had been precisely the same, ~~the same~~ as I would have done in 1921 when behind the backs of the Councils, the Administration had the Federal Income Tax, and the amendment depriving some members of these Councils of their seats, effective in these islands.

I am not one of those who believe in the hopeless condition which will ensue if this Bill is enacted, that belief is based on the opinion that civil government and autonomy (or self government) are synonymous terms, the difference of which anyone will take the trouble can readily see at a glance, but I oppose this bill because I believe it to be unsuitable to St Croix. And let me draw attention to some of its provisions taken at random to illustrate my objections. This bill provides that the system of taxation in the Virgin Islands shall be uniform. I do not believe this especially with the representation is possible. St Thomas is purely commercial, St Croix agricultural. We have an expot duty of $8.00 per ton on sugar forming the chief item on our budget. St Thomas having no sugar pays nothing. St Thomas has a personal property tax, we in St Croix do not consider such a tax feasible and are opposed to it. We have an escport duty of 16 2/3% while St Thomas pays only 6%.

There are other features such as Trade, Lamp and Assessment Taxes etc. in one island which are not practicable in the other, for these reasons I do not consider a uniform system a workable one.

Take the legislative feature of the bill a single chamber is provided in which St Croix is allowed five (5) members and St Thomas seven (7) members. I can not see how it is possible for anyone to expect in any system of government that the people of the larger, more densely populated and more self supporting island must be made subject to the lesser; in other words how can the majority be subversive to the minority. The ultimate outcome of this will be that the people of St Croix must be contented to be led, throttled and pay the bills of those of St Thomas. We will never consent to such a proposition.

Again I believe we will be worse off with the biennial budget for the islands as here provided than we are with our present annual one. There are many other features which at this juncture

I need not take up in detail.

It's failure to provide a Court of Appeals seems to be a serious omission. By the Organic Act the Appellate Court of these islands is to the Third Circuit in Philadelphia and when we consider that the expenses necessary to reach there is something like $1.200.- and the average daily wage down here is 40 cents I think it a serious gap, and one which deserves some attention. I shall not detain you longer as there are others to follow, but in conclusion let me say that I have a thorough belief in the wisdom and righteousness of as full a policy of civil government as is commensurate with every measure of confidence and responsibility that may be placed in any people, and I believe also in the virtue of patience and the logic of events to bring us to the day of its final accomplishment. I therefore beg to introduce to you, sir, the resolution which is now before you.

The 6th elected member for St Thomas (Corneiro) in introducing the resolution for the Colonial Council of St. Thomas said, Mr Chairman, Honorable Members of the Colonial Council of St Croix and St Thomas and St John. The Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Croix has spoken clearly. His remarks leave whatever I may say feeble and hardly worthy of your attention.

As the Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Croix has said I came over to consult with him as to what he thinks of Senate Bill No. 2786. It is natural for every human being, even beasts, to crave for something good. The people of every community crave for the day when they shall rule themselves. Little children learn how to be out of the tutelage of their parents. But there is something rather suspicious, and that is, the whole procedure and the introduction of the bill. We find it very strange that a bill intended to be beneficial to the people of the Virgin Islands and presented with such good intentions should be conducted along the lines of utmost secrecy, and such determined efforts are being made to prevent anybody from these islands to be heard from it. Those are the questions that are exercising the thoughts of every member of the Colonial Council of St Thomas.

It was argued by some that we (the Colonial Council) do not represent everybody. Let us argue that we represent ourselves only, that does not mean that we should not be heard. I ask you to consider these questions for a moment Why should there be such secrecy? Why should not any one from these islands be given an opportunity to be heard on such a vital matter as the bill in question? While the bill contains beautiful provisions, such as citizenship, is the object not to get citizenship for those Virgin Islanders in the north so that they can use it with terrible effect in voting for the Democrats or Republicans? ———

I don't wish to take up too much of your time as there are others more capable of explaining the situation than I, but look at the Bill and you will see that it is hastily drawn up. I ask you to consider the points that I have adduced and if I am wrong I am open for correction. It appears to me that there is a cat in the bag to be let out. No one will come forward and admit that he is responsible for the introduction of the bill. I believe we have a perfect right to be heard even though it is claimed that we do not represent everybody particularly if the bill is supposed to be introduced with sincere intentions. I ask you again to consider the remarks I have made on the subject and I thank you for listening to me. ———

The Chairman remarked: Before proceeding it is my duty to take the vote as to whether the resolution should be subject to one, two or three discussions; as there is no provisions made for that in the Rules of Business it is necessary to ask this question each time.
The 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I take this opportunity to express myself that one discussion is ample and I move that there be one discussion on the resolution.

It was put to the vote and unanimously carried that the resolution be adopted at one discussion.
The 1st member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Before we begin to discuss this resolution there ought to be on record an organization of the two legislative bodies into one.
The 5th elected member for St Thomas (Thiele) in reply to the last speaker said, — My opinion and the opinion of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John is that we are not here to pass any law, but to ex-

press an opinion. The question might arise as to whether the two Councils might get together to make laws, but we are not making decisions to be guided by in the future.

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): I thank the 5th elected member for St Thomas for the information given. If what he says is correct then we are not discussing the resolution formally. This meeting is merely a caucus meeting like one we had a few days ago.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): I agree with that. We should organize and elect a chairman.

The 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Andersen) drew attention to Paragraph 42 of the Colonial Law.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): Mr. Chairman. I wish to ask by whom this resolution will be signed, whether by two gentlemen or by the two Chairmen and the two Secretaries as was done when the last memorial was introduced and passed.

The 5th elected member for St Thomas (Thiele): Mr Chairman. With regard to the Paragraph referred to by the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District I can frankly say that we have no authority under the Colonial Law to call a joint meeting of the Colonial Councils to express our views as has been done today.

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): When we do that we are not acting for the people. This is a very important matter and we should get it straightened out before proceeding further.

The 5th elected member for St Thomas (Thiele): There is nothing in the Colonial Law to prevent us from expressing our views as Colonial Councils.

The 1st member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): I would like the Honorable Member to explain if we are acting for the people in a legislative capacity.

The 5th elected member for St Thomas (Thiele): I wish to draw the attention of the Honorable 1st member for Frederiksted Town to Paragraph 43 of the Colonial Law. The speaker read the Paragraph and said,- This Section gives us the right to make such petitions or representations and there is nothing in that Paragraph to prevent us from coming together as we have done.

The 2nd member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Is this a meeting of the Colonial Council of St Croix

and a meeting of the Colonial Council of St Thomas under the same roof or a joint meeting of both councils. There is nothing to prevent us meeting and putting through a resolution, but if we meet in joint session we must organize.
The 5th elected member for St Thomas (Thiele): I quite agree with the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town. I see his point.
The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) proposed that the 2nd member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin) act as chairman of the joint session.
The 2nd Appointed member (Moll) proposed that the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St Croix and the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St Thomas (Thiele) act jointly as Chairmen of the joint session.
The 5th elected member (Thiele): With regard to the proposal of the Honorable 2nd. Appointed Member I would rather yield to the Chairman of the Colonial Council of St Croix.
The 4th member for Frederiksted Country District (Anderson): The question of who should be chairman of this meeting does not matter much. The question of a vote on the resolution is a matter of greater importance. There must be a majority vote by each Council.
The 2nd. appointed member (Moll): I quite agree.
The 3rd appointed member for St Thomas (Nolte): It seems like splitting hairs when it comes to taking a vote as to who should be Chairman and ignoring the Chairman of the day. Shall we act together or shall we not? I cannot see the necessity of taking a vote as to who shall be Chairman.

It was put to the vote and unanimously adopted that the 2nd. Member for Frederiksted Town (Merwin) act as chairman of the joint session.
The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Moll): proposed that the 3rd Appointed Member for St Thomas (Nolte) act as Secretary.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.
The 2nd appointed Member for St Croix (Moll) remarked: Mr. Chairman, I do not propose at this time to make remarks on this resolution, but as a member of the Colonial Council of St Croix I have been informed correctly or in-correctly, I know not, but I have been informed that the major issue,

namely, Senate Bill No. 2786 if not fostered, has been abetted by a Member of the Colonial Council of St Thomas namely, Rothschild Francis. I have some remarks to make but I feel that I should not make them until we hear from Mr Francis. I propose that we hear from him now.

The 1st member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr Chairman, the bill is before the Senate. It makes no difference who introduced it.

The 2nd member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): Mr Chairman, May I ask if the Honorable 8th elected member for St Thomas has been subpoenaed and is obliged to take the stand and testify. The Honorable Member should bear in mind that this is not a court.

The 1st member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr Chairman. Before any vote is taken on the resolution we should point out the defects where the bill now before the Senate does not conform to American standard. In courtesy to the Senator who introduced it we should point out the defects.

The 2nd. Appointed Member for St Croix (Moll): remarked - Mr Chairman. I still stand on the major issue. We have met here today to discuss something introduced to the north of us, in discussing it we cannot be unmindful of street rumours, we cannot be unmindful of what a man might deny outside of the Council. We are called upon to discuss one of the most important, if not the most important bill ever introduced affecting the people of these islands and yet certain persons who are concerned say they will not tell us what is behind it. A member of the Colonial Council of St Thomas went to Washington and asked that this bill be introduced and he is not manly enough to tell us why he has done so. His silence shows that he is not strong enough to come before us and give his reason for requesting that the bill be introduced.

The 2nd member for Christiansted County District (Berg): Mr Chairman. A point of information. Are we discussing the merits or demerits of Senate Bill No. 2786 &

The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Moll): We are going to get to the bottom of the whole thing.

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): So

in a decent manner.

The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Moll): Mr Chairman. I object to be called indecent.

The Chairman rang the bell for order.

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr Chairman. Whether the bill is introduced by a Member of St Thomas Council or by Senator Mc Sean is it courteous to pass a resolution such as is now before the House without pointing out the defects in the bill? The 3rd member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. With all due respect to the absent Senator he should have a great deal more consideration for us and not take hold of a bill like this and introduce it in the Senate of the United States without giving the Government or the legislative bodies of these islands an opportunity to be heard. As the chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas has said, whether the legislative bodies of these islands represent all the peoples or not they should be consulted. I consider this lack of forethought on the part of the Senator.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): Mr. Chairman. I would like to know whether such a measure was proposed in 1922 and whether the St Thomas Council was a participant.

The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Moll): Mr. Chairman. A motion is before the House to the effect that the 8th Elected Member for St Thomas give his views to the Council.

The Chairman: It is left the Honorable Member whether he wishes to give his views or not.

The 4th Member for Frederiksted ~~Town~~ Country District (Andersen): Mr. Chairman. I second the motion. Why should the Honourable member go behind us and act contrary to what he knows would be the desire of the people. He knows that there are brains in this Council.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): If this is going to be a personal matter I am going to retire. I object to members indulging in personalities.

The chair ruled that a man cannot be forced from his seat.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): Mr. Chairman. I ask that the Honourable

2nd Appointed Member for St Croix give us his opinion on this Bill or any form of Government he thinks fit for these islands also what he thinks of the Danish Colonial Law now in force in these islands.

The Chairman: I wish to announce again that a member of either Council may speak only on his own initiative.

The 8th elected member for St Thomas (Rothschild Francis) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have listened with special care to the remarks of the Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Croix and the Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas and St John and in reply to those Gentlemen I wish to say that they have done what is right, that is, to point out what they consider is defective in the Senate Bill introduced for the benefit of the people of these islands. What the Senator who has introduced the bill wants of the people of these islands is to point out defects in the bill. The Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Croix has pointed out what he considers defective in the bill and I can say this for him that he has said what I would have said myself.

The Federal Income Tax was enforced in these islands at the instance of an Admiral; two aliens were deported from these islands and an Admiral said he did it. Congress has unbridled authority over these islands. Now, therefore, what I think this Council should do is to state in the open what they consider defective in the bill, but they cannot question the right of the bill. There are many questions to be decided. Let us not resort to personalities, but to the facts before us. I am one of the citizens of these islands who have remained here too long. I have moved out now and I have support. The question before the house now is whether or not we shall adopt the resolution which is now before us. I feel the time will come when we shall have laws compatible with American laws. This is no bouquet. The Senator who has introduced the bill is a lawyer and a brilliant one too. I have come here to-day to hear what my colleagues have to say regarding this bill so that I may report to Washington as quick as possible. It is immaterial

who introduced the bill, what you have to prove is that it is inimical to the interest of the people of these islands.

As regards providing for five members for the Council of St Croix and seven members for the Council of St Thomas and St John, that's a typographical error. It was proposed to have seven for St Croix and five for St Thomas and St John. There are also other typographical errors in the bill; and further the bill is open for amendment; you may send representatives to Washington. This is an act of American citizens. You had better do it and do it quick .....

Loud applause from the audience.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr Chairman I want to ask if these manifestations are not contrary to good order.

The Chairman asked the audience to refrain from manifestations of any kind.

The speaker (Rothschild Francis) continuing:- I am speaking under a great flag. There has been absolutely no secrecy in the framing of the bill where the authorities in Washington are concerned. It is the child of American brains. I had the pleasure of hearing an American from Chicago, Ill., give his opinion as regards the judiciary system in these islands, it was not at all beautiful. Mr Chairman I maintain that this bill is the child of intelligent Americans.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): remarked. Mr Chairman, with reference to the proponent of this measure it occurs to my mind, and I think I am correct that the late Secretary of the Navy proposed a single legislative body for these islands. He agreed on the point that the present form of Government is unsuited to these islands. A letter was addressed to Governor Towner of Porto Rico in which was stated that while these measures were wise and necessary during the transfer period they are now wholly inadequate and a hindrance to the progress of these islands. He advocated one legislative body for these islands. Perhaps the Secretary of the Navy had gone so far as to suggest the number of representatives each island should have. If he advocated five members for St Croix and seven for St Thomas and St John: I would not be surprised a bit as this island is always placed at a disadvantage. I would like to know what objec-

tion this Council would have to a government by laws instead of a government by men. Have we or have we not an organic structure ? The Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas and St. John speaks of ruling ourselves, I don't Know whether he means we should be a little republic or whether we should have a government with limited autonomy. I contend that we as a community are eligible for citizenship. I defy the President, the Congress or the people of the United States to show that our intellectual moral or political standard is below that of the people of Porto Rico. We were a people at the time of the transfer and not a nonentity. A year ago this Council unanimously voted — and I request of the Chairman that this document be produced — a memorial to go to Secretary of the Navy Denby. This memorial was passed by 16 members, all voted, and that was before the communists Berg and Jackson ....

The 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M.M. Skeoch): When you are called that don't object.

The speaker, 2nd Member for Christiansted County District continuing,— I am using the words of Washington Williams, and I ask that the clerk of the Council supply the inverted commas. That I will not vote for the bill now before the Senate is obvious. It is all right for the 8th Elected Member for St Thomas to say that the proposal to have 5 members for St Croix Council and 7 members for St Thomas is a typographical error. ~~corrected before~~ I would prefer to see this typographical error corrected before I vote on the bill. I want to say that the Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas speaks of Republicans securing votes by this measure. I think this remark is un-necessary and would lead to unlimited debate here. If this bill is introduced for the sake of getting votes for the Republican Party then there are two reasons for voting for it. If the 6th elected member for St Thomas and Washington Williams are going to make national policy an issue down here then let us fight it out as true Republicans.

The 3rd member for Christiansted Town (Alexander

remarked: Mr Chairman. I have listened attentively to the introductory remarks of the Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Croix and I agree with every word he has said. It is true that the people here confound civil government with self-government. I will vote neither yes nor no on this resolution for this reason, a year ago a memorial was adopted by this Council to go to Secretary of the Navy Denby. If this Council do not delete the last part of this resolution they would be blowing hot and cold gas at the same time. If the Councils want to do anything they may draft and place something before the Senate. We have everything to be thankful for since Governor William's Administration. I suggest that we sit and draft amendments to the Senate Bill as there are many things in it that are against the interest of St Croix.

The 1st Member for Fredriksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr Chairman. I don't want to take up more of the valuable time of this honorable body. I have practically said the few words I had to say. I may have something more to say but before saying it I wish to offer an amendment to the present resolution. I know before hand it is not going to be adopted but I feel it is my duty to introduce it. The Honorable Member on my extreme left 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) has expressed himself on Senate Bill and he is the only one has pointed out defects in it. One of his objections to the bill is that it is not possible to have a uniform system of taxation for the two islands. He had in mind that the islands are two separate islands instead of a political entity, for instance, Porto Rico, Vieques and Culebra, which form the political group known as Porto Rico. If we look at the Virgin Islands as comprising St Croix, St Thomas and St John the Honorable Member is right, but if as a political entity he is wrong.

The Honorable Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas has not stated his definite objections to the bill. If we are going to pass this Resolution the objections to the bill must be clearly pointed out by those objecting. The Honorable gentleman is suspicious as to the manner the bill was brought before the Senate. Why, there is no reason

to be suspicious, the bill is there, and that it does not conform to local needs we are all agreed. What is the remedy? By resolution? No. Does the bill contain all that America has ever given any of her territories or possessions in the first stages of development?

My objections are the same as those of the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town. A single legislative body is recommended for all the islands and St Croix is allowed 5 members and St Thomas 7, and the 8th Elected Member for St Thomas (Rothschild Francis) says that this is a typographical error. We are taking chances on typographical errors. I agree with the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) in his contentions and I offer this amendment. The member handed in an amendment.

The 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) entered the meeting at this stage of the proceedings.

The 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It has been contended by the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District that this Council has gone on record as asking for a change of Government. This Council did not request a change of government, it requested an opinion. The speaker read the first paragraph of the memorial forwarded to Secretary of the Navy Denby which is as follows:-

"This Council is aware that the general condition and prospects of the Colonial or Municipal Treasury is far from what may be desired, and as much as we desire to see a material improvement in this particular, it is our opinion that this cannot reasonably be expected without a thorough revision and reform of the entire system of administration. In support of this we would draw attention to the great lack of proportion between the budgetted revenues and expenditures as set forth in the appendix below; as well as the total federal appropriations made to the Virgin Islands"

and continuing said. — This is not asking for a change of Government, it is only asking for an opinion. It has been said that all that should be

argued today is objections to the Senate Bill. That is alright, but there are so many objections to the Bill, that is impossible to enumerate them. One of the most serious objections I have to the bill is the proposal to have one Colonial Council for the two islands. Such a proposal, if adopted, would deprive the best brains of this island of an opportunity to participate in the political affairs of this island. In my earnest opinion the frame work and foundation of this Senate Bill is so poor that no amendment could be made to it. I recommend the resolution to the favorable consideration of members.

The 3rd appointed Member for St Thomas (Nolle) remarked:- Mr. Chairman. Probably enough has been said that we may bring this matter to a close. As a matter of fact things have taken a different turn. I thought we have assembled here to discuss a resolution and not to make amendment to Senate Bill No. 2786. It seems to me that if it does not lack in brain it is lacking in adaptability. As to the secresy concerning the bill that has been explained, but I have a suspicion myself. This bill has been the result of false prelences and propaganda work. The bill is lacking in its frame work, so much so that it cannot be amended. We are here to adopt a resolution and not to make corrections in a Senate bill. The question is whether it should be countenanced or not. Not only that it does not suit us, but it has not been carried through the right way. To my mind it will do us the greatest harm in the world. We can hardly amend it as it is. We want the people who think they are doing us a favor to know that they are doing us a harm. It is saying a great deal to say that the seven years of American occupation of these islands have been wasted. I don't think anyone can justly say that these islands have retrograded under the present Government. Mr Chairman: I now move that this resolution, moved by thirteen members of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John and the majority of the members of the Colonial Council of St Croix be adopted.

The Chairman remarked: In the first place some members of the St Thomas and St John Council have already signified to me that they have some minor changes to make to the resolution. For the purpose of bring-

ing the views of both Councils into harmony upon the bill I will give a recess after which a committee will be appointed to receive and report on the resolution, but before doing so I will read a communication received from the 2nd elected member for St Thomas.

The Chairman read the communication, which is as follows:-

St Thomas, 3rd April 1924.

The Honorable Chairman
of the Colonial Council for
St Thomas and St John,
St Thomas.

Dear Sir,

Whilst I do not see the necessity of passing the within Resolution in a joint meeting of the two councils, and would have preferred that the Resolution had been passed separately by the respective Councils, I beg to state that I heartily agree with, and approve of same.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed). Axel Holst

The 2nd Appointed member for St Croix (Moll) remarked: Mr Chairman before taking a recess I would ask for the word.

The Chairman signified its consent.

The 2nd Appointed member for St Croix (Moll) I feel it incumbent on me to state where I stand, not particularly as a Member of this Council or as a resident of this island, but as an American citizen, and for the sake of having something on record.

Now, then, we are met here today not for the purpose of discussing the merits or demerits of a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator MacLean. We are met here for the purpose of discussing a resolution and nothing else: but unfortunately the resolution is so mixed up with the bill that it is hard to discuss one without the other. I do not know Senator MacLean, be he a Democrat or Republican. I doubt that when he knows the facts as they exist down here he will not say that he is not interested in the bill. True Senator MacLean did introduce the bill, but I hold here in my hand papers showing the person who requested the introduction of the bill. The speaker then read the

following:- "Virgin Islands Committee, 70 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Friend: The enclosed is an appeal that should receive your immediate attention by sending a contribution to 70 Fifth Avenue. We have just entered a bill in the Congress for a civil form of government in the islands. We need funds to push this drive. Will you help? Thank you.

Respectfully
(Signed) Rothschild Francis"

and continuing said.— Now gentlemen, does that say that Senator McLean introduced a bill in the Senate of the United States asking for a civil form of government for the Virgin Islands? This signed by Rothschild Francis, Chairman of the Executive Committee. It is clear that ~~what~~ all Senator McLean did is what any other Senator would do. Namely, put the bill before the Senate for its consideration. I also have in my hand some cards, among them being: The Member read the following: ———————

"West 139 Street, near 8th Avenue

A Monster Mass Meeting to petition Congress for remedial legislation for the Virgin Islands.

You are politely requested to attend. Help a just cause."

Continuing the Speaker said.— This man gained the confidence of a Senator of the United States and got him to introduce this bill, and when an investigation was made we found the source, and we found that it is rotten; we have found the weak steel structure, and we do not care to build upon it. ———————

Gentlemen, are we going to stand for this? I would rather go down in defeat than to submit to something that has been secretly thrust upon us as this Senate bill has been. The bill which is now before the Senate did not emanate from us; and that's why I say let us proceed by a resolution. The merits or demerits of the resolution have not been discussed here much; the first three paragraphs of it relate to the source. I don't think it needs argument to know that the bill was placed into the hands of Senator McLean by self constituted parties.

The resolution which is now before the House does not say that the Colonial Council of St Croix or the Colonial Council of St Thomas or St John

or any member disagrees with the idea of having civil government for these islands. I have been a staunch supporter of civil government, and I feel that when the time comes we will have it. But the time has not yet arrived.

In bringing into the Union of the United States some thirty-seven states, so far as I have studied, every constitutional state sent its proposed enabling act to Congress and it kept on going back and forth until it was satisfactory.

It may be considered absurd to ask Congress to send the Bill here to us before taking action upon it. Legally it is not binding upon Congress to do so, but morally it is binding on them to do so.

What we are up against is, Congress is not studying all the local laws down here. That's the reason why I ask that we draw their attention to them. I admit that Congress has acted without our consent, but I also admit that Congress has not done so intentionally.

As to the last paragraph of the resolution the Member is trying to put sugar to vinegar to make it sweet. He is trying to build on a week structure.

It would be far from democracy for anyone to say I will snap this over you, so amend it quickly. Are we going to do it? No, we are going to vote for a resolution. If anyone wishes to advocate a civil government for these islands I think there is ample time to frame a bill that will be suitable to local conditions.

The 8th Elected Member for St Thomas (Rothschild Francis) remarked: Mr Chairman. The Honorable 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix, an able Lawyer, an able speaker has made his appeal to the House. He has accused the Virgin Islands Committee. That Committee consists of four hundred Americans and Virgin Islanders. He speaks of territories, here is history: One year after Pto Rico became a possession of the United States, although the people could not speak a word of English, they were given the Foraker Act; an Act was given to Hawaii, one was given to the Philippines and one was given to Alaska. I am interested in this fight and I am going to carry it through, and the American people will decide.

When I say people I do not mean we who are gathered here I mean everyone under the flag. Mr Chairman, let the Colonial Councils take their course and the Virgin Islands Committee will take its course.

The Honorable Member made reference to Section 2 of the Organic Act, I wish to say that there are many other sections that are not compatible with American Laws. The American people will decide whether we an intelligent people are deserving of citizenship.——

The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Noll). Mr Chairman. May I propound a question to the last speaker?——

The Chairman: State the question to the chair.——

The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Noll): I ask the chair to ask the Honorable Member instead of taking this bill to Senator MacLean why did he not bring it before the Colonial Councils of these islands?——

The 8th elected member for St Thomas (Rothschild Francis) in reply to the last speaker said, I thought there were not sufficient members in these Councils that love things American. Thats why I didn't bring it before these Councils.——

A motion was made by the Chairman (Merwin) and carried that 6 members be elected to form a committee to receive and report on the resolution.——

A recess of 20 minutes was given. After the recess upon re-assembling the Chairman asked the members to prepare their voting tickets for the election of a committee of six members, three from each Council.

26 voting tickets were handed in; one blank. Elected were: 3rd. Appointed Member for St Croix (Armstrong), and 6th elected Member for St Thomas (Correiro), 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata), 2nd. Appointed Member for St Croix (Noll) 3rd. Appointed member for St Thomas (Nolle) and 5th Elected Member for St Thomas (Thiele) with 26 votes respectively.

The Chairman then introduced an amendment to the Resolution by 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) which was read by the Secretary (Nolle).

Resolution.

Whereas there has been introduced into the Senate of the United States a Bill (S 2786) providing for a Civil Government to the Virgin Islands, and

Whereas the said Bill in its present form does not

wholly conform to local needs, and

Whereas, it is the desire of the people of the Virgin Islands to have an American Civil form of Government.

It is therefore resolved by this Colonial Council in joint session assembled, that the Governor of the Virgin Islands be requested, and he is hereby requested, to request the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Insular Affairs to withhold action on the said Bill until such time as this joint body shall forward amendments or suggestions to the Chairman of the said committee expressing the wishes of the people of the Virgin Islands thereon.

(Signed) D. Hamilton Jackson
1st Member for Frederiksted Town

Christiansted, St Croix
April 4th, 1924

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) in introducing the amendment said,— Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members in introducing this amendment I think I am pursuing the proper course as a representative of some of the people of this island. This resolution which is intended to repudiate the Senate Bill does not come within the common knowledge of our constituents. Whenever a change in the form of government is to take place whereby any number of people will be affected our constituents should have knowledge of it, so that they may know how they shall be governed. We need not go back to that immortal instrument, the Declaration of Independence of the United States, to find out where that principle comes from, but follow the suggestions made by the Honourable 2nd Appointed Member of this Council, and follow the ~~suggestions~~ last part of this resolution which reads:—

" And be it further resolved that it is our opinion that the present form of Government should continue until a change is requested which emanates from the people of the Virgin Islands after they have given deliberate thought to the subject and have proposed a measure embodying adequate provisions to care for special local conditions, and that the Government of the Virgin Islands take such steps as may be

necessary to inform the proper officials of the sense of this resolution and to request that Senate Bill No 2786 be with drawn or that no further action be taken regarding it"
the speaker continuing,— I have brought in this amendment that has for its purpose the delaying of achon on Senate Bill No. 2786 until the people of the Virgin Islands have a chaince to say whether or not they desire the change. This resolution contains much that is good and some that is very bad. I want to give credit to those who framed this resolution for the good features of it. I won't denounce the bad features of it because we all make mistakes. I certainly cannot vote for this resolution, particularly the second paragraph. I admit that the person or persons who requested the adopted of Senate Bill No. 2786 did not act with the consent of the Colonial Council of St Croix nor the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John, and I am sure that the person who introduced it did not act with the consent of the Government of the Virgin Islands, but it is a request of the common people. - - - - - - - - - - -

The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Moll) On your opinion. ———

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) continuing,— It is the wishes of the people and thats why Senator Mc Lean introduced it! ———

The American flag is flying here gentlemen. I have taken my oath to support the Constitution of the United States. I will say that I want to see as good an American Government in these islands as there is in Porto Rico, a people foreign to American sentiments. Take the peons for instance they are illiterate, base and un-lettered, nevertheless they are citizens of the United States; and an intelligent people living up to American ideals, seeking citizenship and you have brought in a resolution saying they d'ont want it. ———

It is true that this bill lacks many things, it is rough, but it is a stepping stone, it is a ladder towards what we should have. The President of the United States has gone on record as saying that the people of the ~~United States~~ Virgin Islands should have a civil form of government. ———

We have had two commissioners down

here by the President of the United States and the people through their duly appointed representatives have gone on record as asking for civil government for them, and to-day you are saying that civil government is asked for without the consent of the people. It is easy today to get a mandate signed by ten thousand people to the effect that they need civil government.

I know that my amendment asking that the Senate Bill be held in abeyance will be turned down this afternoon, but I feel it my duty to introduce it. Mr. Chairman with these remarks I take the liberty to introduce the amendment.

The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Moll) remarked: Mr. Chairman I want to go on record as saying that I do not believe that the people of these islands have been consulted with reference to their opinion as to civil government. I have lived here seven years and have no knowledge that they have ever been consulted. I am stating this merely for the sake of record.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) It is my duty as representative of the people who I represent to keep the door open and act within their best interest. I would like to be informed as to what there is in the last paragraph of the resolution to prevent the people from asking for what they want at any time.

The amendment brought in by the 1st member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) was again read.

The 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) inquired whether it was an amendment or a resolution.

The Chairman in reply said: It is called an amendment and will be put to the vote as such. If it is adopted it will take the place of the resolution which is now before the House, if it is not adopted it will die a natural death.

The Chairman put the amendment to the vote.

3 members voted for the amendment; 27 against.

The 2nd Appointed Member for St Croix (Moll), Speaker of the Committee appointed to receive and report on the resolution, reported as follows: Mr. Chairman. The Committee appointed by this joint Council to

receive and report on the resolution ~~report as follows:~~ met during the recess. There were some slight changes offered by the St Thomas Council, but after due consideration the Committee recommends that the resolution be adopted without any change. ——————

The 2nd. Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Chairman, I just want it understood by the members of this Council that in the caucus meeting I voted for this resolution and requested then that I be allowed to make a few remarks, in fact my vote on the resolution was conditional that I be allowed to express my position on this matter in this meeting. It is not my intention that the doors be closed against civil government; I stand for a new Organic act for this island. Perhaps the present Senate Bill may be too weak a structure to work upon. When I pointed out a while ago that in the Denby memorial that we went on record for a change of government, a member said that was merely an opinion. I am not voting for this resolution merely as a matter of opinion, I am voting for it with a view that a new organic act will be introduced providing for civil government for this island. ——————

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Chairman. May I offer consolation to the Honorable Member that his views are identical with mine. ——

The 3rd Appointed Member for St Thomas (Nolle) remarked Mr Chairman. I think it necessary to make this allusion. The Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town said in his remarks that there are some people here who are trying to withhold citizenship from the people of these islands. In the petition we sent to Washington we recommended citizenship for these islands. Quite a number of years elapsed before the people of Porto Rico were granted citizenship. It is true they had a platform, but they wailed a number of years before citizenship was granted to them, I think eighteen years. I think it would be asking too much to ask the United States by a stroke of the pen to grant citizenship to ~~all~~ the people of these islands. As to civil government I wish some of the eloquent speakers would enlighten me as to the meaning of civil government. I do not wish to interfere in the affairs of St Croix, but as the question came

up I thought it best to make a remark on it.

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. One point in the last speaker's remark I wish to reply to. He wants to know what we mean by civil form of government. A civil form of government is a government by which the people give consent to the manner in which they shall be governed.

The discussion closed, the Secretary read the resolution and the Chairman put same to the vote.

27 members voted for; 2 against and one not voting.

The Chairman remarked: The resolution is adopted. The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) asked that his amendment be attached to the resolution.

The Chairman in reply said the amendment cannot be attached to the resolution but will be made a part of the record.

There being no further business before the House the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

Resolution

Whereas, under date of March 10, 1924 a bill entitled "A Bill to provide a civil government for the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes" (Senate Bill No 2786) was introduced in the United States Senate by request:

And Whereas the person or persons who requested the introduction of this bill acted solely upon his or their own responsibility and without the knowledge, sanction or approval of either the people of the Virgin Islands or the Government thereof;

And while it is the sense of the Councils that we are not unalterably opposed to a revision in the present form of Government which would be more permanent and lend to an improvement in the political and economic workings of both Municipalities, nevertheless we are of the opinion that Senate Bill No. 2786 is not based on a knowledge of local conditions and would not be conducive to the best interest and welfare of all the people of the

Virgin Islands. The Senate Bill in question did not emanate from the people of the Virgin Islands and to our best information the people of the Virgin Islands were not consulted as to its provisions.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Colonial Council of St Croix and the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John in joint session assembled, that the attention of Congress is called to the Act of Congress of March 3, 1917, entitled "An act to Provide for a temporary Government of the Danish West Indian Islands," Section 2 which provides:-

"Section 2 That until Congress shall otherwise provide insofar as compatible with the changed sovereignty and not in conflict with the provisions of this act, the laws regulating elections and the electoral franchise as set forth in the Code of Laws published in Amalienborg the 6th day of April 1906 and the other local laws in force and effect in said islands, and the same shall be administered by the civil officials and through the local judicial tribunals established in said islands respectively and the orders, judgments, and decrees of said judicial tribunals shall be duly enforced".

And we respectfully invite attention to Section 2 of said Colonial Law extended to these islands by the above quoted act of Congress as follows:

"Section 2. That in all other matters relating to the colonies the respective Colonial Councils shall before any law containing provisions specially relating to the West India Islands be given, be afforded opportunity of giving its opinion in the matter unless particular reasons render an exception necessary."

And be it further resolved that it is our opinion that the present form of Government should continue until a change is requested which emanates from the people of the Virgin Islands after they have given deliberate thought to the subject and have proposed a measure embodying adequate provisions to care for special local conditions, and that the Government of the Virgin Islands take such steps as may be necessary to inform the proper officials of the sense of this resolution and to request that Senate Bill No 2786 be either withdrawn or that no further action be taken regarding it.

Resolution:

Be it resolved by the Colonial Council for St Croix, St Thomas and St John in joint session assembled:

Preamble:

The Virgin Islands of the United States passed from the Sovereignty of the Kingdom of Denmark to that of the United States of America on March 31st 1917.

The three major islands comprising the group, namely, St Thomas, St Croix and St John lie at the eastern edge of the Caribbean Sea and form a natural outpost to the Panama Canal.

The purchase having taken place almost simultaneously with the entry of the United States of America into the World War, the disturbed economic and political conditions of the world and particularly those obtaining in the United States incident to the prosecution of the war and as a natural aftermath thereof, have resulted in the Virgin Islands being little known to the public in Continental United States to this day, either as to the reasons for which they were purchased or as to what their future will be.

Since the purchase, the Federal Government has contributed generously towards extending and increasing the educational facilities of the people, towards gradually ~~increasing~~ improving and expanding hospital facilities and towards inaugurating and maintaining modern sanitation systems.

While we are deeply grateful for the financial assistance afforded us by the home government, it is our earnest desire and ambition to be as self-supporting as possible, and therefore when His Excellency the Governor of the Virgin Islands, in his letter of October 20th, 1923, suggested that we meet together in an effort to evolve definite recommendations as to what we might do to better our economic situation towards the end that we might increase our prosperity and thereby lessen the Federal financial aid now required to maintain the Government, we gladly seized this opportunity, and now present for the consideration of the Government the following proposals which, to our mind, would aid materially towards the betterment of our economic situation

Recommendations:

"(1) That there be established under the Civil Government of the Virgin Islands a Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, to be headed by a Director, whose duty it shall be to investigate and advise of the fundamental economic problems on the entire Virgin Islands.

Agriculture: The island of St Croix the largest of the group, has always been agricultural, the main industry being the growing of sugar cane. This industry is a highly technical one and therefore requires the most expert advice obtainable regarding the most modern methods of cultivating, processing and marketing. It is generally conceded that St Croix might easily grow many other marketable agricultural products if it were known definitely what could be grown and where they could be marketed. The island of St Thomas was in past years largely agricultural, but has almost ceased to be so, the inhabitants having come to depend almost solely upon the activities of the beautiful harbor for their livlihood. Depending entirely upon the commerce of the harbor is too uncertain, and ways and means of getting the inhabitants, at least partially, to a dependence on the soil should be seriously considered.

Commerce: In addition to the activities of the Harbor of St Thomas, which are considerable, there should be possibilities in both islands of manufacturing exportable articles as evinced by the fact that there are at present small quantities of articles manufactured from mahogany. This industry appears fully capable of expansion. There must exist other similar possibilities of development.

Labor: Labor problems are real and vital. On the island of St Croix the question of labor for the cultivation and harvesting of the sugar crop is always a matter of serious concern, mainly for the reason that, when it becomes evident that a given crop will yield below the normal output, the tendency is for labor to migrate, and if in the succeeding year the crop is normal or above, there would apparently re-

sult a shortage of labor. Again, on the island of St Thomas, when the commerce falls off to any considerable extent, the tendency is towards emigration and when business picks up, a shortage of labor is likely to occur. These three fundamentals of agriculture, commerce and labor might very materially be afsisted by the establishment of ~~of such~~ a department for dealing with them and the establishment of such a department is accordingly earnestly recommended.

(2) The establishment of permanent water supply systems for the three towns of St Thomas, Christiansted and Frederiksted.

There is apparently no natural subterranean water artesian or otherwise, in the Virgin Islands. What subsurface water there is comes from the rainfall and is collected in shallow wells and springs. These wells and springs go dry in periods of drought which are frequent. Hence the people of the Virgin Islands has for generations, been compelled to depend almost entirely on rain water which is collected from the roofs of houses and stored in cisterns. The poorer classes are unable to store up sufficient water to last them over a dry spell and they accordingly suffer intensely when their supply runs out. Even the people who possess much more adequate facilities for preserving water frequently exhaust their supply and in times of acute drought all classes suffer. Not alone is this limited to the human population but the animals are the first to feel the shortage in the water supply, and, in times of drought a great many die. This is no new problem. For many years prior to the purchase of these islands by the United States, means were sought to remedy this condition without avail and from the moment of purchase this matter has received most serious consideration. So far, however, nothing concrete has been developed. All authorities are apparently agreed that the formation of the islands with regard to the subsurface rock strata eliminates artesian well drilling as a means of securing a permanent and adequate water supply and the concensus of opinion is that the only practicable solution is the building of large sheds for the collection of rain and the stor-

of rain water in large cisterns. The water so stored to be used after the individual private supply is exhausted.

A solution of this problem would, in our opinion, do more toward the uplift of the population generally than any one other single factor and it is earnestly recommended that the Government renew its efforts in this respect.

(3) That ways and means be devised to impound water for agricultural purposes.

As previously stated, the Virgin Islands suffer periodically from drought. The island of St Croix, which depends merely upon its sugar crop, becomes the greatest sufferer when, by reason of drought, the crop proves a failure. For the past three years a period of intense drought has caused such a lessening in the output of sugar as to reduce the island almost to a state of destitution. If, therefore, it were possible to store up water during the rainy season, which might be utilized during periods of drought, the sugar crop which would otherwise perish, could be saved.

(4) That the Public school system be extended to include adequate courses in Manual Training.

The instruction of the youth in manual training has become so general in the Continental United States that its value needs no explanation. The institution of manual training courses in the public schools of the Virgin Islands would greatly tend towards the eventual establishment of manufacturing industries as a profitable source of income to the people and of revenue to the Government. Mahogany grows on the islands and much more on the neighbouring islands. Cabinet making has always been a minor industry and it might well be expanded.

With the economic growth of the islands, artisans of all kinds will be in great demand. In conjunction with the Manual Training program of the public schools, it would be perfectly possible to form outside classes for the instruction of adults.

(5) That the Tariff Commission be requested to include the island of St Croix in

its investigation of the cost of production of sugar.

The Act of March 3, 1917 places a flat eight dollar tax per short ton of sugar exported from the Virgin Islands, in lieu of the Export duty which obtained prior to the change of sovereignty. The President of the United States has authority under the Tariff Law to set, within certain limits, the import duty on sugar from foreign countries into the United States, and the important factor in this determination, is the cost of production of sugar within the United States, both Continental and Insular.

It is the impression that this flat rate of eight dollars per short ton is too high and places St. Croix at a disadvantage with its competitors, and therefore an investigation by the Tariff Commission would be advisable as a means of either determining that this tax is not unduly high, or, if the contrary is found to be the case, it could lead to new legislation designed to lower or remove it.

(6) That the Congress be requested to define the citizenship status of the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands.

The Treaty of Cession whereby the United States acquired the Virgin Islands from Denmark contains the following provision :-

"Article 6. Danish citizens residing in said islands may remain therein or may remove therefrom at will, retaining in either event all their rights of property, including the right to sell or dispose of such property or its proceeds; in case they remain in the Islands, they shall continue until otherwise provided, to enjoy all the private, municipal and religious rights and liberties secured to them by the laws now in force.

If the present laws are altered, the said inhabitants shall not thereby be placed in a less favourable position in respect to the above mentioned rights and liberties than they now enjoy. Those who remain in the islands may preserve their citizenship in Denmark by making before a Court of record, within one year from the date of the exchange of ratifications of this convention, a declaration of their decision to preserve such citizenship; in default of which declaration

they shall be held to have renounced it and to have accepted citizenship in the United States: for children under eighteen years the said declaration may be made by their parents or guardians. Such election of Danish citizenship shall however not, after a lapse of the said term of one year, be a bar to their renunciation of their preserved Danish citizenship and their election of citizenship in the United States and admission to the nationality thereof on the same terms as may be provided according to the laws of the United States for other inhabitants of the islands. The civil rights and the political status of the inhabitants of the islands shall be determined by the Congress, subject to the stipulations contained in the present convention. Danish citizens not residing in the islands but owning property therein at the time of the cession, shall retain their rights of property, including the right to sell or dispose of such property, being placed in this regard on the same basis as the Danish citizens residing in the islands and remaining therein or removing therefrom, to whom the first paragraph of this article relates".

The foregoing provision of the Treaty was generally understood by the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands, as intended to confer full United States citizenship rights upon those who did not exercise their right to retain their Danish citizenship. Subsequently, the Department of State held that, as in the case of Porto Rico, a specific declaration of the intent of Congress was necessary to confer full citizenship upon the inhabitants of the Virgin Islands, so that, as the matter now stands, they are ~~neither~~ citizens neither of Denmark or the United States. This situation causes much annoyance to the people of the Virgin Islands when they desire to travel either to the United States or to foreign countries by reason of the uncertainty, generally, as to their individual civil status with relation to the United States, and furthermore, they feel that they are discriminated against through the fact that while they were full citizens of Denmark prior to the transfer, they are not now full citizens of the United States.

(7) That the Coastwise Laws be amended to exclude the ports of the Virgin Islands of the United States.

The Coastwise Laws contain a provision permitting the President to hold them in abeyance with respect to insular possessions of the United States until such time as adequate American shipping facilities were provided for such insular possessions, hence their application to the Virgin Islands have been held in abeyance by executive order so far, the latest executive Order having postponed their application until May 1, 1924.

The principal port of the Virgin Islands in St Thomas, which is a natural port of call for vessels plying between Europe and the Panama Canal. It is not a port of entry in any sense of the word. Ships requiring coal, fuel oil and supplies of various kinds, may obtain them at St Thomas, and St Thomas has, for hundreds of years, been a large distributing port not alone for the West Indies, but for freight to South American ports and to those of the United States. The Coastwise Laws were designed primarily as an aid to American coastwise shipping and require that coastwise freight be transported in American bottoms.

In the Continental United States there is a natural competition in the coastwise trade between the railroads and the steamship companies within reasonable bounds. There is, of course, no such natural competition between the east coast ports of Continental United States and the Virgin Islands, so that, should the Coastwise Laws be made applicable to the Virgin Islands, the natural effect would be to greatly increase freight rates in the Virgin Islands. This would in its turn, tend to greatly increase the cost of commodities sold in the Virgin Islands, predominantly among which would be coal and fuel oil which are the outstanding commodities carried for sale in St Thomas to vessels of all nations requiring such. The application of the coastwise laws to the Virgin Islands would, furthermore, presumably have the effect of compelling the merchants of St Thomas to purchase coal and fuel oil from abroad rather than from the United States producers as they now do, by reason of the increased freight rates.

(8) To the retention of liquor on board ships under seal and the trans-

portation and transshipment of liquor cargoes through Virgin Islands' ports.

As explained heretofore, the ports of the Virgin Islands are ports of call and not ports of entry and therefore closely approximate the Panama Canal in this respect. The Treasury regulations of June 10, 1923, based upon the Supreme Court decision regarding the carrying of liquor under seal into United States ports, has had the effect of keeping vessels away from the ports of the Virgin Islands to the benefit of competing foreign ports in the West Indies. The proposed treaty now under negotiation between Great Britain and the United States, whereby the United States would acquire the right of search beyond the three mile limit, in exchange for the privilege conceded British ships of entering United States ports with liquor under seal, appears to indicate that similar treaties will be negotiated with other maritime countries. It is therefore very important that steps be taken to assure that ports of the Virgin Islands are placed in the same status as the ports of Continental United States under any treaties of a nature similar to the one pending with Great Britain.

Christiansted, St Croix, February 4th, 1924.

It was put to the vote and carried that each member be allowed not more than five minutes to talk of the resolution.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): proposed as the Resolution is one of great importance that it be dealt with as the Council would an ordinance, that is, have three discussions upon it.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): said he did not see that discussion was necessary on the Resolution since the Government says that no amendment is desired. I don't see, said he, why we should waste time to discuss a matter if we cannot amend it.

The Chairman (Merwin) said he never heard of a resolution going through more than two discussions.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): said there is a precedent on this question — The resolution

transferring the Quay to the Federal Government was subjected to three discussions.

The Chairman (Merwin): I am subject to the desire of the majority of the Council, and therefore will take the vote as to whether the resolution should be subject to one, two or three discussions.

It was put to the vote and carried that the Resolution be furthered and passed at one discussion.

The 6th elected member for St Thomas (Corneiro) in introducing the Resolution on behalf of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John said — Mr Chairman and Confreres of of the Colonial Council of St Croix and Honorable Commissioners: I will not attempt to detain the meeting because time is a most important factor; nevertheless I crave your forbearance for a while. As the year 1924 came into escistence we all felt that it was to be a year full of promise, and three important events have taken place that seem to strengthen this belief; the first is the coming of the United States Fleet into these waters, the second, the sending of a Federal Commission to investigate conditions on these islands; and the third, the historical meeting of both Councils under one roof. Each member I am sure will do his best for these islands. I always believed that there should be a common interest between these two Municipalities, for it is only by cooperation we can obtain the desired results. I do not believe that the interests of the two islands are so different that we can not cooperate. As I said before I consider our meeting here today historical, especially so as we have in our midst the Honorable Federal Commissioners. Now that the Olive Branch is held out I hope this is the beginning of the cooperation desired for the future.

This resolution which hardly requires any forcible explanation on my part since so much has been said about it in the Governor's letter the Chairman of the Municipal Committee of each Municipality is a condensation of the hearings we had in St Thomas over which I had the honor to preside as Chairman; it is now before you sifted, analysed and condensed, and I feel that credit should be given to the Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Croix and the Government Secretary for what has been accomplished.

The Speaker read the preamble of the Resolution and continuing said, Gentlemen, there are others

to come after me and who will give further elucidations on these recommendations, therefore I will only make a few remarks on recommendation No. 4, which deals with Manual Training in the Public Schools, and after that I will say no more. On that point we are all agreed that the youths of the Virgin Islands, with the limited means at their disposal are making fair advancement along this line. When we go to the Public Schools we have to look with astonishment at the good work that is being done there. I believe such work should be extended so that the artisans of the Virgin Islands should be as good as any other in the West Indies, and that in a few years hence we may be able to say with pride that our artisans are second to none around these waters. Most of you are familiar with the Resolution now before the House. I desire to thank you for the assistance given the Municipal Committee in clearing up all points regarding it, and I ask you to consider it no more as the property of the Municipal Committee, but as the property of both Councils in common, and then let us join together in laying it before the Congress of the United States as a definite program upon which the future of this island can be built.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) introduced the Resolution on behalf of the Colonial Council of St Croix and said — Mr. Chairman. On behalf of the Municipality of St Croix I beg to introduce the Resolution now pending before you, for which object the Colonial Councils are met together in joint session this afternoon and the purpose of which most of us are aware. In this time of economic depression I think it is the aim and desire of each and every one here to lend whatever assistance he can in the solution of the problems with which we are confronted.

My honourable friend the 6th Elected member for St Thomas has recommended to you the resolution on behalf of St Thomas and St John which is identical with that for St Croix.

We do not ~~propose~~ present this resolution as the only method by which our problems can be solved but we offer these recommendations as forming a basis on which we can safely build.

I regret the Municipal Committee has been

unable to forward this resolution to members of the Council at an earlier date, but in view of the presence with us of the Federal Commission we thought that this Council should not fail to avail itself of the opportunity of placing some definite recommendation in their hands.

We have adduced a few lines of reform, each of which, would, I think, give freer course and fresh stimulus tending towards a return of some measure of our prosperity.

I think too you and I will agree that it is not charitable contributions, but intelligent and fostering legislation, harmonious relations between capital and labor, and enterprise to secure a sufficient amount of new production are the main factors which will enable us to continue our main industry and on which our prosperity may safely rest.

I ask you then to support this resolution this afternoon as I think we will be affirming the vitality of those principles which are essential to our common life and therefore a sound basis of public policy.

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr Chairman and Honorable Members of the Colonial Council of St Thomas, Confrères. I am not going to vote for this resolution, and I am going to give my reason why I will not vote for it. I am sorry that I cannot give my colleagues the support they ask for to further this resolution. In the first place there is no mention made of the reason why this resolution is necessary. What is its purpose? Where is it going to? My Honorable Friend, the 6th Elected Member for St Thomas has intimated that this resolution is to go to Congress to see what can be done for us along the lines therein outlined, but I see no concrete suggestion on which Congress could act. What are we asking for? Are we asking Congress to do anything definite in these recommendations? We are asking that there be established under the Civil Government of the Virgin Islands a Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor. It seems to me that if the islands of St Thomas and St Croix want to establish a Department of Commerce and Labor they could do so of themselves; Congress has nothing to do with that. We are asking that the status of the islanders be defined. That has already been done by the

State Department. That Department says "We are inhabitants of the Virgin Islands entitled to the protection of the United States". We already know what our status is.

The question of Coastwise Laws may be passed over without comment, but I want to make a remark on the word "Civil" in the first paragraph under "Recommendations". It is not clear to me what that means. If the Government is Civil the term here is superfluous. I would like to know why it is stated here "Under the Civil Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States"? Not one suggestion is made here whereby those things can be remedied. No concrete suggestion is offered.

This resolution, I understand, is the result of conferences between the Government and the Municipal Committees of St Thomas and St Croix. I will not vote for it on principle; because I don't believe that the Executive Department should have anything to do with legislative matters. I have heard read here today in a letter from the Governor that no amendment to the resolution is desired. That seems to me like putting the screw down on this body, and I take it to mean that if this Council amend the resolution it will not be considered by the Government. I think it unfair and consequently I will not vote for the resolution.

The Chairman (Merwin) I think the last speaker is in error by stating emphatically that no amendment to the resolution will be considered. The Governor states that he feels that "As the two Municipal Committees and the Executive Branch as represented by the Government Secretary have agreed beforehand on the Resolution amendments should not be made on the floor". However if any member desires to bring in an amendment there is nothing in the Rules of Business to prevent it.

The 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): You say so now Mr Chairman, but the Governor does not say so in his letter. I would like to ask this question — If the Council makes amendent will the Government consider it?

The Chairman (Merwin) That's left entirely with the Government.

The Government Secretary (Jane): Government has no answer to make to the question.

The 4th Appointed member (Blackwood) read the fifth recommendation in the resolution and said that the $8.00 tax per short ton of sugar exported from the Virgin Islands should be removed.

The 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The flat rate tax of $8.— per ton on sugar exported from the Virgin Islands is to take the place of the escport duty we had before. I don't see why this tax should be removed; everybody pays it. If this tax is removed where are we going to get revenues from? I would rather see this tax remain.

The 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Honorable 4th Member for Christiansted Country District has never raised sugar cane on this island so he doesn't know what he is talking about. Apparently he does not know that we have a Federal Income Tax, a tax which is considered too heavy in the United States. The Export Duty on sugar is $8.— p ton, a tax of about 10% on sugar. I would like to know where in the United States there is a tax of 10% on the gross receipts of any kind of produce.

The 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay): Mr. Chairman. I have cultivated sugar cane the same as the Honorable 4th member for Frederiksted Country District. The Honorable Member forgets that I have been the owner of an estate on this island. He is only an employee of a rich concern. He says that the flat rate tax of $8 per ton on sugar exported from the island is too high, he should be glad that it is not more than $8.

The 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): Mr. Chairman. I have no answer to make except that the Honorable Member does not know what he is saying.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If a member is allowed to speak more than once on this resolution then I see no use for a time limit.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I have this remark to make— It is said that this resolution has been drawn up after the public was given a hearing. Acting upon the request of Governor Hough the Municipal Committee of this island held a meeting in this Hall sometime ago at which representative citizens of this island were present, and at which time a motion was made and unanimously adopted that the former memorial now in the possession of the Council be forwarded to Congress. To act contrary to the desire of the people is a serious undertaking for the Municipal Committee.

The 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry): Mr. Chairman. I propose that the Memorial as presented to Mr. Denby be used as a basis on which to formulate a memorial to Congress. I see that another memorial is submitted I do not see how this Council can go back on itself and vote for another memorial.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. If such a procedure as outlined were made binding upon the Municipal Committee, the Municipal Committee would be useless. The Municipal Committee makes efforts to meet the wishes of the people, but it cannot be bound by their decision.

The Government Secretary (Jane) remarked: Mr. Chairman. A little explanation is necessary. On October 20 last His Excellency the Governor of the Virgin Islands addressed a letter identical in form to both Municipal Committees. In effect it suggested that each Municipal Committee hold hearings for the purpose of determining recommendations and ideas which would lend to better the economic situation of these islands. It was suggested that these recommendations should fall under two heads; one, what can we do for ourselves, and what should we

ask the Congress of the United States to do for us. Accordingly the Municipal Committees held hearings and you have got the results before you. I think the two previous speakers misunderstood what the Chairman of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas said. The resolution, as it now stands before you is intended to accomplish what was originally intended, ~~to accomplish~~ a basis upon which the Government could build. When I say Government I do not mean the Executive branch alone, but the legislative branch also. There are two features of the resolution which require direct action by Congress — The Coastwise Laws and the Citizenship status — There are other features which will require indirect action by Congress — The Water Supply for both towns — as it will be found necessary to ask for aid in the form of money. There are certain features which will not require action by Congress, such as the establishment of a Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor. In that connection we have three separate departments in the Government dealing with this matter, but here one department is sufficient.

Just one word more by way of explanation, if I may be permitted, to the remark of the Honorable At Large Member for Frederiksted Town on the word "Civil". He is quite correct when he says the word "Civil" ought to be there, because we have a Civil Government. You had a civil government under Denmark and now you also have a civil government. My idea of what civil government means is a government in which the people have a direct say in the making of laws. A military form of Government is a decree by which the people have no voice in the making of laws. It cannot be denied that the people of St Croix have a great say in the making of laws, otherwise there would be no need for the Colonial Council. The fact that a Naval Officer is appointed Governor of these islands has no bearing. I therefore submit that you have a civil form of Government.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): Mr Chairman, I would like to say that the Colonial Council, on the recommendation of the

Municipal Committee passed a Memorial, that was pigeon-holed and another is presented for our acceptance.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Honorable Gentleman is all mixed up. The Colonial Council passed a memorial to be presented to Secretary Denby. That was done and it is finished. This is a new memorial.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (Berg): I am not mixed up. At a mass meeting the 2nd member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) proposed and the people voted that that memorial be used as a basis upon which a memorial could be formulated to go to Congress.

The 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) among other things said the resolution as it stands did not meet with his entire approval because he felt that it should contain the following. In all matters relating to the Colonies, the respective Colonial Councils shall, before any law containing provisions especially relating to the West India Islands be given, be afforded opportunity of giving its opinion in the matter unless particular reasons render an exception necessary. That the Income Tax Law and the Prohibition Law was put in force on this island by radio while an exception was made of the Philippines. He would suggest that the Council make a start, even though it is a bad start, and accept this resolution.

The 2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): I can state that the recommendation which the Honorable Member has made reference to has been taken care of. In a conference on Monday the Government Secretary pledged himself to take the matter up and get a letter from the Governor which he said he would forward to the Chairman of the Colonial Council.

The Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Chairman. At the last meeting of the Municipal Committee at which this resolution was adopted,

if I remember correctly, I stated that I would recommend to His Excellency the Governor the forwarding of a letter by him to the Chairman of the Colonial Council in effect that he, His Excellency would communicate with the Secretary of the Navy suggesting that the Legislators of the Government of the Virgin Islands be given a hearing before the enactment of laws for these islands by Congress. I have placed the matter before the Governor and I am directed to say that this subject is of such importance that it is utterly impossible for him to go into it in such a short time, but that he has the matter under consideration and that it will be given his most profound consideration.

The 6th elected member for St Thomas (Corneiro) remarked: Mr Chairman. Dealing with that point I take pleasure in stating that the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John protested most vehemently when the Federal Income Tax was introduced. And when the Delegation of which I was Chairman went to Washington we drew attention to the Colonial Law where it says:

> "In all matters relating to the Colonies the respective Colonial Council shall, before any law containing provisions especially relating to the West India Islands be given, be afforded opportunity of giving its opinion in the matter, unless partiew lar reason render an exception necessary."

So you see the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John has not been lacking in that respect and I rise to say that you are following in our footsteps.

With regard to this resolution the people of St Thomas met in mass meetings, the matter was discussed, recommendations were submitted and the Municipal Committee tried to get the consensus of public opinion; we had in mind then only the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John. I feel that this is a proper occasion to formulate a proper memorial to go to the Congress of the United States.

The 1st Member for St John District (Carl E. Francis) remarked: Mr Chairman. I must confess

that it gives me great pleasure to be here with you especially after listening to what has been said. It seems as if the Council of St Croix is putting up a fight on this resolution. Nevertheless, we all do not agree at times on a matter. I stand to thank the Speaker for what they have said.

The 1st elected member for St Thomas (Moorehead) remarked: Mr Chairman. After a careful investigation of the resolution before us I want to ask my colleagues to cooperate with us in making a start. It will not do any harm to accept this resolution as presented: to me it seems a start towards the betterment of these islands. If it does not contain all that is intended to go to Congress, other resolutions could be drafted and forwarded later. As to where the resolution is going, and to whom, that should be left with the Government to decide. We should have confidence in the Governor and the Commissioners who are here today; we have placed a copy of the Resolution in their hands and we are sure they will leave no stone unturned to reach the Congress or any other Department that is willing to help these islands. I feel that the Commissioners have the interest of these islands at heart, and I believe now is the best time to forward this resolution.

The 3rd Appointed Member for St Thomas and St John (Nolle) remarked: Mr Chairman. From the seclusion of the sick room I have journeyed across the sea to be present at this epochal event, to stamp my approval upon the records of this joint session and to sanction with my vote its high purpose and profound importance of the cause that has brought us together.

His Excellency the Governor gives the proper definition of the joint session when calling it "historic", to which I may be permitted to add "and solemn" for is there not, gentlemen, something about this rare occurrence in the march of Virgin Islands affairs that stirs our emotion?

The outstanding feature of the joint session is, that as fellow Americans we recognize the value of joint action in a common cause for the common good when addressing our petition to that body with which our destines rest, namely, the Congress of the United States. What will result therefrom, and whose, none

will venture to fortell; but it is a safe guess that it will not fall on deaf ears, and that all that is reasonably possible to do to lead the islands out of their present economic plight and on to the highroads of prosperity will be done.

President Coolidge recently pledged his written word that he would do his utmost to bring prosperity to the people of the Virgin Islands. The Congress undoubted realises its responsibility in contributing toward the accomplishment of the desired object by enacting suitable measures. And whenever and however changes for the better may be brought about the Federal Commission of 1924 will be closely associated therewith.

That the Virgin Islands will in some not too distant day take their place in the radiant sun of American prosperity is my fervent belief, an optimism which the wonderful history of the great Republic and its possessions absolutely justifies. I move that my colleagues on both sides of the water adopt this resolution.

The 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr Chairman I endorse the words of the last speaker. I heard a great deal said about unity the other day when I had the honor to attend the ceremony of the opening of the dam in this town, at which time the Chairman of the Municipal Committee laid stress on the word unity, and the Despatching Secretary said then that the time for quibbling and bickering was over and the time for united action had come. I endorse those sentiments and I hope to live to see the day when unity shall reign among us. In order to get help from our Government we should stand together and ask for what we want; but if one says he wants this and the other says he wants that, it will be said that we don't know what we are talking about. Regarding this resolution I don't agree with it in toto as there are some things in it that I regard as superfluous and there are things that should be included that are omitted. however now is not the time for bickering, I advocate that the resolution as presented be adopted.

The 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (Curry) seconded the motion made by the 3rd Appointed member for St Thomas that the resolution be adopted.

The 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): Mr Chairman, I propose that the Resolution be adopted. Some members say that they d'ont like the wording of the resolution and others say that there are things that should be included that are omitted. I feel that to pass it is the best we could do.

The 2nd Member for St Thomas town (Holst) remarked: Mr Chairman I concur in the opinion expressed by the last speaker. As a member of the Municipal Committee of St Thomas, I have have had to do with this resolution and know that it is not all that could be desired, but as the Federal Commission would like to ~~have~~ take the document to Washington with them, and as there are many good points in it I think it best that we accept it, and if it is found out afterwards that we need anything more we may forward another resolution. I move that the resolution be adopted as proposed.

The 3rd member for Christiansted Country District (Robt W. Skeoch): Mr Chairman. A few typographical errors have been discovered in the resolution, I suggest that they be corrected before the vote is taken on it.

A recess of 5 minutes was given.

At the resumption the Chairman remarked: Honorable Members we have come to the point where we are closing. A few typographical errors have been discovered in the resolution, I will ask that you take the document as read and that the Secretary and Clerk of the Council be empowered to compare the printed copy of the resolution with the original before it is signed.

Permission was accordingly granted.

The chairman closed the discussion and the vote was taken on the resolution by roll-call with the following results:

For the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John:

1st Appointed Member	(Lockhart)	Yes
2nd Appointed Member	(Anduze)	Yes
3rd Appointed Member	(Nolle)	Yes
4th Appointed Member	(Gomez)	Yes
1st Member for St Thomas Town	(Moorehead)	Yes
2nd Member for St Thomas Town	(Holst)	Yes
4th Member for St Thomas Town	(Schuetz)	Yes

The 5th Member for St Thomas Town	(Thiele)	Yes
The 6th Member for St Thomas Town	(Corneiro)	Yes
7th Member for St Thomas Town)	(Dr Knud-Hansen)	Yes
1st Member for District of St John	(C. E. Francis)	Yes
2nd Member for District of St John	(Smith	Yes

For the Colonial Council of St Croix

1st Appointed Member	(Coulter)	Yes
3rd Appointed Member	(Armstrong)	Yes
4th Appointed Member	(Blackwood)	Yes
1st Member for Christiansted Town	(Abramson)	Yes
2nd Member for Christiansted Town	(Canegata)	Yes
3rd Member for Christiansted Town	(Alexander)	No
1st Member Christiansted County District	(Jessen)	Yes
2nd Member Christiansted County District	(Berg)	No
3rd Member Christiansted County District	(R. W. Skeoch)	Yes
4th Member Christiansted County District	(Ramsay)	Yes
1st Member Frederiksted Town	(Jackson)	No
2nd Member Frederiksted Town	(Merwin)	Yes
1st Member Frederiksted County District	(W. St. Fleming)	Yes
2nd Member Frederiksted County District	(Curry)	Yes
3rd Member Frederiksted County District	(M. M. Skeoch)	Yes
4th Member Frederiksted County District	(Andersen)	Yes

The Chairman announced the vote taken as follows: Yes 25. No. 3.

Hon George H. Woodson, Chairman U.S. Commission to Virgin Islands addressed the Council as follows: May it please the Chairman of the Colonial Council, its Officers and Members, and also all of our here is where a fellow gets stuck — I am going to say Fellow Citizens of the United States for that is what we expect to be, thats what the President wants it to be and thats what it should be. In regard to this resolution I have nothing to say except that the Commission compliment you for passing it

so that we can transmit it to Washington, D.C.; and those who ask what will become of it and where it will go — As God liveth, and if this Commission live — it will go to Washington, and will not be pigeon-holed, but action will be taken upon it.

I want to thank the people for the courtesies extended to the Commission, I mean from His Excellency, ~~the~~ Governor Williams down. The Commission urge that you people of these islands throw away pessimism and take on the spirit of optimism; work and pray and you will bring better days to these beautiful islands. In this ~~distance~~ instance it may not be out of place to say that this is not a political commission. The people of the United States have long been interested in these islands and its people. Rumour has reached the Mainland that the people of these islands are starving and the President has been concerned and has appointed this commission to come down and investigate and report. That's what we are charged to do, and that's what we will do. This Commission will recommend all that it feels will tend to further the interest of your islands.

From the time we landed on this island we have been receiving courtesies, courtesies which could be extended to even His Excellency the Governor of these islands, courtesies that make us feel like carrying back the most pleasant recollections of this island and its inhabitants.

One word more. At every section of the streets, on the highways and in the byways, the Commission has tried to make known its earnest desire to have the most humble citizen place his grievance before it. We have done everything that could be done and we stand ready until the Ship is ready to lift its anchor on Saturday morning.

You have the finest climate that I have been in since I was born: you have the most beautiful scenery, and St Thomas has the most beautiful harbor, and I see no reason why with a little effort you could not make this island the most beautiful spot in the world.

I have said too much, but before I resume my seat I wish to thank the people of this island, His Excellency the Governor, Government Secretary (Zane), Despatching Secretary (Barrett) and everyone who has had to do with the comfort of this Commission. We thank you deeply and assure you that we will do all that lies in our power to further the interests of these islands.

I thank you.

The Chairman (Merwin) remarked: Mr Woodson and Gentlemen of the Commission, I thank you most heartily on behalf of the Council over which I am now presiding for your kind remarks. I feel that your spirit of optimism is true and that there are better days in store for us, but our people must have a little patience and realize that the country to which we belong has just emerged from a great war and has spent a great deal of money for its successful prosecution. I was told in Washington that the Government is interested in these islands and wants to do all that is possible to bring about a change for the better. Prosperity is sure to come. I ask everyone to write the words or rather have printed on paper and posted on the windshield of his automobile the words "I will do it for St Croix" and ind St Thomas "I will do it for St Thomas".

This means you and each of you will work night and day for the interests of the Island in which you were born or resident of as well as you can say it for the Virgin Islands. From all I gathered and was promised me in Washington I see a harbinger of good luck for these islands. May God make it true.

The 5th Member for St Thomas Town (Thiele) remarked: Mr Chairman and Members of the Colonial Council of St Croix. We the Members of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John thank you for the good time given us. We came over with great expectation and we are not disappointed. We hope that this is not the last time the two Councils meet together and we thank you moreso, because by meeting with you we have the opportunity of meeting with the Federal Commission again and to hear such beautiful speeches as we habe heard today. We all feel confident that our high hopes will be realized. I thank you Mr Chairman.

There being no further business before the House the Chairman (Merwin) declared the meeting closed at 5.10 P.M.

Certified a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the joint session of the Colonial Coun-

cils for St Croix, St Thomas and St John held in the Council Hall in Christiansted on Thursday, February 7, 1924.

(Signed) D.S. Armstrong
Secretary

(Signed) Robt L. Merwin
Chairman

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John the third in the session 1923/1924 was held Thursday the 14 February 1924, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present :— C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Kuntz, Vice Chairman; Herbert E. Lockhart, C. A. Anduze, L. E. Stakemann, C. Corneiro, Dr. K. Knud-Hansen, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith, and Leroy Nolle, Secretary. ———
The Government was represented by the Government Secretary (Commander Zane). ———
An excuse was made for the non attendance of the 2nd elected member (Holst). ———

The Chairman (Thiele) Hon. Members have had for some time now the Minutes of the last meeting held the 6th Decb 1923; are there any remarks to be made, or shall we consider them adopted? There were no remarks and the Chairman declared them adopted.

The Chairman (Thiele) The Minutes of the joint Session of the Council for St Croix and this Council are not yet ready, when they are received from St Croix copies will be circulated. ———

The Order of the Day was then proceeded with.

Item I Report from the Committee appointed at the meeting of the 6th December 1923, to interpret Section 19 of the Rules of Business for the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John; and Election of a member of the Board of Review and Equalization as required by Section 34 of the Real and Personal Property Tax Ordinance of February 25th, 1922

The Speaker appointed (the 2nd. elected member Holst)

being absent, the Secretary of the Commission the 1st appointed member (Lockhart) introduced the Report.

He said that the meeting held to interpret Section 19 of the Rules of Business, the matter was well ventilated, and it had been unanimously agreed to forward the report now before us, and he hoped the other members would see it in the same light. He then read the report.

St Thomas, the 13th December 1923

The Honorable
C. G. Thiele
Chairman of the Colonial
Council for St Thomas and St John,
St Thomas.

Dear Sir:-

The Committee appointed by the Colonial Council at the ordinary meeting of the 6th December 1923, to interpret Section 19 of the Rules of Business for the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, express themselves as follows:-

By a simple majority is meant the highest number of votes obtained in favor of any person or subject, regardless of the number of members present.

To obtain an absolute majority of votes, it is necessary that the votes obtained in favor of any person or subject shall exceed one half of the number of members present.

With regard to election of members of committees to be appointed by the Council, the vote of one-third (1/3) of the members present is sufficient.

Member Holst was elected Speaker of the Committee, Member Lockhart, Secretary and I, Chairman.

Respectfully,
(Signed) C. Corneiro

The Chairman (Thiele) I will now put the report to the vote. There were eight (8) in favor, and it was adopted.
The Chairman (Thiele) I notice from the minutes of the last meeting that elections for a member for the Board of Review and Equalization were declared invalid by the chairman. We will now vote for a member for the said Board.
The 6th elected member (Corneiro). The interpretation

given by the chairman at the last meeting was not correct. There was nothing to show that the election held that day was illegal. I move that no voting take place, and that the matter be discussed. The facts are plain before us. The minutes show how many votes had been cast.

The 3rd Appointed Member (Nolle). The election referred to was ruled out. It was absolutely and unquestionably ruled out. To my mind the election was valid. But that was not the question. You may say the ruling made a valid act invalid. But there is nothing to do now but vote again.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). If a thing is right no chairman can make it wrong. The fact is that the election that day was valid, as the subsequent interpretation of Section 19 has borne out.

A discussion ensued in which members Boschulte, Thiele, Corneiro and Nolte took part; then followed:-

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) Please enter in the minutes my strong objection that another election should take place. I consider it unfair to the member legally elected at the meeting of the 6th December.

The 3rd Appointed Member (Nolte). I do not see that any unfairness has been committed. The acting Chairman ruled that the election was not valid, and if anybody is in fault it is the acting chairman.

The vote was taken. Member Stakemann received six (6) votes, member Smith four (4).

The Chairman announced that member Stakemann had been elected.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) thanked the members for the confidence shown in the re-election.

Item 2 Introduction of Executive

Orders Nos 17 - 1920 and No. 22 - 1921, for final ratification and amendment in conformity with Section 28, Chapter 1, Title 1, of the Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

The Government Secretary (Jane) introduced the subject, explaining that these charges should have been ratified or changed prior to July 1923. Continuing, he said that perhaps it might be better when dealing

with these charges now, no time limit be placed, the Colonial Council having the right to make changes whenever they deem it necessary. There are a few changes to be made which he said Judge Jensen would now explain.

Judge Jensen gave the necessary explanations, and suggested the changes that ought to be made.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I propose that these Executive Orders go to a committee of three (3).
The member for the Country District (Boschulte) seconded and the Council approved.

The vote was taken. Member Corneiro received 9 votes, Member Sluntz 5, and Members Stakemann and Thiele 4 each. Only two members having been elected, the Council voted again. Member Thiele received 9 and Stakemann 1 vote.

The Chairman declared Members Corneiro, Sluntz and Thiele elected and requested the 6th elected member (Corneiro) to call a meeting to attend to these Executive Orders, and report.

Item III The Letter from His Excellency the Governor withdrawing the Draft of an Insanity Law from further consideration, was read.

Item IIII First Discussion on Draft of an Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924 for the purpose of purchasing 700 copies of Knox History of the Danish West Indies to be sent to Senators, Congressmen, Members of the Cabinet and other interested parties, as a means of advertising the Virgin Islands of the United States, and for payment of postage charges on same Fcs 5.500.00

Proposed by L. C. Stakemann

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) introduced this Additional Money Bill and spoke of the desirability of advertising these islands as much as possible, especially at present. He said that it would appear from information now and then received that to

the people on the Mainland these islands are practically unknown. He thought that the History by Knox would convey valuable information and recommended the Money Bill to the Council for favorable action.

The Government Secretary (Jane). This is my first experience of a Money Bill coming from the floor, and not from the Government. Should it not be reported on by the Municipal Committee.

The Chairman (Thiele). There is no precedent to go by.

The Government Secretary (Jane). May I suggest the advisability of the Municipal Committee reporting on this Money Bill?

The chairman took a vote and this Additional Money Bill was referred to the Municipal Committee.

Item V. Resolution that the Government be empowered to sell to the highest bidder for cash, Property No. 7 a Lemonstrade, Queen's Quarter, St Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Proposed by Government.

The Government Secretary (Jane). The Government has received two offers for this property.

The 6th elected member (Correiro) The Municipal Committee recommends this Resolution to the Colonial Council.

The Chairman then put the Resolution to the vote and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting was then closed, there being no further business.

St Thomas, V.I. U.S.A. 14 February 1924

Chairman

Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, the fourth in the Session 1923/1924, was held Thursday, the 3rd April 1924 at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present :- C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Kuntz, Vice Chairman; Herbert E. Lockhart, C. A. Candrize, Philip Gomez, G. A. Moorehead,

Axel Holst, L. E. Stakemann, C. Corneiro, Knud Knud-Hansen, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte and Leroy Nolte, Secretary.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary (Commander Jane).

The Chairman (Thiele) The Minutes of the last meeting held the 14th February 1924 have been in possession of the members for some time now. Are there any remarks or corrections to be made ? The Chairman declared the Minutes adopted as there were no remarks made.

Item I Examination of Executive Orders

No 17 – 1920 and No 22 – 1921 for final ratification or amendment in conformity with Section 28 of the Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John; with the Committee's Report. Chapter 1, Title 1.

The Chairman (Thiele). The 6th elected member (Corneiro) who is chairman of the Committee has promised to introduce the Report.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). The Committee appointed to study the Executive Orders here referred to, met at a very late date, one of the members being absent through illness. We consulted Judge Jensen, and with his assistance examined the list carefully. As you will notice, the fees on criminal procedure has been eliminated by recommendation of the Court. Another important item is that connected with witnesses. Heretofore no provisions had been made for the expenses of, for instance, residents in St John required for witnesses. This has now been attended to not only for St John but for the Country Districts here also. We hope that the amount entered, say Fcs 20, will be sufficient. It has also been thought necessary to increase the allowance for jurors' meals to Fcs 10.–, as we considered Fcs 5. insufficient.

The Chairman (Thiele). We may add that under the heading Probate we have added Assigned Estates, the fees being the same as in Probate matters.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he noticed a fee of Fcs. 5.–, placed against Serving warrants to abate nuisance; he considered this high. I notice that for filing complaints up to Fcs 50.–, the charge is nil. If anything is charged for serving warrant to abate nuisance it should be the lowest, perhaps not at all.

The Government Secretary (Jane) said that at the last meeting of the St Croix Council the matter of the fees came up and the advisability was suggested of both municipalities taking up this matter of the fees with the view of arriving at similar rates for both. Perhaps the matter might go over to the next meeting.
The 6th elected member (Corneiro). I think we ought to consider the remarks of the 2nd elected member. I am willing to reduce the fee for serving warrant to abate nuisance to the same amount for serving garnishee summons.

The Chairman (Thiele). With the consent of the Government and the Council the matter will be kept open.

Item II First Discussion on Draft of

Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924. The Police and Prison Department. The sum of Fcs.1.000.00 for the purpose of defraying one-half the cost of maintenance of St Thomas prisoners sent to and maintained in Richmond Prison, St Croix, V.I. U.S. Proposed by Government.

The Chairman (Thiele) read the letter from the Municipal Committee recommending the adoption of this Money Bill.
The Government Secretary (Jane) spoke on the matter and showed how logical a necessity it was.
The 6th elected member (Corneiro). As I was not present at the meeting of the Municipal Committee, I would ask ~~that~~ the 1st elected member (Moorehead) who presided at the meeting in which this Money Bill was discussed, to speak on it.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) The Municipal Committee met Tuesday evening and discussed the Money Bill now before us; it was thought fair that this amount should be allowed and the Committee decided to recommend it unanimously.
The Chairman (Thiele) All who are in favor that this Additional Money Bill should go to the second discussion will please say so. All were in favor. The Government Secretary consented.
The Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open.
The 6th elected member (Corneiro). I propose that the Money/

Bill be passed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I beg to second that motion. The Chairman then put the Money Bill to the House and it was unanimously passed.

Item III Second Discussion on Draft of

Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924. The sum of Frs 5.000.- for the purpose of purchasing 700 Copies of Knox History of the Danish West Indies to be sent to Senators, Congressmen, Members of the Cabinet and other interested persons as a means of advertising the Virgin Islands of the United States and for postage charges on same.

The Chairman (Thiele) read the letter from the Municipal Committee in which it was stated that two (2) members were in favor and two (2) not.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) spoke of the desirability of advertising the islands, and said he thought the 700 copies of Knox History would do this well.

The Government Secretary (Jane) remarked that Knox History was up to the year 1848, for advertising purpose he thought a history up to the present years would be more to the point.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) pointed out that at the Municipal Committee meeting he was a supporter, but by no means a strong one, of the Money Bill now being discussed.

The matter was now lengthily discussed by the 1st appointed member (Lockhart), the 1st elected member (Moorehead), the 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) who were not in favor of the Money Bill; and by the 2nd elected member (Holst) and the 3rd elected member (Stakemann) who were in favor.

After the matter had been properly ventilated, the Chairman (Thiele) asked if there were any further remarks.

The Additional Money Bill was then put to the vote, and lost. There were two (Holst and Stakemann) in favor and seven (7) against. The Chairman did not vote.

The Meeting was then closed.

Thiele St Thomas, V.I. U.S.A. 3rd April 1924

Chairman

Jane Burnett
Secretary

Proceedings
of the Joint Session of the Colonial Councils for St Croix, St Thomas and St John.

At 2 o'clock p.m. Friday, April 4th, 1924, the Colonial Councils of St Thomas and St John and St Croix met in joint extraordinary session in the Council Hall in Christiansted. Convened by request of the Governor.

Present were: For St Thomas and St John: C. G. Thiele (Chairman), J. E. Hunty (Vice Chairman), Leroy Nolte (Secretary), Carl A. Andinze, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Carl E. Francis, Knud Hansen, Rothschild Francis, Herbert E. Lockhart, J. H. Boschulte, C. Corneiro and Luther Stakemann.

Absent: Axel Holst and Abram E. Smith.

For St Croix: Robt. L. Merwin (Chairman), Robt W. Skeoch (Vice chairman), D.S. Armstrong (Secretary), D.C. Canegata, M. M. Skeoch, F. Andersen, W. A. Fleming, H. Berg, F. Coulter, D. Hamilton Jackson, D. Noll, W.S. Abramson, Thos Ramsay, Jos. Alexander, Holger Jessen and A.J. Blackwood.

Member A.R. McIntosh absent from illness.

Government Secretary (Jane) and Despatching Secretary (Barrett) were present at the meeting.

The following prayers were offered by the Chaplain, Revd Father Francis W. Clair.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We adore Thee O Lord God and earnestly pray for Thy Blessing on this earth and all Thy creatures who dwell upon it. Bless in particular all those who believe in Thee, hope in Thee and love Thee. Protect us from danger and let no harm come to us from foreign foes nor from enemies dwelling in our own homes. Guide with Thy grace our Governor and all who share with him the burden of establishing and preserving our temporal peace and happiness.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Thus duly passed at a joint session of the Colonial Councils of St Thomas and St John, and St Croix by 27 ayes, 2 nays, 1 not voting. 2 members St Thomas Council not present; 1 member St Croix Council not present.

St Croix, 4 April 1924

(Signed) Leroy Nolle (Signed) Robt L. Merwin

Secretary Chairman

The above Resolution is hereby sanctioned and approved in whole.

Witness my Hand and the Seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, at St Thomas, this fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty four.

(Signed) Philip Williams

An ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, the fifth in the session 1923/24 was held Thursday, June 12, 1924 at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present: C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Hunte, Vice Chairman; C. A. Andure, Philip Gomez, G. A. Moorehead, L. E. Statemann, C. Corneiro, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary (Commander Zane).

The Chairman called the meeting to order and said he had received excuses from Members Holst, who was sick, and Herbert E. Lockhart.

The Chairman (Thiele). The Minutes of the last meeting held the 3rd April 1924 have been distributed to the members some time now; are there any remarks or corrections to be made?

No one demanding the word, the Chairman declared the Minutes adopted.

Item I Introduction of and First Discussion on an Ordinance to amend Title II, Chapters 29 and 31 of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Providing a Compiled Code of General and Special

Laws for the Virgin Islands" passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John on the 10th March 1921, and approved the 17th March 1921. Proposed by Government

The Chairman called on the Secretary/ ~~Govdrye~~ (Anduze) to read the letters from the Government dealing with this matter.

During the reading of these documents, the 8th elected member (R. Francis) entered.

The Government Secretary (Jane) introduced the Ordinance, giving the reasons which made the changes necessary; and said he would answer any questions should further information be necessary.

The Chairman (Thiele) Are there any remarks?

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) Is it possible to pass this Ordinance today?

The Chairman (Thiele) It is not exactly in accordance with the Rules of Business, but if the Government and the Council are agreeable it is all right.

The Government Secretary (Jane). There is no objection.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) I move that the 1st discussion be closed, and that the 2nd discussion take place today.

The 3rd elected member (Stakeman) seconded; and it was passed unanimously.

The Chairman (Thiele) The 2nd discussion is now open. Is there any amendment?

There was no amendment proposed, and it was voted unanimously to send it to the 3rd discussion.

The Chairman (Thiele) The 3rd Discussion is now open.

The 4th elected member (Huntz) I propose that the 3rd Discussion be closed; and the Ordinance be adopted.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) seconded; and on the Chairman putting the Ordinance to the house, it was passed by a unanimous vote.

Item 2. Election of two men to assist the Government in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Silver Wedding Legacy.

On a scrutiny of votes it was seen that members Huntz received 9 votes; Correiro 7, Smith 2, R. Francis 1, and Gomez 1.

The chairman declared members Kuntz and Corneiro elected.

Item 3 Election of a Jury Commissioner for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for a period of one year from 1st July 1924, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 Chapter 12, Title V, of the Code of Laws.

Members Corneiro received 7 votes; Stakemann 2, and 1 was not valid.

The chairman declared member Corneiro elected.

Item 4. Election of a member for the Library Commission.

Member Nolle received 1 vote; and Orville S Kean 9 votes The Chairman declared Orville S. Kean elected.

There being nothing further on the Order of the Day, the chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas 12th June 1924

C. Thiele
Chairman

Leroy Nolle
Secretary

An extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, convened by order of the Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the Colonial Law, was held Thursday, June 26, 1924, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Kuntz, Vice-chairman; H. E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Luther E. Stakemann, C. Corneiro, Dr. Knud Knud-Hansen Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith, Carl E. Francis and Leroy Nolle, Secretary.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary (Commander Zane).

The Chairman called the meeting to order at

2 o'clock and made an excuse for the absence of member Holst.

The chairman drew the attention of the members to the omission of Item 2 on the Order of the Day; it had been withdrawn for the time being by request of the Governor and the consent of the proposer, the 1st elected member (Moorehead).

The Council then gave its attention to the 1st Item on the Order of the Day, viz:-

Introduction and First Discussion of Budget Estimates for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925.

The Government Secretary (Zane) introduced the Budget Estimates and spoke at length on the different items.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). From the Statement given us by the Government Secretary, I feel that the Council can do no better than go ahead with the estimates. Both the Government and the Council will surely have one aim in view — to do what is right. All differences will be amicably arranged. Rumor has predicted a stormy meeting, but I feel sure there will be a disappointment.

The Chairman (Thiele). I suppose the Chairman of the Municipal Committee has something to say about the budget estimates, and I call upon him now to speak about the matter.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) spoke at length on the Budget Estimates; pleaded that the teaching of the Spanish language be continued; that the necessary books for the ~~proper~~ functioning of the Courts be purchased; and said that it would have been a great pleasure to see advanced the salary of the Clerk of the District Court.

The Chairman (Thiele). I notice that according to the last speaker the District Chief of Police has been eliminated, but the position still appears on the Budget Estimates.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) This was specifically done so as to assist in solving the difficulty.

The Government Secretary (Zane.) I may explain:

The Municipal Committee did recommend the elimination of the District Chief of Police. The Government considers it advisable to keep the position in effect, but to appoint no one unless, as the year progresses circumstances warrant it. ——

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) I would propose that the Budget be laid now before the House, each Department by itself. ——

The Chairman (Thiele) That would be against the Rules of Business. That is for the 2nd. Discussion.

The 4th elected member (Kuntz) I regret very much the Municipal Committee did not take into consideration the amount budgetted for the Poor. Instead of the Fcs. 24.000.00 usually budgetted, Fcs 2.400.00 have been deducted; and Fcs 100.00 from the Saturday Poor Fund. Very difficult will it be to deduct 10% from small pensions of say Fcs 10.00 and Fcs 7.50. These amounts are already small and in a good many cases are set aside by the recipients for house rent or bread; and the curtailment would be keenly felt by the Poor people.

I would ask also that from the amount saved by the non appointment of a District Chief of Police, this difference be made up, and also that a Spanish Teacher be provided for. ——

I would make a strong appeal on behalf of the Poor and for the teaching of Spanish; and I hope that the Government will favorably consider it. ——

The 1st Member for St John (Carl E. Francis) I was sorry when I saw that the amount budgetted for the Poor in St John was $40.— less than formerly budgetted: Think of it: $3.33 less per month, to be taken away from very poor people, among them orphans. Let the same amount be budgetted for the Poor as formerly, and take these $40.— from the amount posted for roads.

A discussion then took place about the fees charged for medical attendance by the Doctor in St John, in which Members Carl E. Francis and Thiele and the Government Secretary Jane took part.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith). I also noticed the cut in the amount budgetted for the Poor, and with much regret. How can pensions of Fcs 7.50 which can hardly pay a rent be further reduced? I would therefore ask that the same amount be

posted as in the present fiscal year.

The 4th elected member (Huntz) If you wish it can be so arranged that all pensions becoming vacant by death could be discontinued and not given to new pensioners.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) The appeal for the Poor is all right and in order. A number of poor persons are always waiting for pensions. Let us always hope the way will be made clear, but do not advance or make suggestions about discontinuing of pensions.

The 4th elected member (Huntz) I am only showing a willingness to cooperate.

The Government Secretary (Jane) May I state on behalf of the Government that it will afford all the help possible. To get on however, may I suggest that details be kept for the 2nd Discussion. I hope as we go through to come to some understanding.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) Such being the case I propose that the 1st Discussion be closed.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). Personally I am glad to hear these remarks. Stormy or not, we have a right to criticize and ask explanations.

The Chairman (Thiele) Are there any further remarks?

A discussion then took place about aid for the Poor; the teaching of Spanish and or Music; the reparation of the roads; the Manual Training School; the fees for medical attendance in St John; pupil nurses in St Thomas; and about the covering of the deficit, in which Members R. Francis, Stakemann, Lockhart, Nolle, Boschulte, Huntz, Andrize, C. E. Francis, and the Government Secretary (Jane) took part.

The Chairman (Thiele). I will close the 1st Discussion and as the Budget has been proposed by Government it goes to 3rd discussion as a matter of course. As a general rule I am not in favor of having the discussion on important matters conducted during the same day, which is also against the principles of the Rules of Business. Unless requested by members, I will not take the 2nd Discussion today.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) I concur with you Mr. Chairman; the people have a right to know what is being discussed to-day. The Government will lose

nothing by postponing it. As the Chairman of the Municipal Committee has said, we face a crisis. I am against the 2nd Discussion taking place today.
The Chairman (Thiele) I will ask the Government what day will be convenient.
The Government Secretary (Jane). It is very unfortunate that we are so late. In view of that I would suggest the sooner it is carried the better. Tomorrow, Friday, we could undertake it.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) We agree to all that has been said, but one day is too short. What about the Rules of Business?
The Chairman (Thiele) On Monday the Government will be occupied with the Budget in St Croix. I think we could get on with the Budget tomorrow.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis). The minority should always be considered. Why not Saturday, the Government has nothing to fear.
The 3rd Appointed Member (Nolle). It seems to me the Council should go into a committee of the whole and have it done ~~today~~ tomorrow. Time is important.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I would like to suggest that we be prepared to pass the Budget tomorrow. We should therefore invite the Heads of the different departments to obtain the information we may require.
The Chairman (Thiele) Will it be necessary to inconvenience them?
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) I will be inconvenienced; why not they also?
The Government Secretary (Jane) I am uncertain what is to be gained by having the Heads of the Departments here.
The 6th elected member (Corneiro). I am not in favor of coming back here to-night. What I would like is to has it suspended if anything is to be gained. I would prefer Friday.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis). The matter lies in this. I suppose we will convene here to-day. The question of the deficit is the most important. Time is required to speak to your constituents. Saturday would be ample time. I cannot attend tonight. It is necessary to let the people know what we are doing. In this hurry what chance have we to let them know?
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I move that the

2nd Discussion be held tomorrow.

The Chairman (Thiele) If three-fourths of the members are in favour it can be done.

The Government Secretary (Jane) May I be permitted to state that the Estimates were submitted the 4th May— there was so much work they were not returned until the 18th or thereabout. The Budget must be passed before the 1st July 1924; failure to do so would mean chaos. The 8th elected member (R. Francis), why should we come here tomorrow and not Saturday?

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) While I am not in favor of railroading the Budget, the letter kills, the spirit maketh to live. I presume if we get here tomorrow we might have a recess until Saturday.

The Chairman (Thiele) put the motion made by the 3rd elected member to the house — I voted in favor; and it was lost — 11 votes being necessary.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) I think we should meet Saturday.

The 4th Appointed Member (Gomez) Can not the 2nd Discussion take place to-day?

A recess was declared.

After the lapse of 15 minutes the recess was declared over. Members Knud Knudsen Hansen and Abram Smith retired.

The Chairman (Thiele) There is a motion before the House that the 2nd Discussion take place today. I will now take the vote.

As there were twelve (12) present and voted in favor the motion was carried.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) I voted against the 2nd discussion taking place today; and I ask that it be so recorded.

The Chairman (Thiele) declared the 2nd Discussion open, and the House began the discussion of the Budget Estimates, item by item.

Revenues.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) thought the amount posted under Direct Taxes 1, Real Property Tax Fcs 190.000.00 high. The same item was posted in the Budget for the present year with Fcs 130.000.00

The Government Secretary (Jane) This amount is based on the amount raised during 1923-1924.

Item I — Revenues — Direct Taxes was accepted.
Item II — Revenues — Indirect Taxes was accepted.
Item III — Sundry Revenues was accepted.
The estimated amount of Revenues Fcs 623,300.00 was then carried.

Expenditure.

Colonial Council Items 1 and 2 Fcs 14.985.00 carried
The Judiciary Department Items 3 and 4 Fcs 48.700.00

The 6th elected member (Correiro) Can the Government Secretary inform us if there is any probability of having an amount entered for the Law Library, so that it may be kept up to date.

The Government Secretary (Zane) All that can be said is that unless you take money away from some other Department, no addition can be made now. As the new financial year advances, and money is available, Additional Money Bills may be brought forward.

The Judiciary Department Items 3 and 4 Fcs 48.700.00 carried.

The Police and Prison Department Items 5 and 6 Fcs 106.740.00

The 4th elected member (Huntz) proposed that the amount posted for a District Chief of Police Fcs 9.000.—, be deducted and applied as already proposed in aid of the Poor and for the Department of Education for procuring a Spanish Teacher.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) Can such a position be eliminated without changing the law which enacts that there shall be a District Chief of Police?

The 6th elected member (Correiro) The Ordinance may remain the same. The District Chief of Police is useful, but not absolutely necessary.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) Would not the omission of the District Chief of Police be an infringement of the law?

The Government Secretary (Zane). The Municipal Committee recommended that this item be omitted from the Budget Estimates, but the Government proposed that it remain with the understanding that the position would not be filled unless more money became available.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) The question is

whether the Executive has a right to do away with a position when a law calls for such an official? ——
The 6th elected member (Correiro) If not necessary, as now, the Government will not appoint any one. ——
The 4th appointed member (Nolte) Government has a right to suspend or abolish. ——
The 6th elected member (Correiro) There is no abolishing. Where is the District Chief of Police? It is a suspension of itself. The law still remains in force. ——
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) If we ask why we have not a District Chief of Police it will bring a big question. ——
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) There is one danger which I think could arise. The present governor is willing to superintend; but the Law is there. If a new governor is appointed and he thinks differently, how then? Must we find the money? ——
The Government Secretary (Jane) May I point out to you that in this connection there is nothing concrete, only estimates. We may have to abolish other offices.

The Police and Prison Department, Items 5 and 6
$ 106.740.00 was carried. ——

The Fire Department, Items 7, 8 and 9
$ 11.480.00 carried. ——

Department of Health, Items 10 to 17
$ 353.128.00

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) I refer to Item 10 Chief Clerk's Salary. All over you see chief clerks well paid, but not in this case. ——
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) The chief clerk here in this department is a very efficient worker. There are other clerks who rank in position similar to him and are better paid. I would propose that that clerk's salary be put at $90.- per month. ——
The Government Secretary (Jane) I note Mr. Chairman that the highest paid clerk under the Medical Service is paid $ 3.900.00 ——
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) What I base my recommendation on is that since a clerk was discharged, more work develops on the clerk in question.

About increases in salary, that is all right, but we must admit that there have been small increases, for instance the Apt Brandmajor and the Apsistant. I hope the Government will see its way clear to grant this amount.
The Government Secretary (Zane) The way we are proceeding will involve us in difficulties. As has been pointed out, there is a lack of money in sight. Where are we then going to find money for increases? I suggest that we make a note of every individual amendment as we go along, and after going through the whole budget, return to it.

Department of Health Nos 10 and 11 were left in abeyance.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) I refer to Medical Service No. 12 Salaries. The Municipal Physician St John is posted with Fcs 9.000.00; I propose that this amount be reduced and entered with Fcs 6.000.00.
The 1st appointed member (Lockhart). It is not so much the salary as much as the fees charged. And if it was necessary to guide about fees charged, I could say something. I advise that this matter be left to the Municipal Committee, who will take the matter up.

The 2nd appointed member (Anduze) I refer to the item Laboratory Technician entered with Fcs 3.900.00. The young man is a very efficient worker and deserves a higher pay by all means. I propose that this amount be entered with Fcs 4.700.00.

No 13 Equipment; was carried with Fcs 3.500.00
No 14 Maintenance; was carried with Fcs 151.670.00
No 15 Sanitation Service: was carried with Fcs 41.080.00
No. 16 Equipment: was carried with Fcs 10.466.90
No. 17 Maintenance: was carried with Fcs 24.521.10
Electoral Board No 18
Maintenance: was carried with Fcs 800.00

Department of Public Welfare 20 Maintenance:
The 4th elected member (Kuntz) proposed that (b) In aid of the Poor, St Thomas be raised from Fcs 21.600. to Fcs 24.000. as formerly. (c) For Local Saturday Poor Fund, St Thomas be raised from Fcs 900.- to Fcs 1.000.- as formerly.
The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) proposed that (d) In aid of the Poor, St John be raised

from £ol.800.- to £s 2.000.- as formerly.

Department of Education. No. 21.

The 4th elected member (Luntz) proposed that a Spanish Teacher be added with a Salary of £s 3.600.-

Public Works Department. Items 24, 25 and 26.

£s 3.600.-

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) As regards Nos 26 (i) Road Repairs, St John I propose that the amount be reduced by £s 200.-, and placed at £s 3.800.-

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) What is the amount spent this year for Road Repairs in St John? Formerly $400 were spent for repairs and the work was better done than $800. expended now.

The Government Secretary (Jane). It is now 6.20 p.m. and that information is only available in the Office of the Public Works Department and that is now closed.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis): Speaking about roads, I know why I would like $40. taken away. I would like to see the money better spent. Somebody should supervise the repairs.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). Instead of reducing the amount let it remain as it is but see that better work is done for it.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) Whether you leave or take it off does not matter. I ask that a note be taken of this.

The St Thomas Municipal Telephone Service

Nos 27, 28 and 29 £s 46.530.00

The Government Secretary (Jane) Government would like to have the first line changed from 1 Manager to 1 Engineer. Carried.

Subsidy.

No 30 W.I. and P. Telegraph Co. Ltd £s 11.250.00

The 8th elected member (R. E. Francis) What about the contract?

The Government Secretary (Jane). The concession expires the 1st April 1925, so only 10 months have been entered. Carried.

Miscellaneous.

No 31 £ 4.500.00 Carried.

Pensions and Allowances.

Nos 32 to 42 £s 8.190.00 Carried.

The Government Secretary (Jane). Am I to under

stand that these are all the amendments?

The Chairman (Thiele) I suppose so.

The Government Secretary (Zane). That being the case, I think the Government can agree with the Colonial Council in passing a budget slightly in excess of the amount now in sight to finance it, as the actual revenue is an uncertain quantity. I would like however to offer some sub-amendments. Page 3 No. 10 the chief clerk is entered with Fcs 4.200.- and the 3rd elected member proposed an amendment ~~of~~ to increase it to Fcs 5.400.-. This would represent approximately a 30% raise, which is extremely large. Government proposes an increase of Fc 600.- which would make the salary then Fcs 4.800.-

This was agreed to and carried.

The amendment re Department of Health No. 12 1 Municipal Physician, St John was withdrawn.

The Government Secretary (Zane). I think the proposed amendment under No. 12, 1 Laboratory Technician, is open to the same objection as the chief clerk under No. 10, and Government proposes that instead of increasing the salary from ~~Fcs~~ 3.900.- to ~~Fcs~~ 4.800.-, it be placed at ~~Fcs~~ 4.500.- Carried.

The Government Secretary (Zane) Government has an amendment to propose under Department of Public Welfare. Through inadvertence presumably, the salary of the clerk who is now employed in that Department was omitted from the Budget Estimates. The clerk is receiving a salary of Fcs 3.600.- per annum and I propose that this amount be budgetted under Department of Public Welfare. The amendment was put to the vole and carried.

The amendments under Department of Public Welfare, No 20 (19) Maintenance (b) In aid of Poor, St Thomas, ~~Fcs~~ 21.600. ~~to Fcs~~ 24.000. Carried. (c) For Local Saturday Poor Fund, St Thomas ~~Fcs~~ 900 to ~~Fcs~~ 1.000.- Carried. (d) In aid of Poor, St John. ~~Fcs~~ 1.800.- to Fc 2.000.- Carried.

The Department of Education was then taken up.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) About the appointment of a Spanish Teacher, is such a salary not regulated by law?

The 6th elected member (Correiro). The Code lays down certain particulars. We are not interfering with it. He is only going to teach and give lessons part of the day.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead). The heads of Department have too free a hand. I would like to know for instance what about the teacher of agricaulture?
The Government Secretary (Jane). If the concensus of opinion is that Spanish should be taught I would propose that we do the thing the correct way and have the amount entered for a Spanish Teacher as formerly.
The amount of Fcs 8.000.— for a Spanish Teacher was then added to the Estimates and carried. The amount as amended was added and the Department of Education as its entirety carried.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). I would like to have it noted in the Proceedings that in the retaining of the Spanish teacher much credit must be given to the 2nd appointed member and the 1st elected member.
The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). I wish to say that members should all feel gratified at the passing of the Estimates. For over five hours we have been considering it, every member having had his say in arriving at the satisfactory result, and towards which the honorable Government Secretary showed willing cooperation. That other suggestions were not accepted was due solely to lack of funds, and I hope there will be no misrepresentation.

The Expenditure was then put to the House and carried.

The Budget as a whole was then put to the House and carried.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) I would beg to say that the different sources whence the deficit is to be covered be entered in the Budget.
The Chairman (Thiele) All that is before us is a total deficit, I do not quite understand the specification required.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) How is the deficit to be made up?
The Government Secretary (Jane) Mr. Chairman: Let me state what I see the situation to be at the present moment with respect to the budget. The revenues have been estimated for the coming fiscal year at Fcs 623.300.—. The total expenditures were estimated at Fcs 1.246.758.—, and this amount has now been increased by all the amendments which have been offered, so that it now equals so much.

Correspondingly, the total deficit has been increased by the amount of the increase which the amendments have caused. In presenting this Budget to the Municipal Committee it was pointed out that a certain figure might be considered available from the Federal appropriation towards meeting the deficit. It was also pointed out that an estimated amount of $22.500.— would be transferred from the Harbor Board Treasury.

Therefore, the situation was that, as presented to the Municipal Committee, the budget could, in so far as the Government could determine, be financed. I stated, when the matter of amending the budget to cause an increase in expenditures was under discussion that, in view of the fact that the revenue was an uncertain factor anyway, and therefore it might possibly develop that we could get more revenue than we now anticipated, and because the proposed increase at that time was relatively small, we might permit that small increase in the hope that the revenue would prove enough to cover it. I also stated that the revenue might be less than estimated, in which case it would, of course, make necessary a consideration of a reduction in expenditures. So both the Government and I understood the members of the Council, approached the matter of amending the budget so as to increase it, on the understanding that such increases might eventually be expected to be financed through an increase in revenue.

I must say, for the information of the gentlemen of the Colonial Council, that it is my understanding that the Government and the Colonial Council went into this whole matter of increasing the deficit with the understanding that although we have specified that the expenditures shall equal a given amount, we have no assurance whatever we will go through the fiscal year without having to change that amount. We may change it in two ways either by reducing it because we cannot find the money to finance it or we may increase it by special money bills if we find more money available.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead). There is one thing I want to say clearly if the money runs short

do not by any means think for one moment of further taxation. To raise more money by taxation is impossible. We cannot stand more taxation.——
The 3rd elected member (Brakemann). The remarks made by the Government Secretary lead me to understand that these increases are for our account and risk. That is if the revenue can meet them all right, and if they cannot we will be forced to reduce.——
The Government Secretary (Zane). Correct.

The Meeting was then closed at 7.30 P.M.

St Thomas 26 June 1924

Chairman

Secretary

An Ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 7th August 1924 at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present: C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. R. Huntz, Vice-chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, C. Corneiro, Rothschild Francis and J. H. Boschulte

The Government was represented by the Honorable, the Government Secretary, Commander Zane.
The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.
The Chairman (Thiele) said that the minutes of the two last meetings, the ordinary of the 12th June 1924 and the extraordinary of the 26th June 1924 were open for confirmation. Copies had been furnished the members, and if there were any rectifications to be made, please state them. He called the attention of the members to a misprint on page 20, minutes of the 12th June 1924, 8th paragraph, "the elected member" should read the "8th elected member".
On page 24, minutes of the 26th June 1924, 3rd paragraph from bottom, "Then the 8th elected member,

etc" should read "Then the 1st elected member, etc".
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that he noticed in the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held the 26th June 1924, the speeches of the Government Secretary and the Chairman of the Municipal Committee were given in extenso; but many things he said had been left out.

The Chairman (Thiele) replied that the speeches referred to had not been taken down stenographically, they had been handed in; and any member was at liberty to hand in a report of what he had said.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that while he could naturally have no objection to listen to speeches, he might have, to see them in print, and as it was contrary to the Rules of Business to have the speeches entered in the Protocol he would suggest that they be left out in the future.

The Chairman (Thiele) said that he had ruled about 2 years ago that speeches could be inserted.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) found this against the Rules of Business and requested to have his protest recorded against speeches appearing in the protocol and in the minutes.

The Chairman (Thiele) refused to receive the protest.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) repeated his request.

The Chairman (Thiele) said that any member could, of course, file a protest, but it must be in the ordinary way; the protest of the 2nd elected member could not be discussed today because it was not on the Order of the Day.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he did not intend a discussion, he simply raised a point of order.

The Chairman (Thiele) The ruling was made about 2 years ago.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that in his opinion the Rules of Business should be followed. The Rules of Business are above the chair. Under the circumstances he would ask to be excused, whereupon he left the meeting.
The Chairman (Thiele) As there is no quorum now, the meeting is adjourned.

St Thomas, 7th August 1924

Thiele
Chairman

Secretary

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, convened by Order of the Governor in accordance with the provisions of Section 36 of the Colonial Law, ~~and~~ was held

Thursday, the 11th September 1924, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:— C. G. Thiele, Chairman; J. E. Kuntz, Vice-Chairman; Herbert E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Luther E. Stakemann, Dr Knud Knud-Hansen, Rothschild Francis, J.H. Boschulte and Leroy Nolle, Secretary. ———

The Government was represented by the Honourable, the Government Secretary, Commander Zane. ———

The Chairman (Thiele) called the meeting to order, and remarked that the Minutes of the meetings of the 12th June, 26th June, and 7th August 1924, copies of which had been furnished the members, were now open for confirmation. ———

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that the Rules of Business state that no speeches are to be entered in the Protocol. No speeches should have been entered at length. ———

The Chairman (Thiele) Are there any other objections?

No other objection being raised, the Chairman declared the three minutes mentioned above confirmed. ———

Item I Introduction of, and first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend the Colonial Law as regards the qualifications required for voting. (Introduced by the 1st elected member G. A. Moorehead). ———

The 1st elected member (G. A. Moorehead) introduced the Draft of Ordinance. ———

The Chairman (Thiele). Will there be any remarks? I may call attention to the fact that to-day is probably the last meeting of this Council and it may be a waste of work to discuss a Bill today as it is not likely that we shall be able to pass a bill of such importance before the present Council or at least a majority of it goes out. ———

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said that the

Bill had been pending for some time, but he realized that in view of the change that would be brought about by the going out of the 8 members and the election of new members, the Bill could not be passed by this Council, and he expressed himself willing to withdraw it at present.

The Draft of Ordinance was withdrawn by the introducer, the 1st elected member G. A. Moorehead.

Item 2 Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the first half year 1923, with the Committee's Report.

The Secretary (Nolle) read the Report.

The Chairman (Thiele). Are there any remarks?

There were none, and on the Chairman putting the Draft of Assessment to the vote it was passed unanimously.

Item 3. Draft of a Resolution to permit the payment of a salary to one ward-maid in the Municipal Hospital. (Proposed by Government).

The Government Secretary (Zane) introduced the Draft of Resolution and explained that it was to correct an error that had occurred in the previous fiscal year and again in the present budget.

The Chairman (Thiele) Are there any remarks?

The Chairman (Thiele). If there are no remarks and the Council is willing, the Draft will go to the 2nd Discussion. The 2nd Discussion was declared open, and no one demanding the word, the Chairman put the Draft of a Resolution to the vote and it was passed unanimously.

Item 4 To decide by drawing of lots which members are to retire in accordance with Section 17 of the Colonial Law.

The Chairman (Thiele). There are three (3) groups — 2 of the Appointed Members are to retire; 4 of the Elected; and 2 of the members for St John and the

County Member for St Thomas. ___

The 6th elected member (Correiro). Allow me to take exception. According to Section 17 of the Colonial Law, the members are elected for a term of 4 years, half to retire every 2 years. In the first place I consider it is entirely incorrect as the elections took place the 25th – 26th September 1922. On the 11th September — today — the members have not served two years. Besides, by this procedure, if 8 withdraw, you will have no Colonial Council at all. I hold that the makers of the law never contemplated anything of the sort. ___

The Chairman (Thiele). The withdrawal of the eight members could not very well be decided later. I see it stated nowhere that the members shall withdraw today.

The 6th elected member (Correiro) Half of the members withdraw every two years, but the two years are not yet up.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). Are we going to debate this matter the whole afternoon? I concur with your reading Mr Chairman. ___

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I may say that I agree with the Chairman. ___

The 6th elected member (Correiro). I hold that a member who withdraws is not a member. What is the meaning of the word "withdrawal"? I desire to have my protest noted that I am against the drawing of lots today to decide who and who withdraws from the Council, for the two year period is not yet up.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann). Mr Chairman, from what I understand I see no reason why we should not decide today the retirement or withdrawal of the 8 members. If they will not have to vacate their seats until their successors are appointed or elected, the people will still have the Council intact. Of the withdrawal now would so to say cause the dissolution of the Council it would be another matter. But I understand they will remain and serve the term until the new members are elected and take their seats. With that understanding I think we can proceed with the drawing of lots. ___

The Chairman (Thiele) Any further remarks?

The 1st elected member (Moorhead). In my way of thinking the members serve until the expiration of the term for which they were elected. ___

The drawing of lots then took place, with the following results:

Of the Appointed Members —
Members Carl A Anduze and Leroy Nolte withdrew.

Of the Elected Members —
Members Moorehead, Thiele, Corneiro and Dr Knud Hansen

Of the Members for St John and the Country Members for St Thomas —
Members Abram E. Smith and J. H. Boschulte.

Nothing further offering the meeting was closed

St Thomas 11 September 1924

E Kuntz
Chairman

Leroy Nolte
Secretary

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Monday, the 15th September 1924 at 2.00 p.m. for the purpose of

1) Obtaining from the Government all information available regarding the extent of the damage caused to property in St Thomas and St John by the recent hurricane. —

2) To ascertain whether or not the damage caused can be relieved in full or in part by local funds, and if such funds are not available to decide what course should be followed in order to obtain the money needed for help of the sufferers. —

Present were:— Members J. E. Kuntz, Vice-Chairman, Leroy Nolte, Secretary; Carl A. Anduze, Philip Gomez; George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Luther E. Hakemann, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte and Abram E. Smith.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Zane. —

The Vice-Chairman (Kuntz) stated that the chairman

had sent an excuse for non-attendance, and asked him to preside. The meeting is now open he said and called upon the Secretary to read the letter signed by 13 members requesting the Chairman to call the meeting. ——

The Secretary (Nolle) complied. ——

The Government Secretary (Jane) informed the council that he had a message from His Excellency the Governor which he would like to deliver. ——

Copies of the Message were given the members, and the Government Secretary proceeded to read it. —

Member Corneiro entered.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) espressed himself as satisfied with the Governor's message as it answered the questions asked. Help has been given to the distressed, but what about those who have lost houses? He would like to ask the Government Secretary what are those poor people to do? ——

The Government Secretary (Jane) said he would be very glad if the 3rd elected member would make a proposal. ——

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said he had asked a question, and would like to have it answered but not by another question. ——

The Government Secretary (Jane) said, as far as St Thomas is concerned he had been informed by Chaplain Ackiss and Captain Smith that in their opinion if those people who still cling to their ruined houses would be willing to accept shelter elsewhere, there would not be a person in this town who would lack shelter. In St John, the matter is essentially different, he said, as there is no such means of housing as here. But the best is being done, but he said how far we can go along this line is dependent on money. If the Colonial Council can evolve any means whereby money can be raised, the matter would be helped. ——

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) thanked the Government Secretary. ——

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said the Government had made a careful study of the situation and it would take the Council some time to study the message. Help is still wanted; and the people are talking about it. They are asking what has the Council been doing? The members know nothing. The Municipal Committee know. We are asked to make proposals. We know we have the American people behind us. Are we going to wait

until the $134.000.- are released? The Government has done its best; but the situation is still critical, and the people are not satisfied. The 3rd elected member said he was satisfied with the Governor's message. I am not. The question is, what are we going to do? I do not think we are doing our duty. The people in Pollyberg are just as badly off as the people in St John. Why can you not form some Resolution? Let the President know our condition. It is practically impossible that the $30.000.- from the American Red Cross would be sufficient. If we do not apply to the President we will be blamed.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said the 8th elected member had remarked that the message from the Governor had to be studied. As far as my knowledge goes I find it a statement of just plain facts — what has been done and what is pending. And as the Government has informed the authorities at Washington, I think we can hold on for a few days, and if we do not hear from the Government then we will call another meeting, and still another if necessary. Ways and means must be found to help the poor people — because they must be helped. It is impossible to believe that they should continue suffering. Therefore the message is as plain as A.B.C. and I am perfectly satisfied.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that there was a difference of opinion in all things. The thing is we have not been doing our duty, we have a right to speak to the President about this matter. The question is the sum of $134.000.-. The Municipal Committee acts like a bunch of autocrats, some of them walking about with letters that the Council members should be informed of.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) enquired if there was any hope of obtaining the $134.000.-

The Government Secretary (Zane) said that it was impossible for him to make it any plainer than it appears on page 4 of the Governor's message if read again. Personally he could hazard no guess as to how it would be determined.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) said that at the time of the 1916 hurricane he was a member of the Poor Commission, and that Judge C. H. Payne, the then U.S. Consul, had offered the sum of $50.000.- from

the American Red Cross as an assistance), and it had been refused with thanks, as Denmark had decided to bear the burden herself. The distress in St John was acute. There were 43 persons at ..... ; 56 at Bethany, and 110 at Emmaus ..... Tents had been erected at several points. But the question was how long will this situation continue?. Some ways and means should be found out. The Government has certainly been very kind. But if this continue will not laziness be encouraged?. Some help should be given so that the people can be able to work. ——————

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) And if we do not have houses, there will be less taxes, and the deficit larger. ——————

The Government Secretary (Jane) said that he concurred with the remarks of the 2nd member for St John, in this light, and referred to page 5 of the Government's letter. "It is in respect to these two matters that I would be very glad if the Colonial Council could devise a logical means of raising the necessary funds to finance them, in the event that my own efforts prove un-availing". ——————

The 3rd elected member (Statiemann). I would propose a recess.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) enquired if his colleagues had nothing tangible to propose. A letter or resolution to the President must have an effect. ——————

The 3rd elected member (Statiemann) I propose a recess of ten minutes.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) said that the situation as it appeared to him was like this. The devastation of St Thomas and St John called for assistance that should be based on the precedent of the 1916 hurricane. When the 1916 hurricane struck the islands, Governor Honow cabled the Ministry of Finances, and the Danish Government then and there cabled almost unlimited funds to Governor Honow's order. I have not heard any criticism adverse to the Government, to the contrary, everywhere is heard commendatory remarks. But they find fault about the help from the mainland, and they argue if little Denmark could give so much, why not the United States? ——————

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that he was here in 1916, and it was correct that Denmark placed quite unlimited funds for assistance. Governor Honow showed him the telegram "Draw all funds necessary on us".

As great as the distress is there is no comparison between this hurricane and 1916, and the same amount is not necessary.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) thought that the argument of the last speaker strengthened the situation since you did not require as much as in 1916 and taking into account the size and wealth of Denmark and the United States. No reflection is being cast on the Administration, it is beyond there power to do more than they have done.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that the question was if Denmark, a small country, did so much for the islands in 1916, the United States should assist us now. The thing was to apply speedily. If the United States gave Japan $7.000.000.— it is unthinable that they would refuse us the necessary helps.

The 3rd appointed Member (Nolte) remarked that there was not much for him to say today. The one obstruction is that there is no money available. Our hands are tied. The Governors message is plain. One does not need to have more than common sense to understand it. The donation from the Red Cross is timely but insufficient. He had drafted a Resolution to the President as he thought that the logical way to proceed. Wont that help us along?

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) said that he did not agree with the last speaker. The $134.000.— was outside the question. The United States has colonies. Every European Nation assists their colonies in times of disaster. If Denmark assisted us in 1916 the United States should do the same thing now. May I ask what is the object of proposing a recess?

The 3rd elected member (Statiemann) My object for asking for a recess of ten minutes is that a Resolution should be drawn up.

The 4th Appointed member (Gomez) seconded.

A recess was declared.

After a recess of 10 minutes the house was called to order by the Vice Chairman (Huntz).

The 6th elected member (Corneiro). I propose that the matter be referred to a committee of the whole house; that we retire now and meet tomorrow at 2.00 P.M. to consider the Resolution.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) supported.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) thought that the matter could have been attended to to-day.

The Council gave its assent unanimously to adjourn.

The Vice Chairman (Huntz) said that he had consulted the Government, and that he would adjourn the meeting now to meet tomorrow, the 16th September 1924 at 2.00 P.M.

On Tuesday, the 16th September 1924,

at 2.00 P.M. the members of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John met as agreed upon at the adjourned meeting held Monday, the 15th September 1924, to consider the proposed Resolution to the President of the United States.

The attendance was as follows:- Members J.E. Huntz, Vice Chairman; Leroy Nolle, Secretary; Herbert E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Luther Stakemann, Rothschild Francis, J.H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith, and C. Corneiro.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Zane.

The Vice-Chairman (Huntz) said that as the chairman had sent an excuse for non-attendance he would occupy the chair; and that this was a continuation of the meeting of yesterday. Continuing, he said that the Council realizing its obligation as representative of the people had done the best to obtain the necessary relief for the sufferers of the late hurricane. The committee of the whole house met last evening at the Council's office and had drawn up a Resolution to be forwarded to the President through the Governor. This Resolution had received a unanimous vote, and he would now ask the Secretary to read it.

Copies were distributed to the members and the Secretary read it.

Resolution

The Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John in special session assembled to consider the critical situation created by the hurricane which struck St Thomas and St John, Virgin Islands of the United States, the 28th and 29th August 1924

adopted the following Resolution which the Governor is hereby requested in accordance with Section 37 of the Colonial Law to transmit to the President.

In consequence of widespread distress and suffering through destruction by the hurricane whereby hundreds of families lost their homes and means of livelihood, and are now utterly destitute; and the Municipal Treasury being unable to render adequate assistance through lack of funds, the Colonial Council urgently appeals to you Mr. President, to exert your utmost influence in providing such immediate necessary relief in money as will meet the demands of the pressing situation. Recalling the prompt and generous manner in which Denmark through the Ministry of Finances in Copenhagen responded under similar calamitous experiences here in the years 1867, 1871, 1876 and 1916, and mindful also of the proverbial generosity of the United States in aiding alien peoples in times of disaster, the stricken inhabitants of these islands confidently and naturally expect that the response of the President in their present sad situation will be no less prompt and generous.

The amount of damage not covered by insurance nor by the aid rendered by the American Red Cross and other sources is estimated by this Council at one hundred and fifty thousand Dollars, which amount is urgently needed.

St Thomas, 16 September 1924.

The Vice Chairman (Kuntz) said that if agreeable to the Government and the members the Resolution would be subject to one discussion. This was agreed to.

The Vice Chairman (Kuntz) enquired if there were any remarks?

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed that the Resolution be adopted.

The 4th appointed member (Gomez) seconded the proposal.

The Vice Chairman (Kuntz) put the Resolution to the vote and it was passed unanimously.

The Government Secretary (Jane) Mr. Chairman: I explained to His Excellency, the Governor, the result

and gave him a summary of what took place yesterday afternoon and he asked this: He said "Was there any discussion in the Council as to what we might do ourselves for raising additional revenue to meet the emergency?" and I informed him that there had been no such discussion. He then directed me to say to the Council this afternoon that he believed that the Council might well discuss means of raising additional revenue ourselves, first, because this as well as the other prospects we have might fail, and second, because we might be asked what have we done to help ourselves. There are several possibilities of raising the funds needed, an increase in the rate of Real and Personal Property Tax, the possibility of an Excise Tax, and various forms of raising revenue other than those which are already in vogue. ———

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) replied that it was utterly impossible, and the question of raising taxes now is out of the question. He expected that on account of the recent calamity the taxes yet unpaid might have been waited for a little longer, but had been disappointed.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that the statement coming from the Government Secretary had shocked him. He said he could not see how it was reasonable to expect more taxes now when we were facing one of the most distressing economic situations in our history. He said that any proposal of increase of taxation at present would receive his most vehement protest. When signs of poverty are so evident, how can more taxes be asked from a hungry and destitute people? ———

The Government Secretary (Jane) said that the impression made upon him by the remarks of the last speaker was that taxation would fall on those least able to bear it. But poor persons are exempt under our real and personal property tax ordinance. An Excise Tax is a tax on luxuries. It is not necessary to make the poor people pay.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that this was not the psychological moment to speak of increased taxation. Let the Council take the course it has adopted; we cannot fail in the appeal. ———

The Government Secretary (Jane) Mr. Chairman: I wish to reiterate the statement I made before. The Governor is not coming forward with any proposal for nor is he recommending increased taxation. The Governor asked me to say that he would be glad if the Council would

consider ways and means of alleviating the present condition, and one of the possibilities, of course, is the raising of additional revenue; so that His Excellency has simply said that he would be glad if the Colonial Council saw fit to consider the matter of raising additional revenue as one of the means of meeting the present situation.

The 3rd elected member (Statiemann) said that the Government had asked the question if the Council would consider the possibility of raising more revenue at present. There is no harm in the question. But the Council answers that it is impossible to raise more money by taxation.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) said that the fact that the Council met and acted as it did answers by itself the question as to raising more money by taxation. If the Council felt that the matter could be handled that way it would have done so, and not plead and beg for assistance. He said that he believed and did not hesitate in saying that it is the duty of the United States to come to our assistance as Denmark formerly did. If other nations take care of their colonies, the United States should also.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that if the Government meant that this was a situation which ought to be remedied by taxation, and if the Government thought that the Community could bear more taxes, then the Council would expect to have such tax measures proposed by the Government, when they could be handled in special meetings, but that he could not see how the Government could expect such proposals to emanate from the Council itself, who was opposed to further taxation, and rather held, that existing taxation should be lowered.

The Vice Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any further remarks, and said: Before closing the meeting we ought to thank the Governor for the information contained in the Message of yesterday.

The 6th elected member (Corneiro) thought that the Governor should be thanked for all he had done or caused to be done in relieving the distress. In passing this Resolution we are not trying to knock at anyone. There must be no misrepresentation. We believe the Governor has done all he could do, and could do no more. And, the fact is, and must be clearly stated that not only

in this case, but also in the future when a hurricane strikes the islands we will expect the necessary help).—
The 3rd Appointed member (Nolle) said he thought the Resolution was just the correct medium of proceeding. The Council could not be convened in the first days after the hurricane, and it was a good idea of the 3rd elected member (Stakemann) to have a meeting called and do something. We have gone to the President and spoken. We have told him our condition and hope to be fully answered. If not answered the distress will continue. In any case we will have done our duty.—
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) proposed that the meeting be closed.—
The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.—
The meeting was closed.—

St Thomas 16 September 1924

J E Lintz
Chairman

Carl Rhodes
Secretary

An Ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 9th October 1924, at 2.00 P.M.

Present were: J. E. Lintz, Vice-Chairman; Herbert E. Lockhart, Philip Gomez, Axel Holst and Rothschild Francis.
The Government was represented by Lieutenant Clark.

Item I. Examination of Patents of Election and Appointment.

The Vice Chairman (Lintz) appointed Members Lockhart and R. Francis to act as Speakers, to examine the Patents of Election and of Appointment, and to report on same.—
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) requested to be excused and the 2nd elected member (Holst) was appointed in his stead.—
The Patents of Election of George A. Moorehead

as 1st elected member for the town of St Thomas; Carl A. Andrize as 5th elected member for the town of St Thomas; J. B. Hestres as 6th elected member for the town of St Thomas; Lionel Roberts as 7th elected member for the town of St Thomas; J. H. Boschulte as member for the Country District of St Thomas; Abram E. Smith as 2nd member for the District of St John.

The Patents of Appointment of Cyril E. Daniel and Leroy Nolle respectively as 2nd and 3rd Appointed Members.

These Patents were circulated and examined by the members present.

The 1st Appointed Member (Lockhart) as Speaker reported the Patents in Order and, and moved that the gentlemen who were on the premises, be invited to enter and take their seats. The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded. The 8th elected member (R. Francis) supported. The Vice Chairman (Huntz) thereupon declared these gentlemen — the newly elected and appointed — members of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, with right to sit and vote as such. He invited them to take their seats, which they did.

Item 2. Election of the Council's Officials.

Chairman: The 4th elected member (Huntz) was elected by 10 votes. He thanked the members for this mark of confidence, and said he would as customary do his best to maintain the most cordial relations between the Government and the Council.

Vice Chairman: The 3rd appointed member Leroy Nolle was elected with 9 votes.

Secretaries: The 5th elected member Carl A. Andrize with 10 votes. The 4th appointed member (J. P. Gomez) with 9 votes.

Item 3. Election of members of the Municipal Committee and the several commissions.

Municipal Committees: The 1st appointed member

(The Municipal Committee).

Herbert E. Lockhart with 11 votes;
The 1st elected member for St John (Carl E. Francis, with 9 votes;
The 2nd elected member Axel Holst, with 12 votes;
The 1st elected member G. A. Moorehead, with 9 votes;
The 8th elected member Rothschild Francis, with 7 votes.

Trade and Lamp Tax Committee: The 2nd elected member for St John, Abram E. Smith, with 12 votes;
The 4th appointed member J. P. Gomez, with 9 votes;
The 3rd elected member L. L. Strakemann, with 9 votes;
The 5th elected member Carl A. Anduze, with 9 votes;
The 6th elected member J. B. Hestres, with 7 votes.

The Electoral Board, Town: The 1st elected member G. A. Moorehead, with 8 votes.

The Electoral Board, Country District: The member for the Country District J. H. Boschulte with 7 votes.

The Electoral Board, St John: The 1st elected member for St John, Carl E. Francis, with 7 votes.

The Educational Board of Review: The 3rd appointed member Leroy Nolle, with 9 votes.

The Advisory Committee Assistance of the Poor, St Thomas: The member for the Country District J. H. Boschulte, with 9 votes. The 5th elected member Carl. A. Anduze with 7 votes.

The Advisory Committee Assistance of the Poor, St John: The Reverend G. Penn with 7 votes.

Committee on Accounts: The 2nd elected member Axel Holst with 12 votes. The 6th elected Member J. B. Hestres with 8 votes.

Municipal Police Commission:
The member for the County District J. H. Boschulte, with 9 votes;
The 6th elected member J. B. Hestres, with 8 votes.

The Chairman (Huntz) said that the order of the Day had been accomplished.
The 7th elected member (Roberts) ~~enquired if the Council~~

said he would like to make a few remarks, and ask a few questions. He asked what were the fundamental laws by which the Council worked?

The Chairman (Huntz) replied "The Colonial Law."

The 7th elected member (Roberts) enquired if the Council of the Colonial Law exercises its rights. He referred to Section 43, which deals with the right of making petitions regarding alterations in the laws or institutions of the islands, and to Section 60 about measures concerning the economical affairs of the municipality. He concluded by saying that he hoped at an early date to speak along these lines.

The meeting was then closed by the chairman.

St Thomas, 9th October 1924

J. E. Huntz
Chairman

Carl A. Andreze
Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 11th December 1924 at 2.00 P.M.

Present were: J. E. Huntz, Chairman; Leroy Nolle, Vice-chairman; Carl A. Andreze, Secretary; Herbert E. Lockhart, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, J. B. Hestres, Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis, and J. St. Boschulte.

The Government was represented by Commander Jane.

The Chairman (Huntz) said he had received verbal excuses for the non attendance of members Cyril Daniel, Luther E. Stakemann and Abram E. Smith.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if any member had any remarks to make or corrections to offer re the minutes of the meetings of the 11th September, 15th and 16th September and 1st October 1924.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that he objected to the statement in the Minutes of the 11th September

1924, that that meeting had been convened by order of the Government etc. etc. — it had been convened by the order of the Governor.

A short discussion took place, and it was decided to make the necessary correction.

The Chairman (Hunte) then put the Minutes mentioned above to the house, and there being no further remarks, declared them confirmed.

The Chairman (Hunte) informed the Council that he had received a letter from the Governor enclosing a carbon copy of a letter, that the Governor had forwarded Colonel Ernest P. Bicknell, Vice-Chairman in charge of Foreign Operations, American Red Cross, Washington, D.C. This letter being in the nature of a report of the methods pursued and the work accomplished incident to the hurricane of August 28th and 29th, 1924.

The Secretary read the letter.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) requested that this letter be printed and copies circulated.

Item I. First Discussion on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1924 to June 30th, 1925.

The Governor's letter transmitting this Money Bill was read by the Secretary.

The Government Secretary (Jane) introduced the Additional Money Bill and said: Mr Chairman and Gentlemen of the Council: There is little that I can add to His Excellency's letter which has just been read to you, except possibly to attempt to correct an idea which, from newspaper articles recently published, appear to have been accepted by certain citizens of this municipality with regard to the paragraph on page 3 as follows: (The Government Secretary here read the paragraph referred to).

My understanding of the apparently erroneous construction which has been placed on this paragraph is that the Colonial Council had been slighted by reason of the fact that His Excellency stated that it would appear that he was justified in spending this money without the necessity of submitting to the two Colonial Councils an Additional Money Bill. If any one had this idea, I can assure them on behalf of His Excellency

that no such idea was intended. On the contrary, His Excellency's idea is that he does not wish to slight the Colonial Councils by proceeding directly, as unquestionably he is warranted in doing, in the expenditure of these funds.

In so many words, the Colonial Council might well have felt itself slighted if the Governor had gone ahead as the President had directed him to do, and proceeded to build the Water Supply System without saying anything to the Colonial Council. Certainly I say the Governor could legally have done this, but he has not done it. What he has done is to come to the Colonial Council with an Additional Money Bill in order that they may join with him in carrying out the wishes of the President, as expressed by him in his letter of March 10.

With this short explanation, I will cease with the statement that I shall be glad to make any explanation with regard to this matter that the Colonial Council might wish.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen of the Council: As chairman of the Municipal ~~Council~~ Committee, it may perhaps be incumbent on me to give a short explanation to the Honorable Council of the reasons which have led the Committee to the unanimous decision to "disrecommend" the passage by the Council of the Bill now before it, even though the purpose of this same Bill is highly appreciable.

The Bill was sent to the Municipal Committee some time last week, accompanied by a copy of the letter to the Honorable Chairman of the Colonial Council, but no plans or estimates as regards the intended constructions etc. were submitted to the Committee; in fact, the Committee does not know anything of the proposed water works, whether buildings of cisterns, or dams or sinking of wells are intended, nor where these water works are to be located, whether in town or in the country; nor whether the amount mentioned in the Bill will be sufficient, etc. Alone, for this reason it would be impossible for the Committee to recommend the Bill.

The next consideration is, that since the Administration has never submitted to the Council a Liquidated Budget, there is considerable uncertainty as regards the so-called un-expended balance of the Federal Appropriation, that is to say, whether this money is really Federal Money or local money which has originated thereby that more money has been collected than estimated.

If it is Federal money, handed to the Governor for expenditure at his discretion, then the Committee, and I believe, the Council also, must consider it an infringement of the Governor's right, to pass on such expenditures, unless the Governor should wish to hear the opinion of the Council on particular measures, but about which full explanations would then be necessary. If the money is local money, then the matter is different.

However, if this Bill was to be passed by the Council, it would have to be passed according to our Laws. It could not be done otherwise. Now, this Bill contains two provisos to the effect that all expenditures etc. shall be vested in the Governor, but Section 8 of the Laws of the Municipal Committee expressly says:

"The Municipal Committee supervises that the means granted be used in conformity with the grants. It shall, therefore, provided it has not previously through its work in the different Commissions become acquainted with the same, in time be informed of the commencement of all public works of importance, of the procuring of materials and inventory for the institutions conducted by the Municipality, and respecting the purchase of more costly implements and apparatus, likewise respecting the ~~purchase of more costly implements~~ commendation of effects of inventory belonging to said institution, in such a manner, that the Committee, whose opinion has already been obtained at the framing of the Money Bills concerned, also shall be entitled to and bound to render its aid in reference to the questions respecting the manner of procuring same, the reasonable prices for same and the best way of executing same.

If the procurement is to be effected by means of licitation this shall be done by the Committee, which recommends to the Government the bid which is to be accepted.

The Committee shall furthermore be provided with copies of such reports of the work executed at the different institutions and of the use made of the means granted for the same as shall be rendered by the officials and others to the Governor, provided that the Committee has not already through its work in the commissions become acquainted therewith even as the Committee itself is entitled through the

Governor to demand reports and opinions regarding such matters".

Even as Section I says:

"The responsible Colonial Council shall have full guarantee that the Administration only disposes over money that is granted, and that the amounts granted are only used for the purpose for which they were granted."

So, therefore, if we pass this Bill, it would be contrary to fundamental Law, and therefore invalid. Even if we passed it, it could not be approved by the Governor, because according to the Colonial Law, paragraph 11, the Governor shall see that the Laws be obeyed.

The present case will show how unfortunate it is ~~how unfortunate it is~~ that Federal money be mixed up with Municipal Money, except as a direct gift to the islands; because there may be special rules for the expenditure of Federal money which must be obeyed, just as there are rules for the expenditure of Municipal money which should also be obeyed; and which seems to make necessary two separate budgets, if the Federal money is not paid in to the Municipal Treasury as a direct gift.

However, in the present case the Governor has let the Colonial Council know that he possesses authority to expend the money without the necessity of having the Council pass the Bill, so we are in the fortunate circumstance that even should the Council not pass the Bill, this will not block an otherwise desirable measure.

Therefore, and to avoid entanglements, the Municipal Committee recommends the Council not to pass the Bill.

As regards the $25.000.00 to be expended for Hurricane Relief, the Municipal Committee does not see why the expenditure to public buildings arising in the present year, should be defrayed out of funds emanating from previous years, neither does the Committee think that the Presidents authorization intended such expenditures. In this connection, and considering that the public buildings may be Federal property, the question of Federal Money or Municipal money is again of importance, and the Governor's expenditure of the money without authorization from the Council, would again, in the Municipal Committee's opinion, be preferable.

The Government Secretary (Zane) Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Council: I have been listening

with careful attention to the remarks of the Chairman of the Municipal Committee and they have impressed me as quite reasonable and logical in many ways. I state it however, that we are not here this afternoon to go into the complicated relations of the Federal Appropriation to local revenues, the ramifications of Federal Laws concerning Federal Appropriations and as to whether or not Federal Appropriations can longer be looked upon as a gift or gratuity. We are concerned this afternoon with the Additional Money Bill for carrying out the construction of the water supply system. The fact with which we now have to deal is that His Excellency, the Governor, considers that he has the authority for which he has so long struggled, namely, to expend the balance of the 1924 appropriation, and it seems to me that other considerations might well be left to the future. It appears to me further, that we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by dealing promptly with the matter in hand. There is the opportunity to fill a long felt need of building a permanent water supply system for St Thomas. It fills one of the requirements of the Resolution of February 7, 1924, wherein the joint Colonial Councils requested that the matter of providing a permanent water supply system for each of the three towns be undertaken by the Government. We now have this opportunity, without further delay, to go ahead in its building.

The matter of the application of the Colonial Law to the expenditure of the Federal Appropriation is one full of technicalities and possibilities of misunderstanding and I cannot see the logic in delaying action on this present Money Bill for the sake of going into that phase of it. It appears to me that to do so and thereby delay action would be the equivalent of saying to the President: We thank you for your authority to expend this balance but we insist on having it spent this way or not at all. What I consider is the fundamental matter for consideration here is the accomplishment of this purpose and not a complication of the situation by injecting other elements into it.

The Chairman of the Municipal Committee has stated that the Municipal Committee was actuated in writing its letter of 3 December by the fact that it is uncertain as to the origin and ownership of the money involved

and it is difficult for me to reconcile the action of the Municipal Committee, as based on this statement. The Municipal Committee was furnished with liquidated budgets dating back to March 31, 1917, the dated the United States took possession of these islands. The allocation of the Federal Appropriations and the local revenues by headings of receipt and expenditures were shown on these statements. Together with these statements of receipt and Expenditures was sent a statement of the Federal Appropriations as divided and allocated between the two Municipalities. This statement also shows the direct expenditures from the Federal Appropriations for the expenses of the Central Administration and expenditures instituted by the Governor for public purposes. These statements taken together, as explained in the letter accompanying them, form a liquidated budget for this Municipality from the date of the taking over by the United States and showed the balances unexpended at the end of each fiscal year. The statement showed that on June 30, 1924, there remained a balance of Fcs 1.120.940.50 which is the balance which the President has authorized the expenditure of, for the purposes stated in his letters of March 10 and October 23, 1924. Inasmuch as up to that date the expenditures have exceeded the revenues, it is self-evident that this balance must remain of the Federal Appropriation for the fiscal year 1924.

There is therefore no uncertainty as to the origin of it and as to the ownership of it, as I have stated, His Excellency, the Governor, now considers that he has authority to proceed with its expenditure.

I could go on indefinitely into details regarding this matter but I can see nothing to be gained by so doing. The fact remains that His Excellency now feels that he is justified in expending this balance for commencing the construction of the 3 Water supply systems which we have so long wished for and he feels, as I have stated, that the Colonial Council should join with him in carrying out the desires of the President and in meeting the wishes of the people as expressed in the Joint Resolution of February 7, 1924. I therefore submit that the Colonial Council might well consider passage of this Bill; that they might well pass it promptly in order that work may no longer

be delayed by reason of delay in action by the Colonial Council in joining with the Governor in carrying out the wishes of the President of the United States.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) Mr. Chairman and members: I have listened to the Hon. Government Secretary's reference to the Liquidated Budget. The Municipal Committee received 3 sheets of Statistics forming one set. We were unable to deal with it as only one set was furnished. What is required is a Liquidated Budget. A Liquidated Budget in the sense of the Colonial Law is classified similar to the Budget. All the actual expenses and revenues are entered under the several items, and showing that all moneys have been spent as authorized by the Budget passed.

The Municipal Committee is in no way trying to block the action. We have given our reasons. Let His Excellency act on his own responsibility. How can we very well act otherwise? Where are the water works to be located?

The discussion was continued the Government Secretary, (Jane), Members Holst, Lionel Roberts, R. Francis, Moorehead, Hestres and Nolte taking part.

The 6th elected member (Hestres). I desire to make a remark about the compensation for labor, and that is that I do not know if Government has ever made a decision as to the proper pay. I have in mind also the asking of four questions.

How is the Hurricane Relief Committee working? What activities have been accomplished up to the present?

How much money has been expended in relief? What does the Hurricane Relief Committee propose to do?

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that it would be much better that a committee of the whole house be appointed to discuss the money bill and other matters connected with it.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) seconded.

There were some questions raised about closing the 1st discussion.

The Chairman (Huntz) explained that during the first discussion the general features were discussed, and that amendments took place in the second.

The question then arose of the sending in of reports by committees.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that the Municipal Committee reported on the money bill before the house, sending a letter to the Governor and a copy to the Chairman of the Council, which had been circulated and shown to every member. And besides the Chairman of the Municipal Committee has explained the matter here today.

The Chairman (Klintz) then put the motion of closing the 1st discussion to the house; 9 voted in favor.

The Chairman declared the 1st discussion closed and the 2nd discussion open.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the bill be sent to a committee of the whole house.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) seconded, and on being put to the house 9 voted in favor.

Item 2 First Discussion on a

Bill recommending the representation of the Virgin Islands at the Inauguration of President Calvin Coolidge at Washington, D.C., March 4, 1925 and urging the necessity of presenting a Memorial to the President requesting and recommending certain changes and improvements in the Virgin Islands of the United States affecting their economic, industrial, commercial and political situation, and endorsing and urging action upon certain recommendations made by the Federal Commission which visited these Islands in January 1924, and soliciting the co-operation of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St Croix, and for other purposes.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) said that in introducing this measure he would remark that he was sure it would appeal to every member, and reminded them that many years ago a British man-of-war hoisted a signal "England expects every man to do his duty". This spirit was wanted here.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) enquired how many Resolutions have been sent on and remained un-answered? Are we going to send on more?
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) replied suppose

we say Ten. I propose that we send resolutions over and over again. It is our duty to act. Suppose we do not get any answer, then we will continue sending over and over again. I propose that this bill be sent to a committee.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The Chairman (Kuntz) put the motion to the house; 8 voted in favor.

The 3rd appointed Member (Nolle) enquired if the Delegates would be chosen from the Council or outside.

The Chairman (Kuntz) enquired how many discussions this bill would be subject to. Two, it was decided.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The Chairman (Kuntz) then put the motion to the house, and it was carried, I having voted in favor. The 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the bill be sent to a committee of the whole house.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The motion was put to the house and carried.

Item 3. First Discussion on a Bill

recommending the election of a Special Committee of the Colonial Council to investigate the condition of certain streets in the Town of St Thomas and to make recommendations to the Colonial Council based upon its findings, and for other purposes.

The 6th elected member (Hestres). I hardly think it necessary to say a word on this bill. I recommend it to favorable consideration; it speaks for itself.

The member for the County District (Boschulte) said there should be somebody to superintend the construction of the county roads. About $1.000.— have been spent to put in order about 100 yards length of roads, whereas a concrete bridge built nearby would have saved the roads.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that the member for the County District should bring in a bill for the county roads.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that before the 1st discussion is closed it would be well that the country roads be included. Near Botany Bay there was no difference between roads and bush.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) To include the country roads might use up more money than that budgetted.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that persons from "Crown" coming to town had been obliged to use the road of his estate leading to town, large boulders being in the way.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) I beg to support the 7th elected member's remarks about the road from "Crown". On Thursday we rode around "Pearl" to get to "Crown"; and we decided to sell "Pearl". The roads were not only cruelty to animals but to estate owners also.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts). I hope the attention paid to the streets in town will be extended to the country roads.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) It would be nice to have regular macadamized roads. I tried to go up to Hull some time ago and had to turn back. The roads should be attended to by a better system, and not to be fixed by clay made of mud.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) Everyone should appreciate the suggestion. As a lover of outdoor exercise he would be glad to see road improvement effected. Good roads were in line with a good water supply. Let us hope that the source which supplied the funds for the water supply will provide the means for building permanent roads.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the Bill be furthered and the 1st discussion closed.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) seconded.

The Chairman (Hintz) put the motion to the house and it was passed.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the Bill be sent to a committee of the whole house.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) seconded, and on its being put to the vote was passed.

The meeting was then closed.

St Thomas 11 December 1924

J. Hintz
Chairman

J. P. Jones
Secretary

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, convened by the Chairman, was held Thursday, the 18th December 1924 at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- J. E. Kuntz, Chairman; J. P. Gomez, Secretary; Herbert E. Lockhart, Leroy Nolke, Axel Holst, Luther E. Stakemann, Carl A. Anduze, J. B. Hestres, Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis and J. H. Boschulte.

The Government was represented by Commander Zane.

The Chairman said that he had received verbal excuses for non-attendance from members Moorehead, Cyril Daniel and Abram E. Smith.

Item I Second Discussion on

Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925. (Proposed by Government).

The Chairman (Kuntz) as Chairman of the committee of the whole house elected to discuss and report on the Money Bill now before the house, delivered himself as follows:-

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At the meeting of the Colonial Council held on the 11th inst. a committee of the whole house was elected to consider the Money Bill introduced by Government at that meeting.

The Com. of the whole house met on Monday night the 15th inst.; besides the members of the committee, present were Commander Zane, the Government Secretary, and Lieutenant Hoar, the Public Works Officer.

Due to the clear manner in which Commander Zane explained the wording of the Money Bill, and the description given by Lieutenant Hoar of the plan concerning the sites to be used for the erection of the concrete tanks etc, etc., the committee took the opportunity after deliberating on the matter with these gentlemen to propose a few amendments, with the result, that the Money Bill as now worded meets the wishes of both the committee and the Governor.

I now have the honor to recommend the Money

Bill as amended to the favorable consideration of the Council.

The 2nd discussion is now open.

The Chairman continuing drew attention to the several changes which constituted the amendments.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) drew the attention of the Council to several mistakes in punctuation, which he suggested should be corrected.

The Government Secretary (Jane) remarked that the mistakes referred to by the 2nd elected member had been noticed.

The Bill was read through and the mistakes in punctuation corrected.

The Chairman (Huntz) requested the Secretary (Gomez) to read the Money Bill as it now stood.

The House accepted the amendments.

The Chairman (Huntz) then put the Additional Money Bill to the house, and it received a unanimous vote, eleven voting in its favour.

The Government Secretary was informed by the Chairman that the Council had passed the Money Bill.

The 6th elected member (Hastes) remarked that it seemed to him that the action of the Council calls for a vote of confidence in the Municipal Committee, as it might otherwise be considered that it had suffered a defeat, as the Money Bill had been passed which it recommended the Council not to pass.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that perhaps as a member of the Municipal Committee he should keep silent; but he could not help saying that when the Money Bill is passed in a new form and shape, that that was a vote of confidence. That he said was satisfactory, even if a direct vote of confidence was not passed.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said there was no question of lack of confidence hence no need for a vote of confidence. The Municipal Committee put forward objections and gave very good reasons, resulting in the differences being composed mutually.

The 7th elected member (Lionel Roberts) remarked that no one had expressed any dissatisfaction with the Municipal Committee, and that a vote of confidence was hardly necessary, as the members retained the same confidence in their colleagues comprising

the Municipal Committee, as they had when they elected them.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) remarked that to his mind the Municipal Committee had suffered a parliamentary defeat at the meeting of the committee of the whole house held Monday evening.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that it may be that the Municipal Committee suffered a defeat, but the community undoubtedly gained.

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman.

St Thomas, 18 December 1924

J. E. Huntz
Chairman

J. P. Gómez
Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 5th February 1925 at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:—J. E. Huntz, Chairman; J. P. Gomez, Secretary; Cyril Daniel, Leroy Nolle, G. A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, C. A. Anduze, J. B. Hestres, Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis and J. H. Boschulte.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Zane.

The Chairman made a verbal excuse for the absence of Members H. E. Lockhart and Abram E. Smith.

The minutes of the meeting held the 11th December 1924 were confirmed after some corrections had been made in the speech of the 6th elected member (Hestres).

The minutes of the meeting held the 18th December 1924 were confirmed.

The Order of the Day was proceeded with.

Item I Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Samp Taxes for the Second half year 1923, with the committee's report.

The Secretary (Gomes) read the report.

A short discussion took place; members Moorehead, R. Francis and Holst being the speakers.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the Report be adopted, and the Draft of Assessment passed.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) seconded.

The Chairman (Kuntz) put the motion to the vote, nine (9) voted in favour; and two (2) R. Francis and J.B. Hestres against.

The Draft of Assessment was passed.

The Chairman (Kuntz) read the Governor's letter reminding the Council of the election of a member for the Board of Review and Equalization; and the Chairman said he would proceed under Item 2 to vote for such a member.

The Government Secretary (Jane) remarked that the Real and Property Tax Ordinance required that the Colonial Council elect a member to the Board of Review and Equalization on or before the 1st day January of each year or as soon thereafter as ~~possible~~ practicable.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that there was no need to railroad this thing through. We can find some time at the next meeting or an extra-ordinary meeting can be called. I am looking at the precedent that will be established.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that he understood the Governor's letter to be a reminder to the council about the election of a member for the Board of Review and Equalization. With the Council's consent the matter could be dispatched easily.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) Will the Honorable Chair say since when have the Rules of Business been in effect? Is the Chair not in a position to reply? Not a single one of you gentlemen pay any attention to the said Rules. When a circular is sent to you, you mark "seen". And the majority are afraid to come and tackle the business on hand. Self interest rules.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) The honorable 6th member is correct. But I take umbrage to the broad remark. He should speak of those who do not attend when invited to the committee meetings. These Rules of Business have not been in force for some time. We have school boys order. I believe in the Rules of Business, as long as they are in force.

The 6th elected member (Glestres) spoke of "some" of the honorable members.

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl C. Francis) entered.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said he attended all committee meetings.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he understood it was "all" but that he saw it was now amended to "some".

The Government Secretary (Jane) remarked that as this was not a matter of vital importance, it may well go over to the next meeting.

Item 2. First Discussion on Draft

of an Ordinance to amend Title V, Chapter 10, Section 3, of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Providing a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands" passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John on the 10th March 1921, and approved the 17th March 1921:

(Proposed by the 7th elected member L. Roberts).

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) introduced the Draft of Ordinance as follows:-

Mr Chairman and Honorable Representatives: In introducing the drafts of Ordinance as here proposed to amend two sections of Chapter 10 and 12, re the jury, no lengthy comment from me is necessary to convey my reasons for endeavoring to extend Jury Trials also to misdemeanor cases, when penalty for the offense is over Fcs 50.00 or imprisonment.

It is perhaps evident to the Honorable Members, that there are many provisions in our Code which require some modification, and as time goes by we ought to endeavor to fashion our code, rendering it adaptable to the circumstances and conditions as they exist in this community.

Trial by Jury to my mind is the right of every accused person in criminal actions to seek verdict of their peers, and should indeed be dear to the hearts of all free peoples. It is a heritage from antiquity, that an accused should be condemned as to matters of fact, by his peers or Kindred, who would seem to be the best

judge or judges of all actions and motives tending to the perpetration of an offense. ——————

There might be objections to the difficulty in getting all jurors to agree, without which result there can be no verdict; yet, this defect must be disregarded, as we have less to fear in a case of a jury of 12 persons, than of a single judge; moreso, as we have laws regulating jury trials.

From time to time I have observed and heard comments made by many respectable citizens to the effect, that our criminal code is limited as regards trial by jury, in so far, that only in cases where the penalty is imprisonment from one year and upwards — as in cases of felony — can a jury be demanded, while in other criminal actions — as in cases of misdemeanor — where the panalty is punishment up to 1 year and $500.— fine, the accused has no right to demand a jury. The opinions so expressed are worthy of consideration; and are so important that it seems to me only reasonable to propose that all Criminal Actions whether of felonies or misdemeanors, be subjected to trial by jury, thus eliminating discretionary power of the court, and establishing a matter of right for the accused. ——————

With these remarks, I hope the reasons for recommending such amendments to the Code have been made clear to the minds of the Honorable Members of the Colonial Council; and I do ask you Gentlemen to consider them as a matter of importance to our Code of Laws, and our Community in general, and hope that you see fit to recommend and pass them to day. ——————

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) supported the Draft of Ordinance and the arguments advanced by the introducer. Said that the Code had been hurriedly passed. Said he would not budge an inch. This Council is the one to decide about these matters, and though he thought a change necessary, he would by no means vote the draft in the present form. ——————

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that in his opinion the change would be along American lines. I hope this Draft will go to a committee of the whole house. When more than $20.00 is involved the trial should be by jury. ——————

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that he agreed with the 2nd elected member. The whole question is a serious one. It should go to a committee of

the whole house. He proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) seconded.

It was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

The Chairman (Huntz) asked if the 2nd discussion should take place today?

The Government Secretary (Jane) remarked that it would be far better if this be considered in the regular course, and that one week elapse.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) agreed with that.

After a discussion in which members Holst, Roberts, R. Francis, Nolle, Hestres and the Government Secretary took part, the 2nd Discussion was opened, and a committee of the whole house elected to examine and report on the Draft.

Item 3. First Discussion on Draft

of an Ordinance to amend Title V, Chapter 12, Section 1 of "An Ordinance Providing a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands", passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John on the 10th March 1921, and approved the 17th March 1921.

(Proposed by the 7th elected member L. Roberts).

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that his remarks when introducing the Draft under Item 2 was applicable to this Item also, as the amendment in the Chapter 10, Section 3 necessitated an amendment in Chapter 12, Section 1.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) moved that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) seconded.

The vote was unanimous. The 2nd Discussion was opened, and a committee of the whole house elected to examine and report on this Draft.

Item 4. Introduction of and first discussion on a Resolution that a Committee be appointed to investigate the present condition of the Police Force.

(Submitted by the 8th elected member Rothschild Francis)

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) ~~remarked, on introduc-~~ing referred to a letter of resignation as a member of the Municipal Police Force Committee and asked that it be read.

The Chairman (Kuntz) decided that Item 4 would be proceeded with now.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked in introducing this Resolution that the Municipal Police Force required investigation. Best proof that something is wrong is shown in the resignation of the member this Council elected on that committee. It is a matter of Public interest; you read about it in the Press; you hear it spoken in the streets. We want to find out what is the matter, and know definitely what we are to do. We have created, we can amend. We vote the pay of the members of the force.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he read on the Resolution now before us that "three Councilmen to be appointed by the chairman". The Council cannot allow this; the members of this committee must be elected.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that the Presiding Officer of the Senate has the right of appointing. But it did not matter as long as a committee is appointed. The fact is something is wrong there. And we want to find it out. The Municipal Police Regulations says: No citizen should be falsely arrested.

No citizen should be falsely imprisoned.

No citizen should be ill-treated.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he decided when the draft of the resolution was read that he would support it; and he concurred with the remarks of the 8th elected member. An important fact that any observer is forced to notice is that any petty out of the way word used on the streets causes one to be dragged to the jail and fined. But men in the service use the most nasty words, and a policeman dare not arrest them. They are a disgrace to the community though the wear the U.S. uniform.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that his contention was that we do not have sufficient patrolmen here; and our duty is to say it here.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) remarked that the 8th elected member had just said that we have not got sufficient patrolmen here. The Commissioner of the

Leeward Islands says there are 5.000 persons in his jurisdiction and there was one policeman. There are saloons in almost every street.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that Tortola may boast of 1 policeman, but there are many constables.

The discussion was continued. Members R. Francis and Moorehead taking part.

The Resolution was amended by striking out the words "to be appointed by the Chairman" in the third line; and putting a period on the fourteenth line after Force and striking out from " and to advisable".

The Resolution would then read:—

Resolved by the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John: That, a joint committee to consist of three Councilmen, an active member of the Police Commission and a citizen be elected by the Council, is authorized and directed to investigate the present condition of the Police Force and particularly to inquire into and report to the Colonial Council whether or not it is a fact that Municipal Policemen misuse their clubs, perform false arrests, false imprisonments and ill treat persons; whether the ordinance respecting the appointment of the Director of Police as a member of the Police Commission should be amended or supplemented by new legislation that tends to secure a better respect for the civil liberties of the People and to promote orderly coordination and functioning of the Police Force.

The Committee as a whole or by a sub-committee, is authorized to hold public hearings at such times and places it may designate, to employ clerical and other stenographic assistants as it may deem advisable and to report its findings not later than sixty days after the passage of this resolution.

The Chairman (Huntz) then put the Resolution to the vote; and it was passed by 11 votes. Member Boschulte abstained from voting.

The Government Secretary (Jane) May I ask in what discussion is this Resolution at present.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) Has the Government Secretary any option in the Resolution before it is closed ?

The Chairman (Kuntz) remarked that the Government's representative had raised no objection. It is left to him.
The Government Secretary (Jane). Mr. Chairman: I wish to state that His Excellency the Governor has never seen this resolution. He is now in St Croix, and therefore I wish it would be entered in the record that the Government offered no comment whatever, either for or against.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). Are we violating any Rules of Business by bringing this Resolution forward? I do not know if the Governor could veto a resolution. I am going to keep questioning. If it is a fact that we have to ask the Government's consent to a Resolution, I retire from the Council immediately.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that as the Resolution had been passed in the amended form, he would ask the Honorable chair to proceed with the election of the committee it calls for.

Member Roberts was elected with nine (9) votes; Holst with seven (7); and Moorehead with five (5) votes.

2 The Government Secretary (Jane). Mr. Chairman: I must state that I do not consider myself qualified to act in this capacity, both because of my official position in the Government ~~Secretary~~, and because of my belief in the entire and absolute inappropriateness of the resolution as a whole, and I therefore request that my name be not considered.

1 As a member from the Municipal Police Force the Government Secretary was elected with five (5) votes.

3 The 8th elected member (R. Francis) enquired if this was correct?

The Chairman (Kuntz) thought Commander Jane's refusal was correct.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that Commander Jane as Chairman of the Municipal Police Commission would be able to give valuable aid to the committee now being elected; and he had therefore voted for him. He said he hoped he would reconsider his decision, and accept the election.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) proposed a recess of ten (10) minutes.

The 7th elected member (R. Francis) enquired "shall we re-elect?

The 6th elected member (Hestres) remarked that it seemed

to him the honorable chair should have so ruled. ——
The Government Secretary (Zane) With reference to the remarks of the first elected member, I do not consider it fair that he should have given such a view of the matter. I am only too glad to help in any manner which will be to the good of this community. I have very grave doubt, however, as to the legality of this resolution as a whole. It appears to me to be a direct infringement on the authority of the executive, who, under our Organic Act is responsible to the President and not to the Colonial Council. I therefore conceive it to be my duty in bringing this resolution to His Excellency's Attention, to recommend that he disapprove it, and for this reason I think it must be conceded by every one that it would be inadvisable for me to be considered in connection with this committee. ——
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he thanked the Government Secretary, and saw his view now.
Perhaps the only way to see about it is that the Municipal Committee take it over. The Municipal Police Force needs some investigation. ——
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said he hoped the Secretary of the Council had taken a note. If the members of the Council have cause to complain they can do so. See Colonial Law, Section 43. Continuing he remarked that he would not yield his right. We are asking that an investigation in that Department take place; and we have a right to do so. No Governor can veto a Resolution. He is responsible to the President; who is responsible to the Congress; who is responsible to the people. I can bring in here a Resolution to investigate the acts of the Governor. ——
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) suggested that we go ahead and elect a member in place of Commander Zane.
The 6th elected member (Hestres) enquired if the election of the Government Secretary would be discarded. ——
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) replied "you have correctly understood". ——
The 3rd elected member (Nolle) remarked that we have to elect another. The suggestion of the Municipal Committee is out of the question. ——
The 1st elected member (Moorehead). I consider the Government Secretary elected. We cannot go by an election like that. ——

The 6th elected member (Hestres) seconded.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) yielded.

Judge Thiele was elected the citizen member of the commission, with 8 votes.

Item 5. Introduction of and First Discussion on a Resolution that a committee be appointed to investigate the present Franchise Law.

(Submitted by the 8th elected member R. Francis)

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) in introducing the measure quoted section 18 of the Colonial Law, and laid especial emphasis on the last paragraph. "Within 10 years from the entering into operation of this law the provisions concerning franchise contained in this section are to be revised". This law came into force the 1st April 1907. Undoubtedly the Council is empowered to legislate a change. Government Secretary Gaffney was in favor of extending the franchise; but we disobeyed and the Council was dissolved. I want to say in flat-footed English that new legislation should be enacted. And I ask that consideration be given this matter. I consider women the equal of men.

If other things are archaic, then the franchise law is archaic also. It is a bad thing to deny the ballot to people as we are doing.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) enquired how many discussions this Resolution was subject to.

The Chairman (Kuntz) One.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) Shall we proceed to elect a committee?

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) enquired if universal suffrage was contemplated.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) Yes. The inalienable right of every individual.

The Government Secretary (Zane) Mr. Chairman: His Excellency, the Governor has not seen this resolution and therefore I do not comment on it except with regard to the provision authorizing employment of clerical and other stenographic assistance. This provision requires the expenditure of funds of the municipality and therefore I wish to point out that until the Governor's action is known it would be, as I con-

ceive it illegal for any committee appointed to incur financial obligations on behalf of the municipality.

The 8th elected member (R Francis) remarked that the legislature is not required to know whether or not money was to be had for these purposes. We have nothing to do with money. We are legislators. The Governor cannot veto a Resolution.

The 6th elected member (Hesthes) There is a motion to proceed with the election of a committee.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) seconded.

It was proposed and seconded that the Discussion be closed and the Resolution adopted. It was put to the vote and passed by eleven (11) votes.

The following members were elected on the committee: Moorehead, with 10; Holst, with 9; Rothschild Francis, with 9; Lionel Roberts, with 9; and Nolte with 10 votes.

Item 6 Introduction of and 1st Discussion on a Resolution authorizing the Governor to communicate with the President of the United States in an effort to have sent to the Municipality of St Thomas and St John two or more tax experts for the purpose of studying our present tax system. (Submitted by the 8th elected member Rothschild Francis).

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) introducing the Resolution remarked that it was not prompted by personal feelings, but by public discontent. They object that the Taxes are not based on American methods.

The Chairman (Huntz). This Resolution is subject to one discussion.

The 5th elected member (Andrew) remarked that soon after he had been elected chairman of the Trade and Lamp Tax Commission the Governor had spoken over ~~the matter~~ with him the matter of the taxes, and requested the members of the Colonial Council to cooperate with him in this measure, as he was giving same his attention. I think an expert on taxes from the mainland would do us more harm than good.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the present system of taxation required correction. But looking over the Resolution he had been convinced

that he could not allow the arrangement or regulation of the taxes to go away from us. We have already got into hot water with some of the taxes. I am going to ask the 8th elected member to withdraw this resolution and let us get busy and get up a plan here among the tax payers. This would be better than getting tax experts down from the mainland.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he quite agreed with the last speaker that the tax payers should get together. He said he could not stand that any experts should be asked for, to arrange taxes for us. They will be down here for only a short time, and we know what they will do. It was the understanding when we passed the Real and Property Tax, that the other taxes would go. Let us approach the Governor and thresh it out. But no experts.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he would like to support the 1st elected member. Further the resolution says the "Governor is authorized". He is authorized without our authorizing him. My opinion is it will not be wise to further this resolution.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) requested the 8th elected member (R. Francis) to withdraw the resolution.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that he was willing to yield. I withdraw the Resolution, but will introduce another in its stead shortly.

Item 7 Introduction of and 1st discussion on a Resolution that a committee be elected to investigate into the matter of a New Organic Act for the Virgin Islands, and permanent representation of the Virgin Islands in Washington.

(Introduced by the 6th elected member J.B. Hestres).

The 6th elected member (Hestres) introduced the measure proposed in the Resolution and remarked that a New Organic Act and permanent representation in Washington were absolutely necessary.

The Chairman (Kuntz) said that the Resolution would be subject to one discussion.

The Government Secretary (Bane) Mr. Chairman: I might point out that this resolution contains also a provi-

sion for the expenditure of municipal funds and in that connection I wish to state that it is not usual for a legislative body to enact general authorization of this kind for the expenditure of money. The usual procedure is to provide specifically for the expenditure, either in the ordinance itself or by an appropriation bill, and I therefore must differ with the remarks of the 8th elected member that this council is not concerned with the matter of money.——

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that this Council was not interested in the matter of finding out where the money came from to defray expenses.——

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) referred to Section 60 of the Colonial Law and said that it was time we waked up and tried to do something for ourselves.——

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that the Council had money budgetted for its expenses. Section 60 had no bearing on the matter. Such mild expenses as stenographic aid must come from somewhere.——

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that Section 38 of the Colonial Law provided that the Council appoints such assistants as may be required.——

The 6th elected member (Hestres) pointed out that under the present Budget, provision was made for "Maintenance" Fls 5.085.00 under I Colonial Council sub item 2. If this is used up then he said, an Additional Money Bill could be brought in.——

The Government Secretary (Zane). Mr. Chairman: I might remark that if it is the intention that expenditures should be defrayed from the appropriation made for the Colonial Council in the Budget, that is perfectly satisfactory.—

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that in the 3rd line of the resolution the words "to be appointed by the Chairman" be struck out. That the first discussion be closed; and that the Resolution as amended be adopted.——

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) seconded.——

It was put to the vote and passed.——

The following members were elected, viz: Members Holst, Molle and Hestres, with respectively 8, 5 and 6 votes.——

The two citizens elected were: Lawyer G. Mena, 8 votes; and Mr. L. Levi, 7.——

The Secretary (Gomez) then read Member Hestres' letter of resignation as a member of the Municipal

Police Commission.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said he hoped Member Heshes would give his reason for resigning.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) enquired if he should give his reasons.

The Chairman (Luntz) remarked that he was sure the Council would be interested in the matter.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) addressed the Council as follows:-

Mr. Chairman, Hon. Colleagues: As requested by the chair, I take pleasure in giving the following explanation for my resignation as a member of the Municipal Police Commission.

At a meeting of the commission held on February 3, 1925, Sergeant Hubert Thomas was being tried before the commission; in the course of my requesting certain information from witnesses, the Director of Police stated that "these 'niggers' down here don't want any law and order". I stated that I was trying to prove that Sergeant Thomas was not sober on the particular night in question; the Director of Police replied that "he could go out and get a thousand or more 'niggers' to swear that Police Sergeant Thomas, was drunk, whether they had seen him or not". I replied to the Director of Police that I thought he was mistaken, and that we are as law-abiding a people as could be found anywhere. He replied that he was sorry if the Commissioner did not agree with him, but that he knew that that was so from experience. Now Mr. Chairman and colleagues I felt like leaving the meeting at this, but inasmuch as the Chairman had asked me to take a report of the proceedings and I was doing so stenographically, I remained until the meeting was adjourned, and felt that the only proper course to follow was to present to the Council which had elected me a member of the Police Commission, my resignation. I consider these remarks by the Director of Police as an unwarranted and unjustified attack upon us as a people and as a slur on the dignity of the members of this Legislature. I appeal to you Mr. Chairman and Hon. Colleagues not to permit this instance to go unheeded.

Gentlemen, it is time that we assert ourselves, and demand the same respect be paid to us, as representatives of the people as we pay to others.

I again appeal to the house to support me in this stand which I have taken and to see that satisfaction be given to this Legislature for this ungentlemanly attack upon our integrity and upon the reputation of the people we represent.

The following Motion was moved by the 7th elected member (L. Roberts) and seconded by the 8th elected member (R. Francis), and voted unanimously.

Motion.

That; according to the statements made by the 6th elected member (Hestres) who, as a Member of the Municipal Police Commission, and Representative of the People, was insulted as such in a regularly constituted meeting of the Municipal Police Commission, on Tuesday, February 3rd, 1925, wherein the following remarks were made by the Director of Police, M.J. Nolan, to wit:-

1) "That these 'niggers' down here don't want law and order", and

2) "That he could go out and get a thousand or more 'niggers' to swear that the Police Sergeant, Thomas was drunk, whether they had seen him or not";

That these Statements are substantiated and corroborated by the Member for the Country District (Boschulte) who is also a member of the Municipal Police Commission;

That the 6th Elected Member (Hestres) resenting this insult has seen fit to resign as a Member of the Municipal Police Commission;

That the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, in session assembled, upholds the dissatisfaction of the 6th Elected Member (Hestres) and is dissatisfied with the action of the Director of Police, M. J. Nolan;

That the chairman of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John be instructed, and is hereby directed, to communicate this dissatisfaction of the Colonial Council to His Excellency, the Governor, with the request that meet and sufficient satisfac-

tion be afforded to the Colonial Council.

This passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, at the Ordinary Meeting, held the 5th February 1925.

(Signed) J. E. Huntz
Chairman.

(Signed) J. P. Gomez
(Secretary)

The meeting was then closed by the chairman.

St Thomas 5th February 1925

J. E. Huntz
Chairman

J. P. Gomez
Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the
2nd April 1925, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- J. E. Huntz, Chairman; J. P. Gomez, Secretary; Herbert E. Lockhart, Cyril E. Daniel, Leroy Molle, G. A. Moorehead, C. A. Anduze, J. B. Hestres, Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Government was represented by Commander Jane. Commander Baker was also present.

The Chairman (Huntz) called the meeting to order at 2:00 and read a letter of excuse from member Holst. Member Molle made a verbal excuse for the non-attendance of member Stakemann, who was ill.

The Minutes of the last meeting held the 5th February 1925 were confirmed after some alterations had been made in the speeches of Members Anduze and Rothschild Francis.

Item I Introduction of and first Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance providing for the installation of Sanitary Automatic Flushing Toilets and Slop Basins, providing certain fees and service charges therefor and providing

penalties for non-installation thereof.

(Proposed by Government.)

The letter from the Governor which accompanied the Draft to the Council as well as the letter with the views of the Municipal Committee on the Draft, were read.

The Chairman (Huntz) said the discussion was now open?

The Government Secretary (Bane) in introducing the Draft of Ordinance said that the letter from the Governor just read conveyed all the information necessary and in reference to the letter from the Municipal Committee he would remark that there is a similar ordinance now in force with the exception of sections 17 and 18. Just how this present Draft would burden the community, is a point he would like to be enlightened on.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that he was a member of the Municipal Committee, and might be able to give some explanation if the honorable last speaker would explain.

The Government Secretary (Bane). There is an ordinance now in force, passed by this Council the 8th December 1921; and approved the 20th December 1921. In the letter just read by the Secretary, from the Municipal Committee it is stated that this measure would be a burden, which I cannot understand, as the one now in force has not been burdensome.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said that he understood the Ordinance now in force referred only to certain buildings. The one now before the house would mean all Buildings. While the draft is all right and a good one, all owners of properties would have to make an outlay for the installation, and finally it is the poor man who has to pay, for his rents would be raised. That is the idea the Municipal Committee had in mind. Now is not the time to bring forward this Bill. I go much further on. Landlords are at present profiteering. Tenants pay twice as much as the Government collects for the sanitary pans. And there is another point. Receptacles are in open yards uncovered, and not regularly removed. The removal was formerly more regular.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that it did seem strange that another Ordinance should be

introduced, when there is a similar one already in force.
The Government Secretary (Zane) requested that the secretary read the Governor's letter on the draft of Ordinance again.

The Secretary (Gomez) read the letter again.

The Government Secretary (Zane) remarked that those people who made use of the water should pay their quota. But he said there was no immediate need of continuing with it today. There was time to bring it in later on.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that it was important that we should have water for extinguishing fires and also for other purposes. He proposed that the first discussion be closed, and that the Draft be sent to a committee of the whole house.

The 5th elected member (Anduze) seconded.

The Chairman (Stuntz) I will now put the proposal of the 8th elected member, seconded by the 5th elected member to the vote.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) asked to be excused making an enquiry on the mode of procedure. What about the letter from the Municipal Committee? Is it to be flung out?
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) replied that the Municipal Committee had advised the Council of their stand. They cannot do more.

The Chairman (Stuntz) The draft is sent by the Government to the Municipal Committee, and the municipal committee informs the council about its opinion and attitude to it. It altogether depends how the council wants to act. You can appoint your own committee. The Municipal Committee is not above the council.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) That is what we are doing.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired why did the Government send the draft to the Municipal Committee. Has not that committee a right to send a report? What is the use of all these committees then? Do we just want to make toys of them? The Council has a right to expect a report from the Municipal Committee.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis). You should allow us to debate it.

The Chairman (Stuntz) Go ahead!

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said he was glad to know that the Municipal Committee was not above the Council. The question to me is if the Government is

right to send this draft to the said committee. There is a new stand taken. We might have answered the Government and not written the chairman. We wrote both Government and Chairman.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said he would give his views on the matter. He did not like the idea that after the Municipal Committee had given a report it should be thrown out. The letter should be laid on the table. That would be more satisfactory.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said it was not a report.

The Chairman (Kuntz) remarked that the procedure used to be to send these drafts to the Municipal Committee, who in turn would give the Government its opinion, who would in turn send it to the Colonial Council with the Municipal Committee's opinion.

The 6th elected member (Hestres). Will the chair rule that the Municipal Committee's letter is a report.

The Chairman (Kuntz) It is not a report.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). The Municipal Committee is but a part of the Council, and if the Council had to adopt without question every decision of the Municipal Committee, the Council would cease to function. No committee or part of the Council is greater than the whole. No member of the Municipal Committee therefore should feel slighted if the Council find reason to reject its report, which anyway embodies only an opinion. He favored sending the draft to a committee of the whole house.

The Chairman (Kuntz) then put the mohon to the house. Nine voted affirmatively.

Item 2 Election of a member to the Board of Review and Equalization of Taxes as required by Section 34 of the Real and Personal Property Tax Ordinance of February 25, 1922.

The vote was taken and Member Smith received 6 (six) votes; Member Stakemann five (5). As seven votes were required to have an absolute majority, the members voted again, with the same result. There were two blanks both times.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said a member

may abstain from voting, but should state his reason as required by the Rules of Business.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that this is a secret ballot and no one has a right to make any question. Perhaps it might be put off to the next meeting.

The Chairman (Huntz) decided the election in favor of member Smith, in accordance with the Rules of Business.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith). I thank you who voted for me, and likewise those who did not vote for me.

Item 3 Continuation of Examination

of Executive Orders No 17-1920, and No. 22 1921 for final ratification or amendment in conformity with Section 28, Chapter 1, Title 1, of the Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

The Secretary (Gomez) read the correspondence relative to this matter when last before the Council.

The Chairman (Huntz) reviewed the situation, and informed the Council that when it was last brought to the notice of the Council, a committee of three were elected to attend to it. The list of fees had been carefully gone over and changes suggested. Judge Jansen had attended a meeting and explained certain points. The committee of three elected were Judge Thiele, C. Correiro and himself. The two former are at present not members of the Council. He would suggest that a new committee be elected.

He also mentioned that an endeavor was being made to have these Court fees similar to those in St Croix and the correspondence to that effect was read by the secretary.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) enquired if the fees could be changed. If we see it necessary to cut, is it all right?

The Chairman (Huntz) Sure.

Members Carl Francis and Herbert Lockhart left the meeting.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed a committee of the whole house.

On being put to the vote, this motion was lost.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) suggested a recess of five minutes.

The 2nd appointed member (Daniel) left the meeting.
The Chairman (Kuntz) declared a recess of five minutes; after which the meeting was called to order.

The 8th elected member (R Francis) proposed a committee of three.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) seconded; and the motion was passed by a vote of eight.

Elected were:- Member Kuntz, with 8 votes; Member Hestres, with 7 votes; and Member Rothschild Francis with 7 votes.

Item 4 Election of two men

to assist the Government in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Golden Wedding Legacy.

Members Smith and Lockhart were elected with respectively eight (8) and seven (7) votes.

Item 5 (Item 9 on the Order of the Day) Introduction of and First Discussion on Additional Money Bill for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925.

(Proposed by the Government)

The Secretary (Gomez) read the letter of the Governor.
The Government Secretary (Jane) said he thought the Governor's letter fully covered every point; he would however be glad to answer any question about the Money Bill.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said he was glad to see that provision was being made for continuing the daily cable news. It would be a pity to have been deprived of it. There is some uncertainty as to the Cable Company remaining here, but it is earnestly hoped that it will. I move that the Bill be furthered.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) said that he rose to

to support the Additional Money Bill. He said he would make a plea that the Governor make the necessary representations to secure for us part at least if not all of the wireless news. It is true we receive from the cables very interesting news; but most is foreign. We get very little news from continental U. S. A.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked with due deference to the last speaker that most of the news he referred to was about sports and prize fighting, still he did not object to it.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) said some news of sports and prize fighting might appeal more to the public than speeches from Mr. Asquith or Lloyd George.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) did not think the news referred to would tend towards developing the "citizenship" idea.

The Government Secretary (Jane) said that in reply to the 6th elected member, he would say that His Excellency the Governor has already taken up the matter and he hoped it will soon be arranged.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) moved that the first discussion be closed.

The vote was taken, and it was unanimous.

The Government and Council agreed to take the 2nd discussion today.

The Chairman (Hunty) declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Additional Money Bill passed.

The Additional Money Bill received a unanimous vote.

Item 6. (No. 5 on the Order of the Day.)

Second Discussion on Draft of

an Ordinance to amend Title V, Chapter 10, Section 3, of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Providing a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands," passed by the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. John on the 10th March 1921, and approved the 17th March 1921.

(Proposed by the 7th elected member L. Roberts)

The Secretary (Gomez) read the Report.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) enquired about the correctness of the report. Said that though he sympathized with the measure, there was another view to the arrangement of the procedure. It had been understood that the minority would send in a report also. As the said report from the minority is not before the house, he moved that this item be struck off the Order of the Day.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired if the proceedings were lawful. If the argument advanced by the last speaker was correct, or if there was any technicality in the way of the 2nd discussion taking place today, then by all means let it go over to the next meeting. Said he was for the delivery of straight goods.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) enquired if any record was kept of the meetings of the different committees. That would show up that at the two meetings held about the two bills now before the Council about the change in the jury system, a minority report was agreed upon.

The Chairman (Klintz) I think you are mixing up matters.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) Where do you get reports?

The Chairman (Klintz) The Report now before the Council embodies all that took place at the two meetings – the result.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) This committee was a committee of the whole house and nine members attended the first meeting, and every one of them gave their views on the matter. Two members were for working on strong American lines, and did not get a square deal. A vote was taken on one of the Drafts. But these two left before the vote was taken on the other draft.

These Drafts on the jury had no right on the Order of the Day, for a report from the minority had to be filed. All of a sudden another meeting of the whole was called to deal with it again. To railroad it I suppose. I am told this is a report. But where is the ~~report~~ opinion of the minority.* They want us to swallow this stuff. Should it be necessary, I am willing to take the floor for two hours.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that it was strange, he had a copy of the report for days. If a minority report had to be filed, why was it not filed? The minority should have done so. They had ample time. Why omit doing so, and now at

* This is a critical bill. No matter that I am in the minority.

tempt to block the bill with all kind of arguments.——
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that he was guided by his conscience. At the second meeting of the committee of the whole on this matter there was not a quorum, and the matter was not therefore legally discussed. And yet it is placed on the Order of the Day. I know the ropes. I have issued my protest. And if it is necessary, I will go further.——
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that as it was decided to file a minority report, the minority should have done so. Whose fault is it? Theirs. No one but they are to be blamed.——
The 8th elected member (R. Francis). The committee of the whole still exists. It seems to me we have had no chance to file a report. If you want to put it off, it seems to me that would be the correct thing.——
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) left the meeting.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the majority of a body represented that body. You had a committee of the whole house, nine (9) members discussed the draft. On taking the vote it was found that seven (7) favored the first draft that was discussed, and two were against. On taking the second draft up for discussion a strong argument ensued, and two members left the meeting, thus destroying the quorum. I am convinced that the changes proposed are for the good of a large majority of the people of this municipality. But I also know about the circumstances and conditions, and the propaganda that is being used against it. The good of the whole is what I am seeking for. If the chairman feels like it, why let it go on to the next meeting.——
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that a vote of seven men could not bind the council. They could not pass anything. To pass it had to come up here. The whole action was to force the passage. But we want a square deal — an American deal. I have an opinion, and will defend it.——
The Government Secretary (Jane) In order to expedite matters, may I suggest the advisability of letting these two drafts go forward to the next meeting? The Legal Aide of the Government has prepared a paper on the jury system as it obtains in the different States of the Union, and if this paper was

read by the members of this Council it would throw much light on the matter now under consideration.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) I say now as I said then. I am satisfied that the two drafts go over to the next meeting.

It was agreed upon that these two drafts would go over to the next meeting.

Item 8 Introduction of, and

Discussion on a Resolution for reducing the Cost of Appeal to the Circuit Court of Philadelphia.

(Submitted by the 2nd elected member for St. John, Abram E. Smith)

The Secretary (Gomez) read the report.

The 2nd elected member for St John (Smith) made the following speech introducing the Resolution to the favorable consideration of the Council.

Mr Chairman, Hon. Colleagues: The Resolution which I have the honor to present for your consideration, practically explains itself, nevertheless, I would like to inform you in a few words the reason that brought it about.

On more than one occasion, parties who have appealed their cases have been obliged to go around from door to door and from friend to friend begging for money to pay the expenses. This is a very hard case gentlemen; if a person has the right or privilege to make an appeal then the expenses connected with it should not be beyond the reach of nearly everybody in the Community, and I feel it my duty as a Representative of the People to make an effort to do something on behalf of the people.

It may be argued that within a short while, there will be very few appeals, as in accordance with a recent Act of Congress, Appeals from the District Court of the Virgin Islands to the Circuit Court of Philadelphia will only be allowed in civil matters when the amount of property involved exceeds One Thousand Dollars, and in Criminal Cases when the punishment exceeds one (1) year. Even if this be so, there will still be appeals granted sometimes, and the people will be no better off than they are today.

I hope gentlemen, to enlist your sympathy and

cooperation in this cause. I hope that the Honorable Government will see the reason and fairness that is in it, so that we may be able by working together to approach the Circuit Court, and request that the fees be reduced as far as possible, so as not to deprive a citizen of a privilege which the law itself gives him.

The Chairman (Kuntz). The chair rules that this resolution is subject to one (1) discussion.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) I have studied this Resolution, and taking into consideration its importance, I suggest a committee being elected and that it go over to the next meeting.

The 2nd elected member for St. John (Smith) said that he objected that the proposed resolution should go to a committee.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) read some extracts from the Congressional Record, referring to Senate Bill No 2060 passed the 31st January 1925; Section 128,-3rd paragraph. Continuing, he remarked that a Resolution ought to be drawn up today advising the President that a sum of $1.000.- in the Virgin Islands represented millions of dollars on the mainland. And that the amount of $1.000.- for the Virgin Islands as far as this measure is concerned ought to be reduced.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired if the Government had at any time taken up the matter.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) suggested the absence of a quorum.

The Government Secretary (Jane) said that he believed the Judge of the District Court had taken up the matter with the 3rd District Court asking that the rules be modified so that type-written matter should be accepted in place of printed ones.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that there was a technicality involved, for it is Congress that decided matters similar to these. He would however support the Resolution.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) left the meeting.

As there was no quorum present, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

St Thomas, 2nd April 1925

J E Kuntz
Chairman

J. P. Gómez
Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 4th June 1925 at 2:00 p.m.

The following members were present: J.E. Kuntz, Chairman; J. P. Gomez, Secretary; Herbert E. Lockhart, Cyril E. Daniel, Leroy Noble, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Carl A. Andreze, J.B. Hestres Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis and J. H. Boschulte. The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Chairman (Kuntz) called the meeting to order, and welcomed Commander Baker. Continuing, he assured the Commander of a hearty cooperation of the Council, and hoped that the community would benefit by the united action in the right direction.

The Government Secretary (Baker) responded suitably saying that he was here and would always act for the best interest of the island; and that all his actions would be colored by that thought.

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting held the 2nd April 1925 were confirmed after the correction of a typographical error.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) said that before proceeding with the Order of the Day he would like to make a few remarks.

On the chairman granting him the word, he spoke at length about his letter of resignation as member of the Police Commission and expressed himself as not satisfied with the excuse made by the Director of Police. He enquired why the matter of his resignation had not been put on the Order of the Day.

The chairman (Kuntz) replied that he understood that the matter had been closed.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) enquired why the 6th elected member (Hestres) had attended a meeting of the Police Commission after having sent in his resignation?

The 6th elected member (Hestres) explained that as long as his resignation had not been formally dealt with he considered it his duty to attend the meetings. Moreover the Police Commission was not properly

organized, and the Director of Police was off the island on a trip. To abstain from attending any meeting of the Commission would lay himself open to a lack of duty.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that to his mind it was insolent to refer to the community as "niggers". This is a colored community; he, the Director of Police, is a public servant and paid by us. I would like to have these remarks inserted in the minutes.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) said that under no consideration would he allow this matter to remain in abeyance. He insisted that his resignation be accepted.

The Chairman (Huntz) I propose to take up this matter of the 6th elected member when we come to the Supplementary Order of the Day.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that it was a grave omission that the letter from the Governor and the Council's reply had not been entered on the Order of the Day.

The Chairman (Huntz) assured the last speaker that the letters he referred to would be taken up with the Supplementary Order of the Day.

The Chairman (Huntz). Before we proceed, I would like to make a verbal excuse for the 2nd member for St John; he finds it impossible to attend today.

Item 1. Continuation of Examination of Executive Orders No. 17 - 1920 and No 22 - 1921 for final ratification or amendment (with the Committee's Report) in conformity with Section 28, Chapter I, Title I, of the Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) the Speaker of the Committee introduced the List of Court Fees — the subject of these Executive Orders. He explained that the committee had had various meetings, and as will be noted had made radical changes. He recommended its passage in the present form. When possible, it is always in order to have uniformity in the Virgin Islands of the U.S. The List now submitted

is similar to the one passed recently in St Croix. —
The Chairman (Hlontz) said that the Government was desirous that we should have the same list of Court Fees here, as in St Croix. —
The Chairman (Hlontz). If there are no further remarks I will take the vote on this matter. —
The vote was taken. Eleven (11) voted in favour; member Moorehead abstaining. —
The 7th elected member (Roberts) What is an Executive Order? —
The 6th elected member (Hestres). Executive Orders for these Court Fees are so to say in order. Even under the former system — under the Colonial Law, the Governor had the right to issue such Executive Orders. —
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the Colonial Law is our Constitution. And in Section 60 of the said Colonial Law nothing is said about Executive Orders. —
The 6th elected member (Hestres) remarked that the Colonial Law was accepted with the proviso "compatible with the changed sovereignty". I am not however sponsoring the practice or right to issue Executive Orders.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that the phrase "compatible with the changed sovereignty" is very elastic. The thing is to carry it before a court over which the Governor had no control. —
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that Section 60 of the Colonial Law must be considered. Where the Governor acts at an emergency he should submit the matter to the legislature. There has been created a Department of Public Welfare — by Executive Order. This year a Department of Agriculture, Labor and Commerce — all by Executive Order. And these orders have not been submitted to the Colonial Council. —
The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that Section 60 of the Colonial Law dealt exclusively with laws or ordinances concerning financial matters. It is quite in order according to Section 4 that the Governor issue Executive Orders or call them Ordinances; if the circumstances warrant. They shall however always be laid before the Colonial Council. —
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts). Executive Orders seem to mean another thing. If called Provisional Ordinances and brought here afterwards there would

be no reason to raise this question now.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that these Executive Orders are never brought before us and are a violation of Sections 44 and 60. I agree with the 7th elected member. We must see that it is not done in future.

Item 2. Election of a member for the Library Commission, in place of Orville S. Kean.

The letter of resignation was read.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired if Mr Kean's term of service was up.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) I would like to know why he does not care to continue.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) remarked that he would like to hear the reason why.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the Council should not insist on learning the cause of the resignation. Mr. Kean has served faithfully, and I propose that we pass him a vote of thanks.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that that was fair, and moved that the resignation be accepted.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The resignation was accepted.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Kean for his service on the Library Commission.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) seconded.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) supported.

The Chairman (Kuntz) requested the members to mark their appreciation by rising.

The members rose; and Mr Kean bowed his thanks.

The voting for a member of the Library Commission then took place.

Mr P. Souffront received nine (9) votes, member J B. Hestres, one (1), Mr Alphonse Blaine, one (1), and Mr Leayle Levi, one (1).

The Chairman declared Mr P. Souffront duly elected.

The Chairman (Kuntz) then proposed to take a vote whether we would deal with the Supplementary Order of the Day. This he said was necessary as the said Order of the Day had not been issued within the time required by the Rules of Business. The vote would have to be a two thirds majority vote.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) spoke about the committee elected to examine the Police Commission's doings. Commander Zane did not accept election and has gone away. Judge Thiele also did not accept. Now this matter has to be dealt with, and should have been put on the Order of the Day, and perhaps we might be able to go ahead with it today.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he would not like to depart from the Rules of Business. Section 5 of these Rules provides that the members should know about the items to be discussed five days before the meeting. We should stick to this. And the reason is only to safeguard the Council in future.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that that was all right; but he had in mind Section 45 of the Colonial Law. And I think we have vital matters before us which should be discussed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) replied that in reference to the last speaker's remarks he would say that if the 5 (five) days mentioned in the Rules of Business had been made use of, then Section 45 of the Colonial Law could be quoted for bringing the different matters before the Council. He said he would not vote for the Supplementary Order except as regards the letter to the Governor.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that with reference to item 3, it had no right to be on the Supplementary Order. It should have been on the first order. This then means an extraordinary meeting.

The vote was taken as to the consideration of the Supplementary Order of the Day and the result was seven (7) against, and four (4) in favor.

A discussion then took place about the chairman having taken one vote on the Supplementary Order, instead of separating the different items for different votes. Members Moorehead, Roberts, R. Francis, Boschulte and Hestres took part.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the Council's letter of the 28th April 1925, No 140, which was a reply to the Governor's letter of the 3rd April, 1925, be put up for the Council's official ratification.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) seconded.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) remarked that if official ratification of the letter in question was consider-

ed of such paramount importance as to put aside items 5 and 6 on the Supplementary Order of the Day, it was no less than playing politics. What about the New Organic Act. The time provided —90 days— will soon be up and unless we get an extension of time, what then?

The 6th elected member (Hestres) left the meeting.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that he took no part in framing the letter to the Governor.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). The 3rd appointed member did not; but I have assisted, and the Council has.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) Did I understand the 3rd appointed member that he .....

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). To abstain from voting does not imply lack of respect for the opinion of those who voted.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) It is well. At some other meeting I would like to tax your memory.

The ratification of letter No 140, dated the 28th April, 1925 to His Excellency the Governor, in reply to his letter of the 3rd April, 1925, was put to the vote.

Eight (8) voted for ratification.

Nothing further offering, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 4th June 1925

J. E. Hunt
Chairman

J. P. Gomez
Secretary

An Extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. John, convened by Order of the Governor in accordance with Section 36 of the Colonial Law of 1906, was held Monday, the 29th June 1925, at 2:00 p.m.

All the members were present, viz: J. E. Hunt, Chairman; Leroy Nolle, Vice-Chairman; J. P. Gomez and Carl A. Anduze, Secretaries; H. E. Lockhart, C. E. Daniel, G. A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, L. E. Stakemann, J. B. Hestres, Lionel Roberts, Roths-

child Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Carl E. Francis and Abram E. Smith.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Chairman (Huntz) declared the meeting open.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the Municipal Committee had proposed, and the members of the Council had agreed upon it, that a small remuneration be given the Council's messenger for his services attending to meetings at evenings — sometimes until a late hour — during the current fiscal year. He had since heard that the Government had questioned the payment. He would like to know if this was so.

The Government Secretary (Baker) replied that the 2nd elected member was mistaken. The matter was not absolutely refused. The fact is payment has been decided on.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) enquired if the matter had been closed.

The Chairman (Huntz) Yes.

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl Francis) spoke at length about the general situation in St John. The roads he said were in the worst condition ever known. Formerly in the other regime the reparation of the roads was under the charge of the Quarter Officers, today the Government representative in St John attends to them. The road from Dennis Bay to the centre line is so bad that it cannot be used. The road to N. C. bay which could be put in order for perhaps a matter of ten dollars is also in very bad condition. The money is actually thrown away. The money he remarked is badly spent. It is a disgrace.

Continuing, he said he had some remarks to make about the medical doctor of St John. He had been born and lived all his life in St John, and knew what he was speaking about. To pay a man like the present doctor $150. a month was like throwing money into the sea. He asserted that as a member of the Council and representative of the people of St John he had spoken about the inefficiency of this doctor over and over to the proper persons but as no heed had been taken to his remarks, he felt assured he was a figure head. When people fall sick in St John, they either go to Tortola or come to St Thomas. With the exception of one or two persons, no resident of St John has any

confidence in the doctor and with good reason.

As another illustration of how he is treated he reminded the Council that when the talk was up of building a home for the doctor in Cruz Bay, and he showed how ill-suited Cruz Bay would be for the living quarters of a doctor, giving all the reasons why Coral Bay quarter was the more desirable, the project of building the house was suddenly abandoned, although he had been given to understand by the Public Works Officer at the time that everything was in readiness to begin the building within a week. The Government, mind you, did not say to me: mind your own business, but the house was not put up. That was the answer. I do not think $150. too high a salary to pay a doctor in St John; but the one there now is no good, and worth a much smaller salary. He should be gotten rid of.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if the speaker could not condense his remarks.

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl Francis) assured the Council that his remarks might last until 12 o'clock.

Continuing, he had now come to the Police Department. He said he had heard that the Government had boasted that there was no more use of a prison in St John. That is due to the former governments manner of doing things. There were always two policemen. But we had quarter officers and constables. The Government took care to put quarter officers who could be respected. And there were constables. St John was as a result, a happy home. Well, the present government came and revoked the quarter officers and constables by the recommendation of the Government representative of St John. The said representative acts like an old time czar. When he sends information it is useless to contradict it. Now I want you to know gentlemen that I am going to prepare a bill and present it in this house that the island of St John may have at least 5 constables.

Another matter I have to speak about. I saw some things were going on wrong in St John and I wrote the Government and asked for an investigation; there was nothing personal. I learned that the Government had written about it to the Government representative and I was glad. But here comes another thing. I found I was before a bar. I was told that I had made charges and had not asked for an investigation.

That the charges made were unfounded, in other words that I was a liar. I was taken advantage of. I thought I was treating with a Government. I want you gentlemen to remember: today is for me, tomorrow for you.——
The Chairman (Kuntz) I propose to make Item 2, Item 1 on the Order of the Day.——

Item 1. Election of a member for the Advisory Committee, Assistance of the Poor, St John, in place of Rev. Penn who has left the municipality.

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl Francis) remarked that when he spoke anything about St John, it was because he knew the place. He recommended that the member for the Poor Advisory Committee should be a school teacher. He assured the members that he was always working for the people. The minister might also be good. Mr Stakemann would also be good, but he was most of the time in St. Thomas.——

The voting took place, result as follows: Member Stakemann received 11 votes, Mr Joshua 3 votes, Reverend Williams, 1 vote.——
The Chairman (Kuntz) declared Member Stakemann elected.
The 1st elected member for St John (Carl Francis) remarked that he wanted the members to have a little more confidence in the member for St John.——
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that Member Stakemann may not be always in St John, but is most of the time there. Mr Joshua, the teacher, is however only a bird of passage and might fly away any time.

Item 2 Introduction of and first Discussion of Budget Estimates for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926.

Introduced by Government.

The Government Secretary (Baker) in introducing the Budget remarked that two meetings had been held by the Municipal Committee, one of which

had been attended by the heads of the different departments, and the whole matter had been gone through. These meetings had lasted 3¼ and 3½ hours each. Later a meeting of the whole house had been held attended by 12 members, and lasting 4½ hours, at which the whole matter had been again threshed out. There is therefore nothing new to be said now.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) enquired how long had the Budget been in possession of the members of the Council.

The Chairman (Kuntz) replied since Thursday night.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that some members did not receive a copy until this morning. All the members should have had sufficient time to study it.

The Chairman (Kuntz). You have the Budget before you now. Any further elucidation that may be required will be given by the Government Secretary.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that he would like to hear what the chairman of the Municipal Committee had to say about it.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the budget as now presented was worked out in connection with the Municipal Committee. Different meetings had been held as the Government Secretary has already mentioned. With the exception of two items the suggestions made by the Municipal Committee have been accepted. As all the members are aware these items may be looked at, at different angles. It has been said that the recommendation about the Assistant Chief of the Fire Department tasted of local politics. It might be well therefore to say something about this office. The office of Assistant chief of Fire Department has been lately established. One of the members of the Colonial Council at the passage of the budget informed us that the Police Sergeant had given excellent work in the Fire Brigade, and argued that a small raise of salary, say $15.00 be allowed him. Shortly after that we heard that it had been found out that the Police Sergeant could not very well attend to two jobs. The Apistant Chief of the Fire Brigade was established as a separate office, and the work given to another man. Last year, although there was a cut, that particular salary was raised. That is how the matter stands. We are now faced with another reduction, why not give up an office which was recently created?

As regards the School Department, the Municipal Committee decided to take away $2.000.- from "Maintenance" and place it to "Salaries". The Administration differed and I respect their viewpoint. I am aware that one standpoint can be defended as well as the other.

As regards streets and roads in Jr'thomas, there were also some questions, but we understand the Government was working to be able to use unused balances. We hope they will be successful.

We finally recommend that it be explicitly stated where the deficit is to come from.

The committee was not unanimous in the question of the Assistant Brand Major. Members Carl Francis and G. A. Moorehead reserved the right to make some remarks about the matter.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that the present Assistant Brandmajor knew when the post was created that he would fill it.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that as a member of the Municipal Committee he did not vote for the elimination of the office of Assistant Brandmajor. I think the office ought to remain. I do not care who is the incumbent. In the former regime we had a Brandmajor, and lieutenants. The Director of Police, who is now Chief of the Fire Department, has an assistant. I think such an office is a necessity. It would of course be better to place the Fire Department separate. If the present Assistant is inefficient, discharge him; but let us retain the office. And better still, make a separate department. I am not defending the present incumbent, he is above the small salary he receives.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that it was useless to complain against anything to the former Government Secretary. We want more patrolmen. This man goes about town saying what a pull he has with the Administration. These $25.- monthly are wasted. None of us get any salary for the work we do. And we have to insist that that office go.

The 1st Appointed member (Lockhart) remarked that the recommendations from the Municipal Committee with regards to the Budget now before us had been accepted, save one. The Municipal Committee recommended that the office of Assistant Chief of Fire Department

be eliminated. We are trying to practice economy, and thus be saving $300 per year for the community, and this amount could have been added to schools. In our letter to the Government we recommended that the Maintenance of the Department of Education be reduced by Fcs. 10.000.- or $2.000.- We understand that in the Budget 1924/1925 there are $4.000.- unexpended under salaries. With these two amounts it is hoped that the necessity to cut out 20 teachers will be much reduced.

The 6th elected member (Hestres) remarked that sometime in the early part of May the different departments were told there was to be a 13% cut, but besides there would be a very large deficit. Unless we were told openly and unequivocally how this deficit is to be covered, I do not see how it is fair to ask a group of men with an atom of brain power to pass this budget. Unless this be done, let us proceed to draft a Budget for the Municipality, and let the Government deal solely with the M.S. appropriations.

The 7th elected member (Roberts) remarked that he would like the Municipal Committee to inform him whether they had been further informed why a 13% cut is recommended in this municipality?

2) Has the Municipal Committee been furnished an account of a liquidated budget for the year 1924—1925, as asked for by the Colonial Council in a letter dated the 27th April, 1925, addressed to the Governor, and will it please explain our financial situation as reported by the Governor?

3) Has the Budget for the year 1924—1925 carrying an amount of Francs 1.263.078.— been liquidated in such a manner to show a deficit, through having spent more money than that budgetted?

4) Do all monies placed on the Budget accrue to the Colonial Treasury? If not, why is it placed on the Budget and for what purpose does the Colonial Council pass on it each year?

5) If schools are to be promoted and saved in these Virgin Islands they must be endeavored to be placed under the Department Bureau of Education, at Washington, D.C., by a

Resolution through the Colonial Council to the Congress of the United States. ———

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the letter to the Governor of the 27th April, 1925, is a letter written by the Council; and I do not see why the Municipal Committee should be asked these questions. In that letter is embodied the M. C's recommendations, and requests for information. Whether we will get them or no, I do not know.

As regards the present budget, it should not be passed until full guarantee be given that the amount of the deficit be paid into the municipality. It is to be hoped that the revenues will be rather more than less than the amount estimated. ———

Should the revenues fall short of expectations, the expenses should be cut down proportionately during the last half year. It is to be hoped that the Administration will place the estimated revenue lower than expected. ———

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that now was the time to advance all that we had to say. I think we should have two budgets; a municipal and a federal budget. The Colonial Law is continually being broken. The former secretary should have been here. The question is are we going to pass a budget like this or not? ——

The 6th elected member (Hestres) remarked that the idea or suggestion of a municipal budget meant the authorization of expenses according to revenue. If the Americanization of the islands required the spending of sums over our ability to raise by taxation, federal appropriations should stand that. Had we a municipal budget — expenses being divided — we would have been today in possession of a Reserve Fund. Figures were quoted proving the statement. ———

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that there is very much in the argument advanced by the 6th elected member. It would be preferable to divide the budget that way, so as to be able to have a Reserve Fund for emergencies. Will the Government Secretary please say what is the amount expected from the Harbor Board? I would consider that while some money has been saved by not using moneys that we could have used, that the repairs of the roads will cost now much more than if they had been repaired at the time, and the money not returned but expended in their repair. It was a poor economy. ——

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that none of

the money referred to, had been returned to the U.S. What better use could have been made of it than the use to which it has been put. For 250 years you have been wanting a Water Supply, and now you have the need being attended to.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that we did however run the risk of having the money returned. Under Denmark there were activities to make everybody happy; and we had a say in public affairs. We are now in a very precarious position, we have no say in many things that are being done. St Thomas is not better off now per capita than in the Danish time. The budget was presented then 3 months before the time. It is time to separate the budgets; if the Federal Aid is 60% in V.I. Co., then let the Government allocate it. To think that a surplus existed and of the inadequate assistance to the hurricane sufferers. If it comes to the push let us pass a budget for one or two months, and refer the matter to Washington.

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that the last speaker was under a slight mistake. Let us put it this way: The U.S. Appropriation $6, local revenues $4. = $10.- You cannot say that you have nothing to say, you are passing on the $10.-.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that perhaps it was this way: half and half - $ 5. each way. But suppose we raised $7. instead of $ 5, then we would only be given $ 3.-. But the $ 5.- should be given us, for it could be used. In case we raised more local revenue than estimated we should keep it.

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that he had tried to make himself clear on several occasions. The deficit the actual deficit will, he hoped, be covered by the Federal appropriations.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed. He spoke about the revenues that we could raise, and argued that if the U.S. wanted to see us improve along American lines they had to help us.

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that if these islands were like Porto Rico there would be no contribution. If the U.S. knew that St Thomas and St John could support themselves, nothing would be given. But they know that the islands cannot do

this, and so they say, we will apportion every year a certain amount, but there is always this understanding, that if the money is not wanted for official purposes, the balance of the money un-used should be returned whence it came. So far it has been able to remain here, and put to use. We draw up a budget, and every month 1/12th of the appropriation comes down. Legally they expect us to return what has not been legally used.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) enquired if the Municipality was expected to get only $3.000.- from the Harbor Board.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that as a member of the Harbor Board he would like to explain. The former law provided that the Board should contribute Fs 50.000.—, whatever was its net earnings. Later the law was changed and the Board had to give half of its net earnings to the Municipality. Now it happened that years passed and the Harbor Board had contributed nothing. So, in this last year it took half of its earnings and gave it to the Municipality, and from then on a new system has been started. This year it gave Fs 30.000.—. The Harbor Board is really contributing its full share to the Municipality. This is guaranteed; but we would like to know about the Federal Grant.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that in the Budget Estimates the total deficit was put down at Fcs. 563.071.50. The Harbor Board was expected to give Fs 15.000.— _ Difference Fcs 548.071.50. From the US appropriation was expected Fs 500.000.00

There was then a shortage of Fs 48.071.50

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that that was the deficit, and that the members would have no reason to worry over that amount.

The 7th elected member (Roberts) enquired if it were to be understood that the deficit was guaranteed, less the Fs 50.000.—.

The Government Secretary (Baker) replied that the Government will appropriate as much as is required for the deficit.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that if that be so stated on the Budget there will be no trouble. The answer is quite satisfactory.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that

much has already been said on the matter of the deficit without getting anywhere. A year ago when the current budget 1924-1925 was being discussed, similar arguments were advanced to the same effect. An attempt is being made to have the Government bind itself to promisks which it cannot make. The Government Secretary has explained that every dollar of the Federal appropriation has to be accounted for, and the grant subject to certain fixed rules; he has intimated that the deficit will be covered; that any unexpended balance will be utilized for needful purpose, and that there is no need to worry about it. I cannot therefore see the need of continually repealing to day the same questions asked when the last estimates were submitted. The more revenue raised the less of the appropriation will be needed to cover actual deficit; that's how I understand the matter, and which the Government Secretary like his predecessor, has made clear. ———

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he thought he understood the 3rd appointed member. He has replied. Under these conditions I do not think I can vote the Budget. The more we raise, the less we will get. But I think that the Governor and the Government Secretary are able to take care of themselves. In this way the people will never have any Reserve Fund. The Naval appropriation is only here to meet deficits. The interest for St Thomas must only concern St Thomas. There is not a man who has lived here who cannot say that the situation is acute. Better let the appropriation go from us now. ———

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that it had become impossible to advance an opinion not shared by certain members of the Council. Even as others had a right to express their opinion, so had he. He was very sure that other members shared his views also, though not expressed. The Government needs no spokesman being well able to take care of itself, so I don't have to speak for it. My opinion on any matter is given at any time regardless of what may be said of it, for I never play to the gallery. ———

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that he had moved that the 1st Discussion be closed. Personally he would like to have much more information. What about the deficit in the Department of Education?

If we could only find our way out.

The 4th elected member (L. Roberts) suggested a recess.

A recess was declared by the Chair.

The meeting was resumed.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

A vote was taken and resulted unanimous.

The Chairman (Kuntz). We will now take the Budget, item by item.

Revenues.

1	Direct Taxes	Fs. 328.000.—	A unanimous vote.
2	Indirect Taxes	Fs. 89.800.—	A unanimous vote.
3	Sundry Revenues	Fs. 116.500.—	A unanimous vote
	Total	Fs. 534.300.—	

Expenditures.

Colonial Council

Salaries	Fs. 9.900.—	Passed unanimously
Maintenance	3.825.00	
Total	Fs. 13.725.00	

Judiciary Department

Salaries	Fs. 45.300.00	Passed.
Maintenance	1.569.00	
	Fs. 46.869.00	

Member R. Francis not voting.

Police and Prison Department

Salaries	Fs. 79.740.00	Passed

Member R. Francis did not vote being against the raise of salary of the chief clerk

Maintenance	13.124.00	Passed by 11 votes,

Member Smith, not voting; Members Nestres and R. Francis against the salary of the Director of Police; Moorhead against the arrangement of the chauffeur.

Fs. 92864.00

Fire Department

Salaries ——— Fcs 9.240.00 Passed.

The matter of the salary for post of Assistant Chief of the Fire Department was again taken up. Member L. Roberts declaring that if the Government kept the present incumbent in office, there was something ulterior as a reason. Nine (9) voted in favor, viz: Kunty, Gomez, Daniel, Nolle, Moorehead, Stakemann, Boschulte, Smith, and Carl Francis. Six (6) voted against, viz: Lockhart, Holst, Anduze, Hetres, L. Roberts and R. Francis. ———

Maintenance ——— 748.00 Passed unanimously

Fcs 9.988.00

Department of Health

Office Salaries ——— Fcs 2.100.00 a unanimous vote.

Maintenance ——— 582.00 a unanimous vote

Fcs 2.682.00

Medical Service; Salaries Fcs 117.500.—

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl R. Francis) said that he would refuse to vote the salary for the doctor for St John. —

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that a pupil nurse would be of more service, and that would be better than giving $150.— monthly to a man who was of no use. ———

The 2nd elected member for St John (Smith) enquired whether the vote was for the salary for a doctor for St John, or for the retention of the office. ———

The Chairman (Kunty) For the salary for a doctor in St John.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) expressed himself as certain that the Government would take some action in the matter. ———

The Government Secretary (Baker) said that some investigation at

Forward Fcs 117.500. 2.682.—

Forward $ 117.500.— $ 2.682.00

least would be made.

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl Francis) remarked that he did not wish the same kind of investigation as had lately been held in St John.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) felt assured results would be had.

The Government Secretary (Baker) said he would like to assure the Council that the matter would be attended to. He intended spending 3 or 4 days in St John, and that this is one of the things that will first be attended to.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said he would like to accompany him.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that it had come to his knowledge that the salaries as budgetted are never always paid out. The truck drivers for instance. These things are unfair.

The Government Secretary (Baker) quoted the following under General Provisions this Budget: "Salaries herein authorized cannot be exceeded; lesser amounts may be paid in the discretion of the Head of Department concerned, except when a specific salary is fixed by law."

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that it was not correct to leave all these things to the heads of Departments. I think some of these heads of Departments have got too much of a free hand.

The 2nd elected member for St John (Smith) remarked that there were 3 men receiving a smaller sum than they

Forward $ 117.500.— $ 2.682.—

Forward Fl17.550.— Fs 2.682.—

are budgetted for. _____

Dept of Stealth Medical Services Salaries. Fl17.500.— was passed. The following members L. Roberts, Stakemann, R. Francis, and A. Smith voting against the salary for the doctor in St John, but favourably to other items.

Equipment _____ 3.440.— Passed.
Maintenance _____ 116.614.— 237.604 Passed.

Sanitation Service:

Salaries _____ Fes 43.480.— Passed

Two members, Moorehead and R. Francis voting against the increase of salary of the Chief Clerk in the Sanitation Service.

Equipment _____ 2.000.— Passed
Maintenance _____ 21.599.— Passed
Fs 67.079.00—

Electoral Board:

Maintenance Fs 696.—

Passed

Department of Public Welfare:

Salaries _____ Fs 3.600.— Passed
Maintenance ____ 37.201.50

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) enquired what about the library? Will it be kept open in the evenings? The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) Was not this Department of Public Welfare created by Executive Order? The 1st elected member (Moorehead) Yes. _____

The 2nd elected member (Holst) explained that it had been decided to defray the expenses of light and thus keep it open in the evenings by private contributions. The 3rd appointed member (Wolfe) enquired why it had become necessary that private individuals should contribute towards the expense of lighting. But was glad to see that since it was so, it had been done and arrangement made to keep the library open at evenings. Particularly pleased was he also to see that provision had been made to keep the Saturday Poor Fund on the Budget. _____

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that it was not only a question of defraying the expenses of the lighting but also of the Assistant Librarian. _____

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said he would also like to contribute.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said he liked to hear that.

Dept of Public Welfare, Maintenance Fs 37.201.50

was then passed.

Department of Education.

Estimated as follows:

Teachers' Salaries	✓ Fs	167.068.00
Clerks' Salaries	✓	15.000.00
Messengers and Janitors	✓	9.600.00
Total	Fs ✓	191.668.00
Equipment	✓	3.080.80
Maintenance	✓	54.015.00
Total	Fs ✓	248.763.00

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that last year Maintenance had a cut to a point that it could go no further. And that the sum now budgetted would be required. The greater part of the books now used were insanitary, and had to be replaced. And it must also be borne in mind that this Maintenance had to take care of the Reformatory School in St John. It may perhaps be preferred that the teachers have a small cut in their salary.

The 5th elected member (Anduze) enquired if we are getting for the amount of money spent on Education, commensurate results? I say no, for the school system is totally disorganized. Two years ago Director of Education Nase had the Department in an up to date condition. Since then it has received so many cuts that it is impossible to consider it organized as planned to run.

He therefore suggested that the Honorable Government investigate and assist the present Director to bring the system to its former standard. Of course at that time no car was necessary and many other improvements that we now have.

I appeal to the Hon. Government to try their utmost to place the Educational Department on its former standard.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that we were told that there was a $4.000.— surplus. The department found that it could function with that amount less as regards salaries in the current year. Let to this $4.000.— be added $2000.— from Maintenance and you might then not be forced to do away

with the services of so many teachers. Of course the teachers of the primary schools have to be retained. Some of them are getting only $20.00 per month; and they are told they never earned so much before. I am told an idea is prevalent of having half-day school. This would not be satisfactory. We had a better system under the ~~present~~ former regime.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he fully agreed with the last speaker. The Department is not well organized. There is a lack of system, when you pay a messenger a larger salary than you pay a teacher. The system should be otherwise organized. Some teachers are getting just enough to exist.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) Yes. Some teachers getting $20.— monthly, and the Apsistant Brandmajor getting $25.— monthly for nothing. I move that Fcs. 10.000.— be taken from Maintenance of this Department and placed to Salaries of the same department.

The Chairman (Kuntz) put this motion to the vote and it was carried unanimously.

Teachers' Salaries would then be ~~Fs~~ Fcs 177.068.00 and
Maintenance ~~Fs~~ Fcs 44.015.00;
the total of the Department remaining unchanged.

Public Works Department.

Salaries:	Fcs 53.400.00
Equipment:	3.480.00
Maintenance:	216.875.00
Total	Fcs. 273.755.00 Passed.

St Thomas Municipal Telephone System.

Salaries:	Fcs 27.390.00
Maintenance	13.050.00
Total	Fcs 40.440.00 Passed.

Miscellaneous.

General Printing Expenses Fs 3.915.00 Passed

Pensions and Allowances. Fcs 8.190.00 Passed.

General Contingent

For expenditure in the discretion of the Governor Fs 10.000.00 Passed.

Total Expenditure	Fs 1.097.371.50 Passed.
Total Deficit	Fcs 563.071.50 Passed.

It was unanimously decided to insert in the Budget, the Council's understanding how this deficit would be met.

Estimated to be covered as follows:-

St Thomas Harbor Board Appropriation	Fcs 15.000.00
Federal Appropriation	500.000.00
From other sources, or failing which, the Budget will have to be reduced in the course of the year, approximately	48.071.50
	Fcs 563.071.50

The Order of the Day having been exhausted, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

St Thomas, 29th June 1925

Chairman

Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the

6th August 1925, at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present:- J. E. Kuntz, Chairman; L. Nolle, Vice-Chairman; J. P. Gomez, Secretary; C. A. Andure, George A. Moorehead, Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte and Carl E. Francis. The Governor was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and made verbal excuses for the absence of members Lockhart, Holst and Smith.

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl Francis) made an excuse for member Stakemann.

The Chairman (Kuntz). We have the minutes of two meetings to confirm. I will now put the minutes of the meeting of the 4th June 1925, for confirmation. Has any member any remark to make?

There was no remark, and the chairman declared them confirmed.

The Chairman (Kuntz). I will now put the minutes of the meeting of the 29th June 1925 for confirma-

tion. Has anyone any remarks to make?

The 8th elected member (R. Francis). The Proceedings of these meetings should be published. The public should know what is going on.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that a good many things that he had said had been omitted. For instance, he had questioned the placing below the Drafts of Ordinance proposed by the Administration, "Proposed by the Government" instead of "Proposed by the Governor". And no note had been made of this. So much so that he has seen the same thing on those Drafts of Ordinance before the Council to day. The Government is composed of three branches, and these drafts emanate from one only — the Governor — the executive; therefore it should be so stated. He requested the Chairman to be kind enough to request the Governor not to send the council any more bills "Proposed by the Government".

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that on page 64 a correction had to be made as he is the 8th not the 7th elected member. He would also like to say that he is opposed to the formula "Proposed by the Government."

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that on page 65, under the heading Department of Health a unanimous vote is entered for the salaries. But this was not the case as he and the 8th elected member had not voted for the increase of the salary of the Chief Clerk in the Sanitation Service. He requested that the corresponding change be made.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) supported.

The 7th elected member (Lionel Roberts) remarked that he had tried to refrain speaking about these minutes, but he was compelled to say, and would like to have it recorded, that the minutes of the 29th June, 1925 are lacking in many particulars and do not contain the most essential parts ~~of that meeting~~ as discussed at the said meeting. As an instance he cited the remarks made by the Honourable 6th elected member who pointed out in detail how our own money

reverted to Federal Appropriation, and was again returned as Federal Appropriation for building of Water Supply. This and other specific statements do not appear in the minutes under date of June 29th, 1925. The 7th elected member (Lionel Roberts) continuing, enquired if there were any reason why the proceedings of the Council should not be given the publicity as formerly, and which at present obtains in St Croix. He said he thought he was asking a sane question. It is right that the people should be taught democracy. The proceedings should be published, and you Mr Chairman ought to see that it is done.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said he rose to support the last speaker. Section 24 of the Rules of Business says very distinctly "shall be published in print". It is done in St Croix, and we also should have it done here.

The Chairman (Huntz) assured the last speakers that he would look into the matter. Now that we have papers that can rush a thing through, it will be easy to have it done.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) requested that the chairman attend to the matter at an early date.

The Government Secretary (Baker) said that the administration would very much like to have the proceedings published. The Government does not interfere nor stand in the way.

The Order of the Day was then proceeded with.

Item I. Election of a Jury Commissioner in place of Mr C. Corneiro whose term of service expired the 1st July 1925.

The voting was as follows: Andrews 2, Moorehead 2, R. Francis 1, Corneiro 4.

The Chairman (Huntz) declared Mr Corneiro elected. The 7th (Lionel Roberts) and 8th (Rothschild Francis) elected members questioned this decision.

A recess was declared. The meeting was resumed. The Chairman (Huntz) said his decision was wrong,

and that as no one had been elected, he would take another vote.

The 7th elected member (Lionel Roberts) remarked that according to the Rules of Business, a person not a member of the Council requires an absolute majority.

The second voting resulted as follows:-

Moorehead 1, Andaze 1, Corneiro 3, and Rothschild Francis 4.

The Chairman (Huntz) decided that as no result had been reached, he would, according to the Rules of Business, confine the selection to those two who had up to the present received the highest number of votes, namely, Corneiro and Rothschild Francis.

The third voting resulted as follows:

Corneiro 3 and Rothschild Francis 4.

The Chairman (Huntz) declared member Rothschild Francis duly elected a member of the Police Commission, in place of Mr. C. Corneiro whose term of service had expired.

Item 2. Election of a member for the Police Commission, in place of member J. B. Hestres who resigned this position.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that as far as he knew the resignation had not as yet been accepted, and said that he thought that before attempting to vote in a successor, the resignation of member Hestres should be accepted.

The 7th elected member (Lionel Roberts) thought that Item 2 could be put off. That member Hestres was at present absent - he could remain 4 months before his seat could be made vacant. On his return it would be time enough to deal with it.

And how can we deal with it today? The resignation would have to be placed on the Order of the Day, and then it would come up for discussion.

The Chairman (Huntz) I think this item 2 is not correctly worded. The resignation should have been mentioned.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) remarked that member Hestres did openly say that he did not wish to serve any longer. He is earnest about his resignation.

On the Chairman putting it to the vote that the acceptance of the resignation of member Alestres as member of the Police Commission be accepted today, the house gave a unanimous vote.

The election of a successor was proceeded with. The voting was as follows:

Moorehead 5, Huntz 3, and Roberts 1.

The Chairman (Huntz) declared member Moorehead duly elected a member of the Police Commission in place of member Alestres, resigned.

Item 3. Introduction of, and first Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance providing for the assessment, levy and collection of Taxes upon Real and Personal Property, passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, January 12th 1922, and approved February 8th, 1922.

(Introduced by the 5th elected member C. A. Anduze)

The 5th elected member (Anduze) introduced the draft and said that since the law had come into effect the work of the assessor had increased considerably, and he was not receiving the pay he deserved.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that the assessor is well deserving a salary of $ 2.000.— per year. The salary is not too much. But he hoped this increase will not result in his increasing the valuation of properties. This has happened recently to us. We have raised the salary of an employee, and the poor people is now threatened with higher sanitary expenses.

The 7th elected member (Roberts) enquired if the Tax Assessor's salary appears on our budget. He said he appreciated the remarks of the 5th elected member. The Tax Assessor certainly did deserve more salary than he at present receives.

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that the Government was in favor of this Draft of Ordinance. All the appropriations for salaries and other expenses had already been made. If the amendment now before the Council pass, and be made law, it

will be placed on the next budget.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said he was willing to support the Draft. But have we any responsibility about the money? Suppose tomorrow the Director of Education for instance would come with a similar request, what then? The assessor's name does not appear on our budget.

The 1st elected member (V. Moorehead) remarked that he is paid from the Central Administration, and therefore neither his name nor office appears on our budget. The only safe step is to bring the change, as we are doing in the ordinance. But this ought not to be put on the budget next year, let it be continued under Central Administration).

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The Chairman (Kuntz) said that with the sanction of Government the 2nd discussion could be opened today.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) moved that the sanction be obtained.

The Government Secretary (Baker) agreed.

The vote was unanimous.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) seconded.

With the Governments and Council's consent the 3rd discussion was opened.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the Draft of Ordinance passed.

It was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Item 4. Discussion on a Resolution for reducing the cost of Appeal to the Circuit of Philadelphia. (Proposed by member Smith).

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) enquired as the proponent member Smith was ill, if the discussion of the measure could not be postponed.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that if it had to be dealt with today, he had a good

many alterations to propose.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that we have certain obligations to our colleagues. He thought that the Resolution should be laid on the table for the next meeting when the proponent would be there.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the Resolution be kept open until further.

The proposal was put to the house, and passed.

Item 5. Discussion of Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the first half year 1924.

The Secretary (Gomez) read the Report.

The Chairman (Kuntz) enquired if there were any remarks.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) moved its adoption.

The Draft was put to the vote and passed unanimously.

Item 6. Introduction of, and first Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend certain items in List of Fees ratified by the Colonial Council June 4 1925 and Approved by the Governor June 8, 1925.

(Proposed by the Government).

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that there were three or four changes to be made other than those set forth in the draft. It had been shown to the Government that when an estate was of some magnitude or importance, the appraisal of which required experience in real and personal property — the time consumed in the appraisal not being a factor — it would be difficult to obtain those capable to work at $2- per day.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the Draft be sent to a committee. The fee for serving summons is high also. To have to pay 80 cents to collect 40 cents!

The Chairman (Kuntz) put the proposal of the 7th elected member (R. Francis) that this draft be sent to a committee of the whole house to the vote, and it was passed unanimously.

Item 7. Introduction of, and

~~and~~ first Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent and punish desecration of the flag of the United States."

(Proposed by the Government)

The Government Secretary (Baker) said that in introducing this measure there was not much to say, as the draft explains everything. Similar laws are in effect in Porto Rico and elsewhere.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that it is always customary, unless the matter was urgent, to send it to a committee, and he would suggest that this and the other drafts go to a committee of the whole. In this way the bills would be reported earliest possible.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he had objections against items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 .... all proposed by the Government .... should be by the Governor. He expressed himself as agreeable that they should go to a committee of the whole.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Item 8. Introduction of, and first Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to extend the Admiralty Laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands.

(Proposed by Government).

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that in view of the attitude of the gentlemen of the Council, it is but necessary to present these bills.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that he would like to obtain some information about these laws referred to, when we go in session.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) proposed that the draft be sent to a committee of the whole.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

Item 9. Introduction of, and first Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance defining and providing a penalty for conspiracy.

(Proposed by Government).

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that this Draft was introduced in a similar way, without comment. The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) proposed that it be sent to a committee of the whole house. ———

The proposal was voted unanimously. ———

Item 10. Introduction of, and first Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to determine judicial proceedings in cases of lunacy, and to provide for the admission of patients in the Insane Asylum."

(Proposed by Government).

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that the Draft was introduced in a way similar to the others. The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he hoped when the Council devoted its time to a draft, and gave its report, it won't be the last that is ever heard of it. ———

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that he thought he knew what the last speaker referred to — a very voluminous bill once sent the Council. Our time is however hardly wasted. What we can depend on is a hearty cooperation of the Government. Concluding, he proposed that this draft go to a committee of the whole house. ———

The proposal was voted unanimously. ———

Item 11. Introduction of, and first Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 89, Title III, of the Code, entitled "Of forcible entrance and detainer" by adding thereto two sections, to be numbered 10 a and 10 b.

(Proposed by the Government).

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked in introducing the draft, that the Council can be assured that full information on all points will be supplied from his office. When causes arise, it is always well to have the necessary legislation to cope with them. ———

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) proposed that the

draft go to a committee of the whole.
The proposal was voted unanimously.

Item 12. Introduction of, and first

Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 33, Title II, of the Code, entitled "Assignments" by adding to the title thereof, and four additional sections thereto.
(Proposed by the Government).

The Government Secretary (Baker) introduced the measure. The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) proposed that it be sent to a committee of the whole house.
The proposal was voted unanimously.

Item 13. Introduction of, and first

Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance providing for the installation of night soil receptacles, care thereof, and charges for same, together with penalty for failure to comply with regulations therein contained.
(Proposed by the Government).

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) remarked that the poor people can hardly afford to pay .30¢; how can they pay .50¢?

The Government Secretary (Baker). We can give you all the figures and suggest that you take this matter up in the same way as the others.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that this was a case that all the facts and figures would be required when it goes to a committee of the whole.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that it seems the 1st elected member would like to throw out this Draft of Ordinance.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that that could not be done. Every measure brought in must be dealt with. I do not think the 1st elected member is more in favor of it than I am, but we cannot do it.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that of course we could not do it.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) proposed that the draft be sent to a Committee of the whole house.
The proposal was voted unanimously.

The Order of the Day being exhausted, the chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas 6th August 1925

J. E. Huntz
Chairman

Carl A. Andrize
Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 8th October 1925 at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- J. E. Huntz, Chairman; Leroy Nolle, Vice-Chairman; Carl A. Andrize, Secretary; Cyril E. Daniel, J. P. Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Luther E. Stakemann, Lionel Roberts, Rostchild Francis and Abram E. Smith.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Chairman (Huntz) called the meeting to order.

His Excellency Governor Trench entered accompanied by Commander Baker.

The Chairman (Huntz) requested the members to rise, and he welcomed His Excellency with appropriate words, saying among other things that he hoped the stay of the Governor and Mrs. Trench in these islands would be pleasant and agreeable.

His Excellency Governor Trench delivered the following address:—

Gentlemen of the Colonial Council of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

I have come here today just to pay you a friendly visit and to greet you assembled together in the Council Chamber. This is your first regular meeting since I was sworn in as Governor of the Virgin Islands on September 11, 1925.

I did not come here to announce any special policy other than that it shall be my steadfast pur-

pose to do all that is in my power for the prosperity and welfare of the people of these islands.

As I have said heretofore, the Virgin Islands' problems are now mine and I expect to work diligently in cooperation with the municipal councils to solve them.

Your efforts to frame a permanent Organic Act for the Government of the Virgin Islands, which will be satisfactory to Congress and the people of these islands, have my approval.

In the meantime, however, and until such a permanent act is passed, it is incumbent upon us to do the best we can under the present temporary Act of 1917.

Also let us not form the habit of depending too much on the home government. There is an old saying that "The Lord helps those who help themselves". Let us apply this principle and do our best.

If at times I should not agree with the council on some particular matters, please be tolerant with me and give me credit for good intentions and honesty of purpose. I would ask you to take into consideration that, as Governor, my individual responsibility for the welfare of the islands and my personal responsibility to the President and to the Congress is essentially greater than that of any one of you. I must act as an individual while you act as a group.

The individual members of the council being representative and important men in the community can do much to teach the people correct thinking and a correct estimate of conditions. The people should be encouraged to make the best of the islands' natural resources.

I have been studying reports that show that the islands are capable, in soil and climate, of producing valuable crops such as sweet potatoes, yams, onions, bananas and other food products. Ways should be found to get more people to cultivate the fertile parts of the land and to raise at least sufficient food of certain kinds for the island's consumption and eventually enough for export.

I was raised on a farm and it is perhaps

natural that my thoughts should first turn to agricultural matters. The farm on which I was raised, however, was not in the tropics, but in Minnesota; one of our northern border states, of which I am a native. I shall, of course, give thought to other matters than agriculture as time goes on, so that all of our resources may be developed.

The Governor has received many newspaper clippings telling of the activities of certain individuals in the United States, purporting to be representing the people of these islands.

These individuals in writings and utterances are seeking to discredit government officials here, and are mis-representing and exaggerating economical and administrative conditions in the Virgin Islands. This is ill-advised procedure. In framing new laws for the islands, Congress will insist on getting facts and truths, and the efforts of irresponsible and self seeking agitators will not avail.

A policy of moderation, truthfulness and confidence in the Government and its constituted authorities will better help toward improving conditions than misleading agitation.

The Governor suggests that the members of this Council, in their capacity as representative citizens, might do much to offset the bad impressions made by these persons in the United States, who are doing the islands more harm than good.

I have heard fine words of this council and of its cordial relations with the Government and the Governor. I hope this satisfactory condition may continue. There is nothing that I desire more than mutual friendly relations and mutual confidence on the part of the Governor, his representatives, and the Colonial Councils.

I shall always be glad to receive you in groups or individually to talk over the interests of the islands, and I promise you an open, non-partisan mind.

I shall, perhaps, not personally attend many of your meetings, but at meetings when I am not present, Government Secretary Baker, your good friend, and in whom I have full confidence, will represent me.

The Chairman (Huntz) replied as follows: The Council appreciates very much the presence of Your Excellency and thank you for the address and the many encouraging remarks.

Your predecessor, Captain Philip Williams, has been very kind and good, and has done many things for us; prominent among them is the Water Supply System. We have no doubt that you will be as Kind and as good, and that you will also try to do many good things for us. We trust it will be your privilege during your administration to see many industrial activities spring up. In order that you may be stimulated to make efforts we wish for you health and strength.

On the other hand the Council promises its full support and cooperation, in all that you may do for St Thomas and St John.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) supplemented the Chairman's remarks by requesting the Governor to be on his guard against those persons who might seek to impress him by tale bearing, and prejudice his mind against this or that group of persons. Such persons should be regarded as wolves in sheep's clothing. He assured the Governor of the cooperation of the Council collectively as well as individually for the good of the Virgin Islands.

The Governor. Thank you, Mr Moorehead

The Chairman then introduced the Governor to the members of the Council individually.

The Governor left the meeting.

The Chairman (Huntz) made excuses for the absence of Members Lockhart and Holst; and Boschulte, who was ill.

The Chairman (Huntz) The minutes of the Meeting of the 6th August, 1925, have been in your possession for some time now. Are there any corrections to make? Shall we consider them confirmed?

The 7th elected member (Roberts) remarked that there was an important item in his remarks at that meeting which had been left out. He submitted the matter in writing for insertion in the 13th paragraph, page 60.

No other remarks, the Chairman declared the minutes confirmed.

Item I Election of the Council's

Officials.

Chairman. J. E. Hunt, the 4th elected member was re-elected with 7 votes. He thanked the members for their votes, and assured them that he would continue as hitherto to do his best for the islands and endeavor to maintain the most cordial relations between the Governor and the Council. The Government Secretary (Baker) congratulated the Chairman on his election; and the Council on its selection. ——— ———

Vice Chairman. Leroy Nolle, the 3rd appointed member, with 7 votes.

Secretaries. J. P. Gomez, the 4th appointed member, with 7 votes;
Carl A. Andize, the 5th elected member with 7 votes.

Municipal Committee.

Herbert E. Lockhart, the 1st appointed member, with 9 votes.
Abram E. Smith, the 2nd elected member for St John, with 5 votes.
Ased Holst, the 2nd elected member, with 8 votes.
George A. Moorehead, the 1st elected member, with 6 votes.
Rothschild Francis, the 8th elected member, with 5 votes.

During this election members Daniel and Gomez left the meeting.

Trade and Lamp Tax Committee.

Carl A. Andize, the 5th elected member, with 7 votes.
Luther E. Stakemann, the 3rd elected member, with 6 votes
Lionel Roberts, the 7th elected member, with 6 votes.
Leroy Nolle, the 3rd appointed member, with 5 votes.
J. P. Gomez, the 4th appointed member, with 5 votes.

The Electoral Board, Town.

George A Moorehead, the 1st elected member, with 5 votes.

The Electoral Board, Country District.

J. H. Boschulte, the member for the Country District, with 7 votes.

The Electoral Board, St John

Carl E. Francis, the 1st member for St John, with 8 votes.

The Educational Board of Review.

Leroy Nolle, the 3rd appointed member with 6 votes.

The Advisory Committee, Assistance of the Poor, St Thomas.

J. H. Boschulte, the member for the County District with 6 votes.

Carl A. Anduze, the 5th elected member, with 5 votes.

The Advisory Committee, Assistance of the Poor, St John

Luther E. Stakemann, the 3rd elected member, with 7 votes.

The Committee on Accounts.

Axel Holst the 2nd elected member, with 8 votes.

Lionel Roberts, the 7th elected member, with 5 votes.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) made an excuse and left the meeting.

As there was no longer a quorum, the chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, the 8th October 1925.

J. E. Kuntz
Chairman.

L. P. Gómez
Secretary.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held

Monday, the 19th October 1925 at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present: J. E. Kuntz, Chairman; C. A. Anduze, Secretary; Hubert E. Lockhart, Leroy Nolle, George A. Moolehead, Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis and Abram E. Smith.
The Government was represented by the Assistant Government Secretary, Lieutenant Clark.

Item I Second Discussion on Draft

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of an Ordinance to extend the Admiralty Laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands.
(Proposed by the Governor)

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that in reality, instead of the second discussion, this was a continuation of the first discussion, for that discussion was still open and had not been closed.

The Chairman (Hunty) said that through an error it was entered as second discussion on the Order of the Day.

The Afsistant Government Secretary (Clark) remarked that His Excellency the Governor had asked the Legal Aide to give the Council information about the Admiralty Laws. The Legal Aide (Hollett) in the course of the information furnished, remarked that the laws now in operation in these islands were to be found in Old Danish Laws, Royal Decrees, not bound together but scattered here and there. These laws are much like the Admiralty Laws now before the Council and those obtaining over the world. It would certainly be an advantage to have them ~~bound~~ up-to-date and all bound together; this would be a much better form.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) remarked that he had listened carefully to the Legal Aide. But he was unable to vote about a thing he did not know a word about. He said he knew nothing about the Danish Laws referring to the matter nor of the new ones advocated to take their place.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that neither he nor any other member would try to block any measure. But he must agree with the 8th elected member that it would be necessary to know more about the Admiralty Laws before passing them. Some copies should be handed down to us for our perusal. There might be some parts not suitable to these islands.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Clark) assured the members that the Governor would be delighted to afford the Council all the information that may be required.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) ~~remarked~~ said that it ~~might be left as it is~~ would be well that the Admiralty Laws be still kept in Committee.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that the committee should not be a committee of the whole, but composed of 4 or 5 members. He reminded the Chairman of the difficulty or rather impossibility of obtaining a quorum with a committee of

the whole. There is nothing to prevent an amendment and getting a smaller committee.

The Chairman (Huntz) thought that in future we might be able to obtain the required quorum.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that it might be left as it is.

The Chairman (Huntz) put it to the house whether the matter should be kept in committee still, and the result was a unanimous vote.

Item 2. Second Discussion with the Committee's Report on Draft of an Ordinance to amend certain items in the List of Court Fees ratified by the Colonial Council and approved by the Governor.

(Proposed by the Governor)

The Chairman (Huntz) remarked that this also was a continuation of the 1st discussion; and read the Report, the speaker of the committee, member Blakemann, being unavoidably absent.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that there ~~also~~ would be no objection to the report; he supposed it would be adopted.

The Report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The 1st discussion was closed and the second opened. The necessary consent having been obtained, the 2nd discussion was closed, and the 3rd opened. The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any further remarks. There were none. The Ordinance in its amended form was then put to the house, and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Item 3. Introduction of, and 1st Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Section 1, Chapter 20, Title V, of the Code for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John.

Proposed by the 1st elected member George A. Moorehead.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) introduced the Draft, and said it was not from selfish motives that it had been brought forward; but as matters now stood it

worked a hardship on the people we represent. It is not intended to take away power from any one. It is sometimes difficult to find a judge after hours, when a misdemeanor has been committed and an arrest is made. After hours, the judge may be in St Johns, or at the eastern or western end of this island and you have to scour the country to find him. If it can be arranged that the Director of Police be authorized to act, the difficulty would be solved. And that is the aim of the Draft of Ordinance now before the Council.

The Asistant Government Secretary (Clark) remarked that the Governor had no objections to the draft, but thought that section 6 and not Section 1 ought to be changed. It would make the code read better. This is, he said only offered as a suggestion.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) said that for once in his life he wanted to say that he agreed with the Secretary.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said he would be quite willing to make the change from Section 1 to Section 6.

After a short recess, the meeting was resumed.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) read as follows: That Section 6 be altered and amended, by inserting after the word bail, on the 2nd line the following: The Director of Police is also empowered to admit or receive bail for persons under arrest or in actual custody for misdemeanor, whenever the admission to or receiving of bail is not demanded or required during office hours of the Police Judge.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts). The reason given for the change is so clear, that I am sure it will be acceptable to all. He moved that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd opened.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) seconded.

On being put to the vote, it was unanimously carried.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved. that the Draft of Ordinance in its amended form be approved.

The Chairman (Kuntz) put the amended draft to the Council, and it was unanimously accepted.

As both the Government and the Council were agreeable that the 3rd discussion take place today, the 3rd discussion was opened.

The Draft in the amended form was unanimously

adopted and the 3rd discussion closed.

Item 4. Introduction of, and Discussion on a Resolution regarding the election of five members of the Council to draft a New Organic Act for these islands.

(Proposed by the 7th elected member L. Roberts)

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) expressed himself as follows in introducing the Resolution: The impression I would like to convey to the minds of my colleagues here present is, that in seeking to have a new Organic Act considered by this Council, I am not at all advocating any special form of Government; however, I am long ago convinced that the form of Government under administration according to the laws of the Virgin Islands is a civil one in nature, even though it is exclusively in the hands and under the control of the Navy Department and naval men.

The Organic Act I am about to have placed for consideration before you is concerned only in the establishment of a more permanent form of Insular Government comparing more or less in form and spirit with one based upon American rights and privileges.

The Colonial Laws given at Amalienborg in Denmark to the Danish West Indies in April, 1906, good as they were and may have been, are far too incompatible with any American form of Government to be still considered workable; and knowing this as we do, it is the duty of the joint Colonial Councils of the Virgin Islands to get together and work out an Act compatible with the changed sovereignty that would meet the approval of the people.

Because we are not possessed of resources sufficient to be self supporting, is the reason presently to my mind, why a question on any special form of government should entirely be left to the Congress of the United States. But, nothing should prevent Virgin Islanders from expressing the desire to be directly under the control of the Congress of the United States, and have the said Congress provide for us rather than being a people without a country and without a Flag; and it is true to say that all we can ever hope to be or hope to achieve must

be done by legislation in the Congress of the United States.

By all appearances, Bills for a Civil Government are to be presented and recommended in the Congress by natives and other friends of the Virgin Islands residing in America, during the coming session; truthfully may we express, that we know not of their contents whether good or otherwise; we ought to know, and not knowing, we should take the necessary steps to provide for ourselves according to conditions as we know them.

Therefore this Resolution, which I am submitting to this Council, carries the hope for establishment of an American system of Civil Insular Government in the Virgin Islands worked out by the people through their representatives rather than having a system thrown on us in which we had no say. I am also expressing the hope for immediate action in the passing of this Resolution by the Council today.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) remarked that he rose to support the address of the last speaker, and endorse his arguments in favor of the New Organic Act. Continuing, he reviewed the history of the islands since the change of Government; the Old Colonial Law of 1906; the conditions in the neighboring island of Porto Rico; and other matters. He argued that it was very hard that people in the interior of Porto Rico, who could not speak English, were American citizens, and we are not. Congress he said should be bulldozed until they paid some attention to us in the matter of granting us a permanent form of government suitable to us. Some, he said, are afraid that the appropriation we received will be withdrawn, but he was not afraid for this was a place in which the tendency for America, and love for her was supreme, as was witnessed when the year after the transfer, only 26 persons decided to retain their Danish Nationality. So strange, an American place with Danish laws in vigor.

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) paid he rose to support the Resolution introduced by the 7th elected

member (L. Roberts). For years he said we have been laboring under the disadvantages of the Temporary Act. The only Act we have now is the Colonial Law. He referred to Senate Bill No. 2786. This he said had not been acceptable to the Councils. Well, now let us go ahead and make one that will suit the case. Let us pass this Resolution and elect a committee of five. The defects of No. 2786 will be avoided, and then we will be able to consult the Legal Aide.

The 1st appointed member (Lockhart) remarked that he had listened attentively to the arguments advanced by the last speakers; but he would like to ask them what are the economic benefits to be derived from this move? What do they understand when the Governor says that he is in favor of an Organic Act? Is it not similar to a party wanting to sell a house, and another party desirous of buying it? What about the terms?

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that presently we are doing nothing to interfere with the economic conditions; and for that very reason no fear is entertained that it will put us in a worse condition. In any case we wish to keep the Navy. The islands having been bought for strategic reasons, there is every reason to believe that the Navy will remain. It however seems that the economic condition would be bettered by having American Laws.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that in 1917 we hailed the American Government, and we should not lose any confidence now. It is true that practically we are not self-supporting; but no man can say that we retrogressing. We are not seeking to be in a less favorable position. Think of it that we have been American possessions so long and we cannot vote. With a new Organic Act we will be able to vote.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) remarked that we raise money from the Naval Appropriation, the West India Co. and a Native Investor. It seems to me that what is required here is new money, and we cannot get new money unless we get new laws to defend the new capital. This Act when it protects American Capital will bring it here. New money is the creator of new industries. Every time 200 persons leave the island the value of property goes down.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any further remarks.

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) moved that the Resolution be adopted.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) seconded.

On being put to the vote, it received 7 votes, 1 member (Lockhart) voting against.

The Chairman (Huntz) said as the Resolution has been adopted, we will now proceed to the election of a committee of five.

On a scrutiny of votes it was seen that Members Stakemann, L. Roberts, Moorehead, Nolle and Lockhart had been elected, with 6, 5, 4, 3, and 3 votes respectively.

Member Lockhart declined the election, and on a new election taking place member Anduze was elected with 4 votes.

Item 5. Introduction of, and 1st Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance providing for the cancellation of certain obligations to the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

(Proposed by the 8th elected member Rothschild Francis).

The 8th elected member (Rothschild Francis) introduced the Draft as follows:

We have for our consideration to-day, gentlemen, the draft of an ordinance to cancel certain monies owing by three midwives of this island to the Municipality.

At the time these midwives were sent for training in Denmark it was considered by the Medical Authorities here necessary for midwives for the islands to be trained in Denmark for public service here. This necessity no longer excists since the marked improvement in our hospital. The training and escpenses of travel cost approximately $700.- for each midwife, which they have been re-paying in monthly installments of $5.- each, leaving a balance as stated in the ordinance. As I understand it, the contract with these midwives provided that upon any of them leaving the public service the balance due becomes uncollectable unless they should re-enter public service at any subsequent time. One midwife, Miss Bagowitz,

has left the public service and is at present in Santo Domingo; consequently her balance is not collectable.

From the above remarks, it will be seen that while it cost the other two midwives approximately $700.- each in order to be qualified for public service, with the present high efficiency of our hospital, midwives are turned out here at a salary of $10.— per month and meals during the period of training — 3 years. After this time they receive $55. per month, that is those in public service, the same as the other two midwives trained in Denmark who had to expend approximately $700.00 to be qualified for public service. Out of this $55.— which is considerably small, these two midwives in question have to pay $5.— to the Government as installment upon their loan, as stated above, which the locally trained midwives do not have to do.

I therefore think that it is no more than fair to these two midwives that the balance they owe at present, as per the Ordinance, should be remitted, and thereby contribute in giving them, to some extent, the same advantages and chance as the locally trained midwives.

The 1st appointed member (Lockhart) enquired if this matter, as it treats of finance, should not first be sent to the Municipal Committee.

It was decided to send the Draft to the Municipal Committee, and as there was nothing further on the Order of the Day, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, the 19th October 1925

J E Huntz
Chairman

J. P. Gomez
Secretary

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Wednesday, the 10th February 1926, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:— J.E. Huntz, Chairman; J. P. Gomez, Secretary; Herbert E. Lockhart, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst,

Luther E. Stakemann, Carl A. Andrews, Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Chairman (Huntz) called the meeting to order.

The Minutes of the meeting held the 8th October, 1925 were adopted.

The Minutes of the meeting held the 19th October, 1925 were adopted.

The chairman (Huntz) said that before proceeding with the Order of the Day, he would draw the attention of the council to the letter announcing the death recently in Denmark of Lawyer Jörgensen. Lawyer Jorgensen, he said, was well known to the members; he had been for many years a member of the Council and as such, was very active, always working for the welfare of the community. He requested the members to rise from their seats as a mark of respect to his memory. All the members rose from their seats.

Item I Election of a member of the Board of Review and Equalization as required by Section 34 of the Real and Personal Property Tax Ordinance of February 25th, 1922.

The voting took place. Member Smith received 7 (seven) votes; Member Stakemann five (5). The chairman declared Member Smith elected.

Item 2. Introduction of, and first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to alter and amend Section 2 of the Ordinance for the protection of wild birds, deer etc, passed by the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John on August 24th 1922.

(Proposed by the 7th elected member, L. Roberts)

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) in introducing the draft, said that he was here to lay before the council the desire of almost every man owning a gun that is used for game shooting in this island.

The general comment is, that when the game season opens on August the 15th according to the present ordinance controlling same, that they are far behind the time. His own observation in the country, and he sometimes seem to live among the birds, is that doves, pigeons and other birds not seen in any quantity from around October until about between the months of April and May, shows that the birds have hatched and are flying about. He remarked that he had also observed that late in August the birds are on the wane, therefore he can recommend the changing of the date of commencement from August 15th to July the 1st.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the wild animals are getting scarce and should be protected. They should be protected for six months.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the birds started to fly in April and May, and disappear late in August.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any further remarks?

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) moved that the 1st discussion be closed.

It was unanimously voted that the 1st discussion be closed, and the draft go to 2nd discussion.

The Chairman (Huntz) remarked that the draft would now go to 2nd discussion.

Item 3. Discussion on a Resolution

referring to the Ordinance of the 31st August, 1923, concerning the abolition of several commissions.

(Proposed by the 7th elected member L. Roberts)

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) addressed the council as follows:—

Gentlemen of the Colonial Council of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John:

What I am about to say here must not be taken as said in any mood of anger or hatred, but rather in the spirit of truth as I view it, if these Virgin Islands of the United States are to have any hope of stepping out of their present depraved economic condition.

I present here today a Resolution the nature of which is to reestablish the lawful rights of the people of the Virgin Islands given at Amalienborg Denmark, in the year 1906, through a set of fixed

laws known as the Colonial Law for the Danish West India Islands; and which is still kept in full force and effect through the Organic Act, dated March 3, 1917, passed by the Congress of the United States, which among other things reads thus:

"Sec 2. That until Congress shall otherwise provide, in so far as compatible with the changed sovereignty and not in conflict with the provisions of this Act, the laws regulating elections and the electoral franchise as set forth in the code of laws published at Amalienborg the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and six, and the other local laws in force and effect in said islands on the seventeenth day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, shall remain in full force and effect in said islands and the same shall be administered by the civil officials and through the local judicial tribunals established in the said islands, respectively, etc." ———

Bye-Laws for the function of the Municipal Committee given at Amalienborg on May 24th, 1907. Sections 1 and 5 read thus:

Sec 1. The responsible Colonial Council shall have full guarantee that the Administration only disposes over money that is granted, and that the amounts granted are only used for the purpose for which they were granted.

Sec 5. The Municipal Committee receives all recommendations and reports which are forwarded by officials and others respecting measures which concern the economic affairs of the island, and the committee shall be allowed a reasonable time to give its opinion on such measures before the recommendations be approved or the matter under consideration settled." ———

Following the provisions in these laws, we are more and more convinced, that the Congress of the United States gave no authority for the making of any law or part thereof that should take away the civil rights of a people in such a manner that they bear no representation in the proper functions of their Government; but rather that the Government of the Virgin Islands be made up in each municipal-

ity, of the Governor and the respective Colonial Council; they together constituting the responsible parties for all financial and other obligatory administrative issues arising out of their municipality. In Article VI of the Convention between the United States and Denmark, respecting the cession of the Danish West India Islands to the United States is specifically stated, among other things, that:

"The civil rights and the political status of the inhabitants of the islands shall be determined by the Congress".

It should thus be concluded, that any measure or measures that seek to usurp these inalienable rights of a people from administering their finances subscribed through taxation and other sources of revenue, is rank violation against all constitutional principles of government.

In the year 1918, or one year after the transfer of these islands to the United States, an Ordinance (coup d'etat), originating from the Navy personnel here, contrary however to the Colonial Law, wrested the Administrative Committees specified in said Law (Par. 63 cfr) Bye Laws of the Municipal Committee, given at Amalienborg on May 24th, 1907, from the hands of the Colonial Councils and passed them over to the Governor who became absolute. Most of our then Council members in good faith, and ready to enter their whole-hearted cooperation towards proposed financial uplift, acquiesced no doubt in the belief that those who may have been placed in authority would have assisted, not only in an endeavor to place the islands on a better financial and economic basis, (moreso as we then carried reserve funds for emergency cases) but would have eventually passed the said administration back to the Colonial Councils with a system of organized economic government that should rebound with credit to their manifested zeal in the welfare and progress of the islands. This however, has been far to the contrary; for notwithstanding an increase of about 100% in our revenues plus contributions from Federal Appropriations, we find ourselves year after year threatened by serious consequences, through a false conception of administrative government, that soars far above the means of

revenues raised, and overburdened with a superfluous amount of useless employees, with fantastic salaries; meanwhile the Federal Appropriations wear a mail-fist armor for reasons unknown and un-explained.

Thus after eight years we find the treasury of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John a depleted factor; and we are forced to reach the conclusion that the reason why we have no money even to put aside as reserve against calamity, is not due to the fact that we have not realized finances, but rather from the fact that we are not allowed to represent it according to the inalienable rights given us in the Colonial Law by Denmark, and which is guaranteed by Act of Congress. Rights that cannot be justly turned aside through the desire of any local law, ordinance or persons — that would leave us at the mercy of sojourners who have nothing in common with our social, industrial, educational, political or economic interests, other than apparent selfish and arbitary motives.

It should therefore be looked upon as reasonable that this Council endeavor to seek for restoration of the proper lawful representation accorded it by Act of Congress in Par. 63 of the Colonial Law especially so as during the past eight years we have at no time been able to secure a Liquidated Budget from the Governor or Government Secretary even though repeatedly requested. Thus the people who support the Government by yearly contributions of taxes and other assessments so fixed by law and who by their franchise elect representatives to the Colonial Council find themselves taxed while the right given their representatives to have full guarantee for moneys granted and disposed of (according to the Colonial Law) is denied, as no yearly detailed financial account is given.

Much more could be said and by comparisons proved, to show the loose and unconstitutional way in which the people have been ignored; for while their taxes and other assessments go towards the support of Government, they carry no administrative representation. A condition that must foster unlimited license; but suffice it to say, we will rest the matter right here and submit this Resolution to the Governor, passed by us members of this Council, so that he again assigns to the people of the Virgin Islands their inalienable rights, by making their representatives (the Colonial

Council) so fixed by law, the responsible parties to see that the Administration only disposes over moneys that is granted, and that the amounts granted are only used for the purposes for which they were granted.
The Chairman (Huntz) said that the Resolution would be subject to one discussion.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he was not a member when the council transferred its rights in the commissions to the Governor, but in his opinion the commissions were established by fundamental law, and therefore could not be abandoned by the Council. The Council first made the arrangement for five years. And it must be said in justice that up to 1923 there was no complaint. His idea had always been however that the Colonial Council could not vote away the commissions; but as regards the Municipal Committee, it must be said that the point was more a technical one, since that committee had been dealt with in every respect as if no change in the law had taken place, in respect to the budget and otherwise.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that he agreed with the 2nd elected member, the voting away the commissions was not "compatible with the changed sovereignty". Since 1923 we have been having all kinds of insults. He said he wanted the inhabitants to be treated as a people. He was trying to save the American flag from a bad name. I take note that you said Mr. Chairman that this Resolution is subject to one discussion. But there are many things to be said. There are many departments to be spoken about. He remarked that in the Police Department there was a play of politics.

The chairman (Huntz) remarked that we are not discussing the Police Department.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that the different commissions were under discussion. And he also remarked about the Road Commission. The liberty of the people is at stake. We want a country with law. And Mr. Chairman, this question wont end here. He assured the council that he was well aware of what he was saying. He

hoped everyone would speak out his mind. The Resolution ought to be supported.

The 1st member for St.John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that he was speaking as the 1st member for St.John, and not as the owner of Estate "Annaberg". He said that he fought against the giving over the commissions to the Governor. He was indignant at the time about it. In good faith it was done. But the results speak. I am now so very glad that the 7th elected member has brought in the Resolution. The last speaker spoke about being insulted. He, he said had been insulted many times. Why, the Government Representative in St.John thinks nothing of me. Recently, there was a road to be cleaned. And as a representative of the people and a citizen I expressed my opinion about the way it should be done, and intimated that the Government Secretary may be told as much. What answer do you think was given? The man was told to tell me to mind my business. Why all this? Because the commissions have been handed over to the Governor. I agree with the Resolution brought forward by the 7th elected member, and the remarks of the 8th, elected member. If you had only seen a few days ago with what contempt the 1st elected member for St.John was treated.

Continuing he remarked that he had had the honour of hoisting the American Flag in St.John. He had worked 12 years for American people in Sto. Domingo, and had earned enough money to buy back his home; and had been well treated by them. But today in St.John! He said he was speaking right out. He was treated continually very badly. We should by all means hold on to the rights the Colonial Law gives us. Otherwise we will suffer and be told to mind our own business.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked: Mr. Chairman may I add that one of the reasons the Council was asked to give up its rights was that the commissions were working slowly. And that there surely must have been some benefits since in 1923 it was made permanent. He looked upon it this way, that the Council gave away some rights it had no right to give away. This, he said was the major issue.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that when we work slowly we get results. We have nothing he said against the present government. But we are only safeguarding ourselves. We are taking care to safe-guard ourselves from insults etc. All my opposition is to defend the American Flag. From 1923 to 1925 we have been walking on hot earth. And for this Resolution, he said its supporters are asking a unanimous vote. Had he been in St John he would have taught the Government Representative a lesson. The member from St John should have published the incident he referred to in the papers. Mr. Chairman, I want to have it recorded where we stand.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he was going to vote the Resolution. The different departments have not been working as heretofore. He said that he has noted that at one time the Colonial Law holds good, but not at other times. There have been some rotten heads of departments. The members of the Council are at present nothing more than figure heads. The time is now ripe. The idea is not to oust anybody, but to cooperate. We want to know how our money is spent. We cannot succeed in getting a liquidated budget.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he thought it was a unanimous desire to have the commissions re-established. But what about the non-attendance of members at the meetings of the commissions. There is a tendency towards non-attendance. If we succeed in getting the commissions back there should not be a lack of attendance. Some time ago, he remarked there was a draft of Ordinance sent to the council, and through it, to a committee. This committee worked on it for 21 nights, from 8 to 12, and proposed some 200 amendments. But what has become of the Report when it was handed to the Administration to be printed, is unknown to the members. This was discouraging.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that if the Navy Department was called away, which of the people could continue the work. We are asking the Government to give us a hand, to help us with the Government, or let us assist them with the govern-

ment by allowing us a say with the commissions. Let us know something of our government.

The Government Secretary (Mr Baker) The Government is particularly interested in commenting upon paragraph 4 of this resolution. The Act of Congress of March 3, 1917, Section 2 provides "That until Congress shall otherwise provide..... the laws regulating elections and the electoral franchise as set forth in the code of laws published at Amalienborg the Sixth day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Six, and the other local laws in force and effect in said islands on the Seventeenth day of January Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, shall remain in force and effect in said islands, and the same shall be administered by the civil officials and through the local judicial tribunals established in said islands, respectively, and the orders, judgments and decrees of said judicial tribunals shall be duly enforced. With the approval of the President, or under such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe, any of said laws may be repealed, altered or amended by the Colonial Council having jurisdiction".

It is to be noted :-

1) That Congress has not as yet exercised its reserved authority to "otherwise provide".
2) That by Executive Order No. 2691, dated 24th August, 1917, the President has prescribed rules and regulations for repealing, altering or amending local laws, as follows:-

"Repeals, Alterations and Amendments of local laws of Virgin Islands of ~~the~~ United States by Colonial Council having jurisdiction, shall be effective and enforced when, and to the extent, said Repeals, Alterations and Amendments are approved by the Governor of said islands, the Governor to state specifically in each case whether his approval is in whole or in part, and if in part only, what part is approved and what part not approved. The President reserves the right to disapprove and set aside any enactments of the Colonial Council."

The Colonial Law of 1906, Sec. 63, provides as follows:-

"Until otherwise prescribed by Ordinance, the Colonial Council shall appoint such members of the School Commissions, the Hospital Commissions, the Quarantine Commissions, and other commissions on municipal affairs, as before the Colonial Law of 27th November 1863 were appointed by the Burgher Councils".

Under the authority conferred on it by both the above quoted extracts from the Act of Congress of March 3, 1917, and by the President's rules and regulations, the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John did "otherwise prescribe" by Ordinance, as they were authorized to do in the last quoted section of the Colonial Law, and passed the Ordinance of August 31, 1913, which became effective upon the approval thereof by the Governor on 6 September 1923, and thereby the specified commissions became and were abolished and their powers and duties were transferred to the Governor.

Conclusion: The said ordinance of 31 August, 1923, was legal and in accordance with the Act of Congress, of March 3, 1917, in pursuance of rules and regulations of the President, and in conformity with the requirements of Section 63 of the Colonial Law of 1906.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he expected the Honorable Government Secretary to quote further in Section 2 as regards repeals, alterations and amendments of local laws and that he was prepared to inform the Government Secretary that while the Congress of the United States gave the right to repeal, alter or amend, it did not give the right to create. And when dealing with the Colonial Law (the Constitution of the Virgin Islands) neither the President of the United States nor the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States or any local legislation could change any part of it. And further, that the Colonial Law is no more a local law than is the Constitution of the United States; and no State in that great Union could attempt legislation that would repeal, alter or amend any part of the United States Constitution.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) thanked the Government Secretary for the information. He remarked that what he was speaking about is the violation of the law. Everybody in the former D.W.I. knew what was going on through the members of the council participating in the commissions, and the printed statements of the liquidated budgets. We have to educate the people gradually, and give

them what they want.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked in reply to the Government Secretary that the statements of the liquidated budgets used to cover the greater part of the St Thomas Tidende. There was an itemized statement. It was hardly that statement which had been quoted.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that he was one of those who was against the giving over of the commissions. Since then he had heard a good deal of dissatisfaction about the matter. He would like to know if the work with these commissions involved the spending of funds made up from local money and the appropriation. And he would like to know if the Colonial Council has a right to know how the money is expended or disposed.

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that the Colonial Council has an auditor appointed by itself to examine the accounts and present the council a report.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that that was not a reply; and repeated the question.

The Chairman (Huntz) remarked that the Government Secretary said he was not prepared to answer the question more fully.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) enquired, where could he get the information.

The Chairman (Huntz) replied that the Government Secretary would procure him the necessary information.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that we had a right to know how the Federal Appropriation is disposed. Denmark gave us similar information regarding the money furnished by the State. There should be two budgets- Federal and Municipal.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts). The Resolution for the establishment of the commissions and the two questions will not blend.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that in discussing these commissions money is one of the important factors. We have always been at sea. We must know how we stand in the line of support. He said he was going to support the Resolution for the re-establishing of the commissions. I think a lot of friction would be saved. He had always advocated a mixed commission, a lot of misunderstandings would be avoided. In the face of all these

grievances, mentioned by the 1st elected member for St John, the 1st elected member for St Thomas; and we should believe what they say is true; some action must be taken to get the commissions back.

The member for the County District (Boschulte) remarked that he had been on a good many commissions. Matters had gone from bad to worse. We spend now 10 times more money and the roads are 10 times worse. When we had a Street and Road Commission it was different. I am for going back to the commissions.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) remarked that under the former regime we had various commissions; the hospital commission, the cemetery commission, the police commission, and the road commission. The members of these commissions met on the 2nd day of the month to investigate. You, yourself, Mr Chairman know that this is correct for you have been serving as a member of the council for a number of years. Now, if the present arrangement of the commissions is not giving satisfaction then we have a right to take them back.

The 1st appointed member (Lockhart) remarked that the Resolution was a healthy one. At the time the Commissions were handed over, it was done in good faith. No objections could be seen. But now conditions are such that we all feel we should have more to say in our affairs.

The Chairman (Kuntz) enquired if there were any further remarks.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the Colonial Law was not a thing to be repealed without the consent of Congress.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that it was now just as it was under Denmark. We could not then change the Colonial Law, nor can we do it now. But we did do this in the matter of the commissions.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the right to amend does not confer any right to make changes in principle, but refers only to minor changes. No amendment can create something in conflict with the law. If the Council finds that it has made a mistake with regards to its powers, why

should the mistake not be remedied. The abandoning of the commissions was made in good spirit — why could it not be reestablished in the same spirit? ——

The Chairman (Hunte) enquired if there were any further remarks, and there being none, the Resolution was put to the House, and received a unanimous vote.
The Chairman (Hunte) announced that the Resolution had been unanimously passed. ——

Item 4. Discussion on a Resolution concerning certain dissatisfaction prevailing in the management of the Department of Education.

(Proposed by the 8th elected member R. Francis).
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) introduced the Resolution as follows:-

Mr. Chairman; Honorable Gentlemen of this Council: The Resolution I am about to introduce to-day provides for an investigation into the conditions in the Department of Education by a committee of this Council. I need hardly go into the details that have brought about this Resolution. I presume that you are all aware of the startling revelation of deplorable conditions in this Department. You all know what a cruel and inhumane sentence the Principal of the High School, Mr. Valls, received at the hands of the Educational Board of Review. You are all, doubtless, aware of the source or germ that brought about all this dissatisfaction, namely: the appointment of the wife of the Director of Education as Supervising Principal of Schools, while the office of Assistant Director of Education has been apparently and purposely abolished. This is as reprehensible as is the cruel sentence imposed on Mr. Valls. You are aware of the closing of Nisky School, of the decrease of salaries of native teachers while American teachers' salaries were increased, apparently with the view of creating this new post for the Director's wife. There is also a persistent rumour that the salary of the Director has been increased. However, you are all aware of the employment of alien teachers in our schools, without examination, which is required of our

teachers, and, on the whole, you are aware of the general unsatisfactory state of affairs in this Department.

Although considerable publicity has been given in the Press both here and in St Croix, about these conditions, the Governor has seen it fit, up to the time of calling this meeting, to hold his peace. Of course that he did not hold his peace when it came a question of the radiogram from the Navy Department, nor would he hold his peace if it were a question of placing some more taxes on the already hard-pressed and over-taxed people of these islands. In such a case we would have had his personal presence and the honor of a message from His Excellency. Now since this is the case, and he has not thought it fit to give the people of these islands any explanation about the conditions in this Department, although all this publicity has been going on for over two weeks, then I think it is the duty and right of the People's Representatives to find out for themselves, for this Department escpends the money of the taxpayers of these islands.

The Department seems to be "running amuck" and we ought to know what is wrong in it so that when the Governor comes to us next time to appropriate money for this Department we will know what to do. The people are totally dissatisfied with the conditions in this Department, and no matter any attempt to white-wash the same there is "a nigger in the wood pile" and we want to dope him out. It shows no respect or regard for the opinions and feelings of the People when the Governor sits back all the time in the Executive Mansion and plays his fiddle while Rome burns in the Department of Education. Therefore, I say, let us take the initiative and investigate this Department.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that St John had neither telephone nor press. This Department of Education has been terrible. But he was going to speak. He had been persecuted because he wanted to defend the public. Cls a representative of the people he called upon the Director of Education and stated the case. No attention was paid to the matter. The last time he called upon him in the Grand Hotel, and his reply after hearing the story was "I did not come down here to mind your dirty business".

All these insults. I then carried the matter to the Governor, and subsequently found myself treated like a criminal. Since then things have gone from bad to worse.

Continuing, he said that in the school at Bethany there were 60 children. (1 teacher and an assistant taught them. The assistants salary was $25. ℔ month. For want of money the assistant was put away, and now one teacher has to teach and manage 60 children. Now he had been wondering all the time why all these retrenchments, he said, when on taking up a paper from St Thomas he learned that the Director was making all these economies to be able to pay a large salary to a relative to be able to buy a farm for $15.000.00

Members Smith, Boschulte and Holst left the meeting.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he found it strange that the council had been told there was no money, and that retrenchment had to be made, and not long after new positions had been created. He said he would support the Resolution and the election of a committee.

The 1st elected member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that there was a rumor that the Director of Education was going to close the school at John's Folly. This is at the south east end of the island. What about the education of these small children? He said it was a pity the Governor did not visit St John. He would take him around and show him things. The school at Loango, he reminded the council had been closed.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) made a motion that the Resolution be adopted.

The chairman (Huntz) said that there would be only one discussion.

The Government Secretary (Baker) For the administration of the several departments of the Insular Government, the Governor is responsible to the President of the United States, and to him alone.

To these two agencies only (President and Governor) belong authority to investigate the administration of any department under the Governor.

His Excellency has received no official complaint against conditions in the Department of Education. He has, however, full knowledge of the facts in

the Valls' case, has accorded Mr. Valls an interview, and has furthermore approved the findings of the Board of Educational Review authorized by law to take action in the premises.

Members Gomez and Anduze left the meeting.

As there was no longer a quorum the chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 10 February 1926

J.E. Kuntz
Chairman

Carl A. Anduze
Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday, the 8th April 1926 at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- J.E. Kuntz, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Cyril E. Daniel, Leroy Nolle, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Luther E. Stakemann, Lionel Roberts, J.H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Meeting was called to order by the chairman.

The minutes of the meeting held the 10th February, 1926, were adopted after the insertion of some remarks made by the 7th elected member (L Roberts) in reply to the Government Secretary.

A letter from member Gomez was read, asking to be excused attending the meeting. A verbal excuse was made for member Lockhart's absence.

The chairman (Kuntz) informed the members that the copies of the local laws passed by this Council from March 31, 1917 to December 31, 1924, on each member's desk had been presented by the Governor.

The chairman thanked the Governor through the Government Secretary for this kindness.

Item I. Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the second half 1924, with the committee's Report.

The Secretary (Andrae) read the report.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed, seconded by the member for the Country District, that the list of assessment be adopted.

On being put to the vote it was unanimously passed.

Item 2. Election of two men to assist the Governor in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Golden Wedding Legacy.

Members Abram E. Smith and Herbert E. Lockhart were elected with respectively eleven (11) and ten (10) votes.

Item 3. Introduction of, and first discussion on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926. (Proposed by the Governor)

The Chairman (Kuntz) remarked that the Money Bill had been sent to the Municipal Committee and requested the secretary to read the letter from the said committee.

The Secretary (Andrae) read the letter.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that there was so far little more to add to the letter, but he would say that there was some apprehension about the state of our roads. But the Hon. Government Secretary had informed the committee that they need not fear: there would be quite a surplus remaining after the amount now before the Council had been voted; which would shortly be used for road repairs. That is as soon as the Water Works were finished. The same men who are now working would be employed. He remarked that no one of the Municipal Committee was in favor of the motor cycle. The saw for the Manual Training School has our hearty support and approval as a first step in the direction of the Technical School so much hoped for. As regards the extension of the electric lighting up to the ridge of Louisenhoj, we spoke also of the necessity of puting the roads

especially the dangerous parts, in order. Some places required culverts. It would be also good to light up this section of the road leading towards Baret and Hill, say every Saturday, possibly also an extra night, for instance Wednesday. There was quite a large settlement of Charchas in this vicinity. He would also like to draw the attention of the Government Secretary to the extending of the lights on Frenchman Hill; and that there was need of 2 culverts such as at the gut at Contant, and on to the road leading to Tutu.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that he was glad to have a chance to speak about the bad roads in St John.

The Chairman (Kuntz) remarked that the Money Bill now before the council does not extend to St John.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that he wanted to remind the Hon. Secretary about the needs of St John as regards roads.

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that he could assure the members that St John roads will have a share in the surplus; how much cannot be said just now. He said he had the authority of the Governor to say that it is the Governor's intention when the amount of the surplus is determined, to ask the President for authority to use such money for public utilities.

There is just now as the 2nd elected member has spoken a suggestion of extending the electric lights higher up than the Additional Money Bill now before us mentions; to go as far as the gut Mafolie. He said that he was assured by the Public Works Officer that Fcs 1.000.— more would be needed. It would be necessary then to put the amount Fcs 9.000.— instead of Fcs 8.000.— The Public Works Officer has also assured him that the matter of buttressing up the roads and attending to the guts were engaging his attention.

The Chairman (Kuntz) said he would like to inform the Council that this Money Bill was subject to 2 discussions.

The 2nd elected member (Stakemann) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The Chairman (Kuntz) said that as per Section 29 of the Rules of Business, with the consent of the Governor and the Council the 2nd discussion could be proceeded with.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) enquired of the Government Secretary that if making the amount Fcs. 10.000.— would enable the lighting system to be carried to the point of the new church at Malolie; and if such an amount could be allowed.

The Government Secretary (Baker) said that as suggested he had only asked for information as to the escpensco up to the gut; how much more it would cost to carry it further he could not say.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that as a member of the Municipal Committee he had asked only to carry the lights to the gut at Malolie. The is a large colony up there, and it would facilitate them very much if the road be lighted right up to the ridge, if it could be done at reasonable escpensc.

The Government Secretary (Baker) said that he was sure there would be no objection.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) enquired if the amount of the Money Bill would be taken from this years or last years appropriation.

The Government Secretary (Baker) replied from this years.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he was satisfied with the report of the Municipal Committee and the escplanations from the Government Secretary and notwithstanding any personal opinion of his, would propose that the 2nd discussion be closed and that the Money Bill be passed.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) seconded.

The Chairman (Huntz) said that the changes of the Additional Money Bill now before the council were as follows:-

Item 5(a) under Police and Prison Department, strike out "and one motor cycle" and instead of Fs 2.250.— deduct the cost of the motor cycle F875.— and estend with Fs 1.375.—

Item 25, under Public Works Department to read:-
Maintenance (q) for wires, poles and labor necessary for the estension of electric light system from Hospital corner up roads to Louisenhof and Malolie, as far as the church Fs 10.000.—.

The sum total of the Additional Money Bill would then be Fcs 46.350.00.

The Money Bill was then put to the house, and passed unanimously.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) entered.

Item 4. Introduction of, and first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance declaring and setting aside the islands known as "Little Saba Island" and "Turtledove Cay" as Game Preserves. (Proposed by the Governor).

The Government Secretary (Baker) in introducing this draft said that it had become necessary to set these two islands aside as Game Preserves as the persistent shooting in July and August would eventually eliminate the birds which frequent the islands. It is to prevent the wholesale destruction.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte enquired why "Flat Cay" was not included? This member continuing said that the water on these islands was so salt that the birds had to go to the mainland, and would or could be shot there. Could not something be done so that they got water there?

The Government Secretary (Baker) thought that there was considerable water there. The Governor would be agreeable to include "Flat Cay" if such was the wish of the Council.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said he complimented the Governor for bringing such a measure before the Council as it was his intention so to do, further stating that the Governor's Draft of Ordinance now saved him the trouble of bringing one in. The birds ought to be saved.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he also wanted to recommend the draft of Ordinance. It was necessary to preserve the bird life.

The Chairman (Hunte) enquired if there would be any further remarks.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The Chairman (Hunte) said that the Draft in the amended form would read:-

"Draft of an Ordinance declaring and setting aside the Island known as "Saba Island" or "Little Saba Island", and the Islands "Turtle Dove Cay" as Game Preserves.

Section 1 to read: That the island known as "Saba

Island" or "Little Saba Island" and the islands known as "Turtledove Cay" and "Flat Cay", etc., etc.

The Chairman (Hunte) said that in accordance with Section 29 of the Rules of Business and with the consent of the Governor and the Council the 2nd discussion could be transacted to-day.

It was agreed upon.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the draft go to 3rd discussion.

The Governor's and the Council's consent having been given in accordance with Section 29 of the Rules of Business, the 3rd discussion was declared open.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the draft adopted.

The 7th elected member (L.Roberts) seconded, and the Draft was passed unanimously on being put to the vote.

Item 5. The Governor's letter, dated the 27th February, 1926, concerning the Resolution passed by the Council at the meeting held the 10th February, 1926, regarding the restoration of the various formerly existing commissions.

The 7th elected member (L.Roberts) remarked that he thought it would be a waste of time to again go over what this Council had already unanimously passed; and that it was his opinion that enough had already been said, and that further discussion would only bring about unpleasant remarks. He would therefore ask the members to enter a protest in the minutes as a matter of record.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that he could not agree with the statement that we should record something in our minutes. The Governor has said we are in error. The question is whether the Council is satisfied. Neither the Council nor the Governor had any right to do away with the commissions. The matter should be pressed forward; some resolution should be passed and the Governor written about it.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that since the Resolution had been passed conditions had changed a great deal. We have now several bills before Congress. He therefore thought it would not be worth while to take further action. Acknowledge the receipt of the letter, and let the

matter rest there.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) enquired what is to be understood by acknowledging receipt of the letter.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) enquired if the chairman had acknowledged the receipt of the letter.

The chairman (Hunte) replied no.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that he would repeat that the receipt of the letter be acknowledged, and that no further action be taken.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) remarked that it was unnecessary to remain here and repeat all the arguments that had already been advanced. He maintained all that had been said by him, and further quoted that in the hearings of Congress before the House Committee Admiral Kittelle stated that the Virgin Islanders had no representative government, but that the islands had been thrown over at the mercy of the Governor and President. We still held that the commissions are our rights.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) said that Article 6 of the Sale Convention distinctly says that the people should not be placed politically or otherwise in a worse condition. Now what are we going to do as regards this letter? The only way is to protest here. This reply is called a veto. And since the majority passed it, the resolution, some action ought to be taken. Both parties were wrong — the Council in giving up the commissions and the Governor in taking them.

The 2nd elected member (Holst). I have listened attentively, and must say that as regards the Resolution that the Governor is entitled to his opinion as well as we are to ours. The letter he sent us is a veto. He further remarked that he agreed with the 3rd elected member, and thought it advisable that we acknowledge the receipt of the letter and said that the contents were noted. If the legislation now before Congress goes through, there is no more to be said about the matter. If it does not go through, we can always come back to it.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that the commissions had unwisely been given up, and now we cannot get them back. The members of the Council are only figure heads, and you members of the Advisory Boards also. He said his weapon was to stand here and speak.

Men must hold their own in the position in which they find themselves. Rights are not to be given up. See how I am treated by the Representative in the island of

St John. What are you going to do?

Member Daniel retired.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that it was not a matter only of knowing what to do. All legal authority is to be respected, but our rights are to be safe-guarded.

The following motion was moved by him at this juncture.

"That the Chairman of the Colonial Council write Governor M. E. Trench to the effect that the members of the Colonial Council who unanimously passed the Resolution at its regular meeting on February 10th, 1926 for the restoration of its various commissions and which resolution was disapproved by the Governor, are of the same opinion that the Resolution passed by them is their inalienable right according to Colonial Law; but that his letter and its contents are noted."

Member Andrade retired.

The Chairman (Kuntz) requested the 3rd elected member to act as Secretary.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) proposed that the word "disapproved" be changed to "vetoed".

On being put to the vote, the amendment was lost; and the Motion was afterward passed by a majority. Eight voting for it. Member Nolte abstained from voting.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) questioned the way in which the Order of the Day was made out. He argued that when a measure had passed the first discussion, and the 2nd discussion was to follow at the next meeting, it should appear as Item 1 in said meeting and not be placed the last. This he said was not correct.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that it was a good idea that those items are placed first, which give last discussion, but that the members can by a vote of a sufficient majority change the Order of the Day to suit themselves.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that the 2nd elected member might be right, and he is not blaming anybody specifically for the arrangement of the Order of the Day, but it seemed to him that a point already under discussion should have precedence. He made an excuse, saying that he had to attend to some business and would have to leave the meeting.

Members Boschulte, Smith and R. Francis retired.

As there was no longer a quorum, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 8th April 1926

J E Huntz
Chairman

Chas A Andrews
Secretary

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Monday, the 17th May 1926, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:— J.E. Huntz, Chairman; C. A. Andrews, Secretary; C. E. Daniel, Leroy Nolte, Axel Holst, Lionel Roberts, J. H. Boschulte and Abram E. Smith.

The Government ~~Secretary~~ was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Chairman (Huntz) called the meeting to order and said he had called the meeting, as requested, so as to give the necessary assistance to the Virgin Islands taking their part in the Sesquicentennial Exposition to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and he requested the chairman of the Municipal Committee to report on the Additional Money Bill.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that as chairman of the Municipal Committee he had received a letter signed by 9 members of the Council requesting the Municipal Committee to take action in the premises and do the necessary to introduce in the Council an extra money bill for Frs 7.500.00, for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred in connection with the participation of St Thomas and St John in the Sesquicentennial Exposition at Philadelphia, from June 1st to December 1st, 1926. It would perhaps have been reasonable if one of the nine members had spoken, but on the other hand he would be pleased to do so. Among other things for the Exposition, it was essentially a good idea to have the moving pictures as that would bring these Islands before the public eye on the mainland in a manner which no other thing could do. He said, that he for one had been very glad to assist in bringing forward this Additional Money Bill. He had heard some remarks about the term "defray expenses" but the council could of course change the wording

to for instance "a contribution towards defraying the escpenses". But "defray expenses" were the identical words used in the request to the Municipal Committee.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any further remarks. He further said that this Money Bill would be subject to 2 discussions, as per Rules of Business.

The member for the Coumby District (Boschulte) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and the 2nd opened.

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that the Governor had said that it would be of much advantage to the islands to be brought to notice at this exposition, and that the Municipal Committee had learned from the Administration that there was money available for the purpose.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any further remarks.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) spoke in favor of the Money Bill, and remarked that he was sure the Bill would find a general acceptance. He then seconded the proposal of the member of the Coumby District.

The Chairman (Huntz) then put the proposal to the House that the 1st discussion be closed and the Bill go to 2nd discussion, in accordance with Section 29.

The vote was unanimous.

The Chairman (Huntz) said that the 2nd discussion was now open.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill adopted.—

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

Seven (7.) voted affirmatively.

The Chairman (Huntz) remarked that one member did not vote.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he would not oppose the Bill. Anything for the good of the islands should meet no opposition. He was sorry however that, for certain particular reasons, he could not vote it; although he had even remained so as not to destroy the quorum.

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman, after he had announced that the Bill had been passed.

St Thomas, 17th May 1926

F. Huntz
Chairman

Dan Adriani
Secretary.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Friday, the 28th May 1926, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members attended: J. E. Kluntz, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Herbert E. Lockhart, Cyril E. Daniel, Leroy Nolle, J. P. Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Luther E. Stakemann, Lionel Roberts, J. H. Boschulte and Abram E. Smith. The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Chairman (Kluntz) opened the meeting, and called it to order. He said that he had received a letter from prominent citizens enclosing a Petition signed by 172 persons merchants, proprietors, tax-payers and citizens of this municipality, praying the Council to respectfully request Congress not to enact any legislation at present which would cause the withdrawal of the Naval Officers from the Administration, as they believed that such action would cause inestimable harm to the Virgin Islands.

The Item for consideration today he said was only one.

Item 1. Introduction of, and first discussion on a Petition signed by merchants, proprietors, tax payers and citizens, relative to certain legislation now before the Congress.

The Secretary (Anduze) at the request of the chairman read the letter, and the Petition, to which was affixed 172 signatures.

The Chairman said that in order to continue the meeting a two-thirds vote was necessary, and the consent of the Governor, in accordance with paragraph 3, section 8 of the Rules of Business, which he read.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the rule quoted was not applicable to the present case. He enquired what are the rules for calling extraordinary meetings.

The Chairman (Kluntz) replied that the governor or the chairman can call extraordinary meetings, and read paragraph 2 of section 4 of the Rules of Business laying particular emphasis on the phrase "shorter notice may be given".

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) quoted the 3rd paragraph of the same section, and queried what about the mention of "at least 48 hours previous to the meeting".

The Chairman (Huntz) replied that that portion referred to the information to be given the governor. He stated that that would come up later on and the Governor would say whether he had had sufficient notice.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) remarked that he feared that a dangerous precedent was being created; could a "shorter notice" mean that at 8 o'clock one saw the notice and that the meeting be kept at 2 ? It is a precedent which ought not to be allowed to work. Perhaps he said they were taking advantage of Section 29: "On very pressing occasions the preceding Rules of Business may be deviated from etc, etc

The Chairman (Huntz) replied that the section quoted was not applicable to the present case. The rule he had quoted at first "shorter notice" was the one applicable, and thoroughly covered the point at issue.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) replied that he hoped that a rule that is applicable one way will be found to be applicable another way.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he believed the chairman was correct. The last section quoted required that the governor be given at least 48 hours, or he may decline and call such a meeting illegal. I suppose the Governor's consent had been obtained. Shorter notice to the council members can be given. No shorter notice, as to the governor, than 48 hours. A vote can be taken, and if two-thirds present consent, the meeting is in order. Those present are the sole judges.

The 3rd appointed member (Rolfe) said both the chairman and the 2nd elected member had interpreted the rules correctly. He called attention to another proviso in section 4 regarding shorter notice, which says "if time admits of it".

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) remarked that there are many sides to a question. We ought to go on carefully. It seemed to him that an arbitrary meaning was being given the rules. It seemed clear to him that all members should be given time to think on all matters before the council, before one acts; and the notice for the meeting was too short. He enquired if there were any precedents for this meeting.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that suppose the 7th elected member should want to have an extraordinary

meeting called, at short notice, with say, 7 or 8 items, then the first thing would be to find if two-thirds of the members were agreeable, if not it could not be done. This Section 8 of the Rules of Business is made for just these emergencies. It presupposes that occasions may arise in which a matter is to be dealt with — something necessary, members and the governor being agreeable — and provides the authority for keeping such a meeting. Naturally no such meeting could be held without the consent of the governor and two-thirds of the members.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said that an extraordinary meeting is an emergency meeting and the same rule as to short notice applies in all such cases. He recalled an occasion when he submitted a Resolution concerning Prohibition that was sent to the late President. Members had no notice of it before the opening of the meeting, but realizing its urgency, decided by vote in the regular way that the Resolution be despatched.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he would say again that if this is not to serve as a precedent, let it go, since all the members appear to be satisfied that such is the rule of business.

The Member for the Country District (Boschulte) High time.

The Chairman (Huntz) remarked that it was necessary to get the two-third vote mentioned. I will now take the vote.

Ten (10) voted affirmatively. Two (2) members (Moorehead and L. Roberts) abstained from voting.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if the Governor consented.

The Government Secretary (Baker) replied that the Governor consented.

The Secretary (Anduze) read the letter and the Petition again.

The 3rd elected member (Statemann) enquired how many discussions.

The Chairman (Huntz) One discussion.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) asked the chairman for some points of information relative to the petition before the council. First he had read that part of the petition which said that Congress was about to enact ~~ab~~ certain dangerous ~~Acts of Treason~~ legislation. He enquired if the wording of the petition was not an insult to the highest legislative body in the Nation. In other words do you think Congress would enact any laws" which would cause inestimable harm to the Virgin Islands?"

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he believed that Congress would enact all kind of harmful legislation to these islands not because they wanted to, or from malice, but because they did not know better. And the present council was the right body to give the necessary information.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that there need be no fear of Congress feeling insulted by the wording of the Petition. It can't be denied that with all its good intentions to help, Congress can, through hasty action based on incorrect information and lack of proper knowledge of actual conditions in the islands, cause disaster by enacting unsuitable laws, and alluded to the application to the islands of the Volstead Act, or Prohibition, as such. It will be remembered too that several senators have themselves enjoined caution in acting upon current information, and favor visiting the islands with the view of obtaining the desired facts.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that Congress had been considering legislation for these islands since December last and up to the present. There are many senators well informed about conditions down here. May I ask why is it thought that Congress will enact legislation disastrous to the islands? Will you answer Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman (Luntz) replied that he was not supposed to answer every question.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) From ignorance of our actual conditions.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts). The second question is, can any of the members point out or tell this council of the harmful legislation that is about to be enacted by Congress for these islands. Can you not say what legislation would be harmful to these islands? Pardon me if I appear to be going too far.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he wanted to support the last speaker, especially on this ground. What is the legislation that is harmful? Ought we not to know what is the legislation that is harmful, before we agitate against it. He remarked that we ought to be acquainted with the matter before we begin to take steps against it.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) enquried if he would be permitted to say that he perfectly agreed in a certain sense with the 7th and 1st elected members in wishing

information about the "harmful" thing. But the thing we fear is just that the Congress will enact legislation of which we know nothing without giving us a hearing. If we had known what it was we could act differently. But, since we do not know, we ask them to stay their hands and give us a hearing.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that along the lines the 2nd elected member had spoken, he would remind the Council that a Bill had been presented to this council by him to arrange our affairs; but no notice had been taken of it. Then the Congress had a Bill presented to it by a senator, and then another, — and the governor had been asked on both occasions to give his opinion. But the Council had not thought fit on either occasion to act as it is acting now. But Mr Chairman, this Petition is signed by 172 persons, merchants, etc. etc. What about the other group which contain voters, over 500 voters and others? This has all the appearance of class legislation. Do you not think there is something in this? ———

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) said had time permitted there would have been more names on the list; anyway those obtained included the most representative. It would have been easy enough to crowd the list, but that was not desirable. ———

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) remarked that the signatures did not mean so much in the matter. The Colonial Council represents the entire people and must be so considered. We represent the whole people now. ———

The 2nd elected member (Colst) Mr Chairman, I again must say that I entirely understand and in the main agree with the remarks made by the 7th elected member. But it does not seem so unnatural to me, that 172 or however many persons of this Municipality have addressed the Council by presenting a petition to the Council, with the request that the Council forward the address through official channels to the right parties in Congress. ———

It does not matter much, to me at least, whether we have been addressed by forty, fifty, or 172 persons — although there is strength in numbers — since we are to consider and deliberate on the actual merits of the Petition before we undertake anything. ———

I think, that it is quite natural that we meet here

and consider such an Address or Petition from the merchants, taxpayers and citizens of the Municipality; moreover, since it is very likely that the makers of the Petition have meant, not that we should simply transmit the document, as a post-master would do, but that the Council would discuss it and endorse it, in so far that it might meet with the approval of the House.

I have been quite glad to see this address coming up for discussion, and I shall also be very glad to give it my support in order to have it forwarded, because I have heard from different sources, and have received several letters and newspaper clippings which have given me the impression that the situation is not understood in Washington and in the States generally, and that the Navy officers here are blamed for inefficiency and mis-administration. But this is not the case, and we should not allow such an impression to go on, if such an impression actually exists.

I have had very many good friends among the Navy personnel here, and feel that they would defend me up North if I should happen to be attacked there; and I will do the same for them here.

I think that I am fairly qualified to speak on this matter, since I am one of those who believe, and have always believed, that nobody, neither Congress nor the Naval Officers here, should attempt to make laws for these islands, without giving the islands a hearing, or an opportunity to give their opinion in the matter.

But on the other hand, when it comes to the actual administration, then I have been just as much in favor of actual administration by the Navy Officers as I have been against any kind of legislation by them.

And I do not think it fair to allow any misunderstanding to continue regarding the Naval Officers, when we, so far as I know, have been perfectly satisfied with their administration. In furthering the address, and if in consequence thereof, committees or commissions should come down here, we can get an opportunity to set these matters straight, and also to think over what really ails our islands, and suggest remedies, if we think that we have any.

But regarding the Navy, and the men the Navy has sent us, we have all known them in this council; and we cannot say that they were not good men. Let us take every one of the governors which we have had, from the first to the last, highly different though they were in charac-

teristics, do we actually believe, that we could have furnished better men ourselves, or that any other Department could have done it ? Let us take them one by one and see :

There was the courteous and tactful Captain Pollock.
There was the quiet-mannered and pensive Admiral Oliver.
Then came the cordial and helpful Admiral Oman.
Then the spirited and enthusiastic Admiral Littelle.
Then the frank and resolute Admiral Hough.

Then came a sick man, Captain Williams, well-meaning and heavy-working, but fighting against bodily handicaps; and then we have the present Governor, of whom it would perhaps be considered flattery to speak, but should I mention his characteristics, as we know them, I think they would be : even-minded and well-balanced.

They were fine men all, and highly capable men; and I think that it speaks well for the Navy as an institution that it has been able to, and willing to send us so many good men in so short a time.

And one thing we must have noticed in all of them, different though they were in characters, the strong interest and sympathy they had for these islands, and their hopes that they might be able to do something for them.

And when we look at those men that had been given them as helpers, also men from the Navy, I think mostly of the Government Secretaries, then we must say the same of them : we all remember Mr Stratton; the powerful Mr Timmons; and Commander Gaffney, the general favorite of the islands.

Then, however, in 1923, came a Secretary of whom I think that it had been better if he had never come here, and to whose presence, I believe, most of the unrest of today must be ascribed.

He had knowledge, but not wisdom; and in my opinion, was lacking in that most necessary human element, sympathy, without which no real insight or understanding is possible.

But to let the shortcomings or failings of a single man condemn a whole system, or detract from the fine work done by so many other men, would be absurd.

Regarding the actual administration by Naval Officers, I will finally say, that I would also for other reasons consider this system advantageous under present conditions. Our islands are at present split up into different factions,

and it may well be that under such conditions we might be better served by administrators from the outside, than by ourselves.

Another thing: the Navy has a wide field to pick men from, while we have only a limited one, so it would be reasonable to expect that the Navy would be able to give us better service than we could give ourselves. Then again, if the Navy men should fail, we would be ever ready with invigorating criticism; while, if we were dealing with local men, we might be tempted to say: We know that John cannot do his work properly, but he is married and has eight children; what shall become of them, if we discharge him. Or we may say, that he owes a merchant forty dollars, and if he be discharged, the merchant would lose that amount, etc. etc.

Such outside influences are avoided now.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). I was gratified, and I am sure my colleagues were also, to have been able to hear openly from the 2nd elected member his appreciation of the Navy. It has been stated before by others. Of course it is a red rag to a bull to make mention or reference to the Navy in the presence of certain persons. To such persons the Navy is the worst thing in the world, for the purposes of political agitation, and it is gratifying, I repeat, to hear some disinterested person stand up and say "Here's a cheer to the Navy". The personnel of the United States Navy do not need our praise. They are above it. Notwithstanding, they give us their service, their best service, and what have they been getting all along? Slicks, and hard ones at that, from a small group. But they are sticking to their job and giving satisfaction, and for every kick they give a soothing stroke. They don't mind the knocks.

It seems to me that what we are doing here today should be interpreted as a vote of confidence in the Navy, not alone because of the wording of the Petition, but also of the remarks that just fell from the lips of the 2nd elected member. It's a mean person that has no gratitude to return for services received, and when we consider especially what the people at large get from the Navy as established and represented here, and what the community as a unit stands to lose from its withdrawal, no one who has the welfare of the islands — the welfare of all the people — at heart, can wish to see the Navy withdrawn. I do not think I am

overstating the matter. I think, on the contrary, that it should be satisfactory to us, as representatives of the people, to be able to speak up and say, if the Navy has to go, "Gentlemen, we thank you. We regret your departure". But we hear nothing of the kind from a certain faction, who say and repeat: "Kick them out, let them go", and from many too who are dependent on the Navy for their daily bread.

I have been told, when making appreciative reference to the Navy, that I am "singing for my supper". Would that lots more were also singing for theirs. I am glad to sing for my supper, Gentlemen, and when I sing for mine, remember that I at the same time sing for the fare of thousands of others, because there are few in St Thomas, directly or indirectly, who are not dependent on the Navy and all that it stands for here.

In other communities, people beg for the establishment of a Naval Station. Here we have it, but some don't appreciate its great value. If this were an independent community, with plenty of resources, perhaps we could afford to bid the Navy good bye, as we could then handle our own affairs. But that is not at all possible. I am not speaking only of the annual appropriation by Congress, which is apart from the benefits of the Navy, administratively and otherwise. We know it has been stated that the islands can do without the appropriation, that we can cut down the cost of government, and so on. But when there is danger of losing the appropriation and of taking away both the Navy and Marines, with all that this means to the community, it is time, gentlemen, to speak out.

The prestige of a place depends not alone on its commerce, but also on its government — the respect and the dignity which a well administered Government carries with it! Therefore in passing this Petition we are expressing the hope that the Navy will not be removed, at least not until the islands are in a better position economically than they are now. Woe to the day when they go, and to the poor deluded working people, so criminally misled.

If you ask me what kind of a permanent government I think best for the islands, I would say a permanent Navy government. The Navy administration does not assume any undue authority, nor does it wrongfully

take from us anything that we possess, legally or otherwise. Far to the contrary. And when I refer to the Navy in a social or any sense, the economic side of it is of course always paramount. To those therefore who would have it believed that the Navy is responsible for the island's troubles, I answer that, until such means are found to improve our economic condition, we had "better bear the ills we have than fly to those we know not of".

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he was indeed glad to hear the good and interesting things that had been said about the American Navy. He had been working 25 years ago with the Navy in Guantanamo, Cuba, and know that its personnel is fine. We are all satisfied with the Navy. No one would have said these things about the Navy here, 10 or 15 years ago. No one wants to see the Navy go. Let the Navy remain forever even if the citizenship goes. He said he was a U. S. citizen and was proud of it. No one wants to kick the Navy out. When you want to travel, how do you want to travel? As a Virgin Islander or as a citizen of the U. S. A.? Is it the latter that is harmful?—

The 7th elected member (A. Roberto) remarked that he had made himself familiar with the hearings connected with the Senate Bill No. 4005. In all these bills and the hearings there is nothing harmful to the islands.

Americans themselves were anxious that the islands be not placed in a worse condition than they were. He was not speaking against the Navy. In the Organic Act that he brought in there was nothing against the Navy. No thinking man, no lover of St. Thomas, would want the Navy to go. None other than the very irresponsible would say kick the Navy out. The Navy should not be brought in question— the way some member feels to interpret it for personal reasons. He said he could safely say that the gentlemen of the Navy knew his policy. He said the whole reason of the present action and meeting is that a private letter was received from the mainland by a private individual about the legislation now before Congress. Is it true or is it not true that it is this we are dealing with? It is my duty to try and see that the Council acts in the correct way. That things be done as they ought to be done.—

The Chairman (Hunty) said that he would like to know the pleasure of the Council.

The Secretary (Anduze) remarked that he would like to make a mohon, and read as follows:-

Motion

1) That this Council not only accedes to the request of the Committee, as contained in communication of May 28, 1926, accompanying document requesting Congress to suspend legislation relative to these islands, but also to express its adherence to and solidarity with the statements and prayer of said document.

2) That the Chairman of the Council be and is hereby authorized to solicit the assistance of the Governor of the Virgin Islands for the transmission of the text of the aforesaid document as well as the indorsement contained in paragraph 1 of this motion.

The 1th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired in what form the communication will be sent.

The Secretary (Anduze). Through radio, and a copy after by mail.

The Chairman (Hunty). As a Memorial.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) moved that the Mohon be adopted.

The 2nd elected member (H. Colst) seconded.

The Chairman (Hunty) enquired if there were any further remarks; and the Secretary (Anduze) read the Motion again.

The 1th elected member (L. Roberts) asked for the Mohon and re-read it.

The vote was then taken; ten (10) being in favor. The Chairman enquired if there were any against.

No one responded.

Members Moorehead and L. Roberts abstained from voting.

The Chairman announced that the Mohon had been passed, and then closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 28th May 1926.

J. E. Hunty
Chairman.

Chas A. Anduze
Secretary.

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Monday, the 14th June, 1926, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present: J. E. Hunte, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Herbert E. Lockhart, Cyril E. Daniel, Leroy Nolle, F. P. Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Luther E. Stakemann, Lionel Roberts, J. H. Boschulte and Carl E. Francis.

The Government was represented by the Assistant Government Secretary, Lieutenant Ryan.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held the 8th April 1926 were adopted.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held the 17th May 1926 were adopted, member Moorehead abstaining from voting, as he had not been present at the said meeting.

Member Abram E. Smith entered.

Item 1. Election of two men to assist the Governor in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Silver Wedding Legacy.

Member Hunte received 10 votes and Mr Cornelio 8. The Chairman declared them duly elected.

Item 2 Election of a Jury Commissioner for the municipality of St Thomas and St John for a period of 1 year from the 1st July 1926, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 12, Title V, of the Code of Laws, for the municipality of St Thomas and St John.

A discussion ensued in which members L. Roberts, L. Nolle and Axel Holst took part.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the Jury Commissioner be elected from among the members of the council. The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) read the law, and pointed out that no such restriction was required.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded the motion and remarked that for this particular occasion he thought it necessary.

On being put to the vote, the motion was lost. Four (4) being in favor and eight (8) against.

The election resulted as follows: Mr. C. Corneiro received 8 votes. Member L. Roberts 3. The Chairman declared Mr. Corneiro elected.

Item 3. Introduction of, and first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance providing for the installation of Sanitary Automatic Flushing Toilets and Slop Basins etc., passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John on December 8, 1921, and approved by the Governor on December 20, 1921.

(Proposed by the Governor)

The Afsistant Government Secretary (Ryan) introduced the Draft and recommended it for adoption.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) enquired whether the word "served" had been purposely omitted or if it was a typographical error. He proposed that as it was in the lengthier draft previously submitted, that it be inserted.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) seconded.

The Chairman (Huntz). The discussion is now open. Are there any further remarks?

The Afsistant Government Secretary (Ryan) said that the word "served" had been purposely omitted.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) proposed that the first discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

Twelve (12) voted in favor; Member Boschulte against.

The Chairman (Huntz): With the consent of the Governor and the Council, and making use of Section 29 of the Rules of Business, I ask that the 2nd discussion take place to-day.

Twelve (12) voted in favor, one (1) against. The Governor's representative consented.

The Chairman (Huntz). The 2nd discussion is now open.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that as the omission of the word "served" was not the mistake of the compositor he would propose that it be inserted.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) said he did not believe it was an error, but that it had been left out purposely. Suppose there are some houses not tenanted and not used for a month, no collection if the word "served" is inserted could be collected, whereas the cost of the pumping station is fixed by the year. If no collection

was made from such houses, the amount estimated as revenue from the Draft now before the council would be considerably reduced.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that it was a poor rule that does not work both ways. Why should property owners pay when the house is not tenanted. It would equally be hard to pay when no use is made of the service. He would again support the proposal of the 2nd elected member to insert the word "served".

On being put to the vote, eleven (11) voted in favor. None against. Members Nolle and Boschulte abstained from voting.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the 3rd opened.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired of the Assistant Government Secretary if there were any objections?

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) None.

The Chairman (Huntz) put it to the council, that making use of Section 29, the Governor's consent having been obtained, the 3rd discussion take place today.

Twelve (12) voted in favor; member Boschulte abstaining.

The Chairman (Huntz) said the 3rd discussion was open.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed, and the draft in its amended form adopted.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) seconded.

On being put to the vote, twelve (12) voted in favor, one (1) member Boschulte against.

The Chairman (Huntz) announced that the Ordinance had been passed.

Item 4. Introduction of, and first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Section 5, Chapter 1, Title I of the Code of Laws for the municipality of St Thomas and St John.

(Proposed by the Governor).

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) introduced the measure, and remarked that all over the ~~world~~ United States and also in Porto Rico, it had been found necessary, on account of the high cost of living, to increase the salary of judges.

After some remarks by members L. Roberts and A. Holst, the member for the Country District (Boschulte) proposed that

the 1st discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

Twelve (12) voted in favor. Member Roberts abstained from voting.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) proposed that the 2nd discussion take place today.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) seconded.

Twelve (12) voted in favor. Member Roberts abstained from voting.

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) remarked that the judge was worthy of, and deserved the increase proposed. He thought he was efficient and doing his best; and the Governor being satisfied, and bringing this proposal to the council, he thought it should be voted.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the judge was no doubt efficient, and very courteous, that he can say that he treats him as a friend; but nevertheless he could not see his way to vote an increase, taking in account the financial condition of the municipality.

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) remarked that the District Judge was giving efficient service. Other judges in other places are obtaining increases in salary, why should not he receive also.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that he could not agree with the honorable last speaker. The question is that few salaries outside of the Governor exceed $400.- monthly; and can the municipality afford it?

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the ordinance may well have read not to exceed so much, so that we would have a chance to regulate salaries for successors. But since it is such a high and important office, he would be glad to vote it, and if there were no other remarks he would propose that the second discussion be closed, and the draft go to 3rd. discussion.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) remarked that as the District Court Judges in the United States have all been given, even down to those in Porto Rico, an increase, it seems a matter of course that the judge of the Virgin Islands should also receive an increase; and proposed that we in due course adopt the Draft of Ordinance.

The member for the Country District (Bosch Ulle) seconded the proposal that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the draft go to 3rd discussion.

The Chairman (Moritz) put the proposal to the vote.

Twelve (12) voted in favor; member Roberts abstained from voting. The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) consenting, the chairman declared the 3rd discussion open.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the Ordinance adopted.

The Chairman (Huntz) took the vote.

Twelve (12) voted in favor; member Roberts abstained from voting. The Chairman announced that the Ordinance had been passed.

Item 5. Introduction of, and first discussion on Budget Estimates for the municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1926, to 30th June, 1927.

(Introduced by the Governor).

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan). Mr Chairman and Gentlemen of the Colonial Council:- I greatly regret, as I know you gentlemen do, the very sad circumstances which have made necessary the Government Secretary's absence in the States.

Prior to the Honorable, the Government Secretary's hurried departure, he handed me a sheet of paper on which he had written some notes which were to form the opening part of his address to the Colonial Council, to-day, in introducing the budget for the coming fiscal year. Because of the fact that these brief notes of Commander Baker represent the trend of his thoughts in connection with the budget estimates, I have thought it best to read them to you word for word. They follow:

"The Government takes pleasure again in submitting to the gentlemen of the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John, the benefit of its prolonged studies along budgetary lines for the fiscal year 1927.

As the result of last years escperience the Government has felt that possibly too little data was afforded the Councillors when the budget was first presented. This year in order that the gentlemen of the council might be possessed of as much information as possible at an early date, detailed comments were transmitted with the proposed budget. It is deemed necessary that detailed reasons for any increases be made known. You will find them contained in the remarks accompanying the several departmental estimates".

If he could have been here today to address the Council, I know that the Government Secretary would have

told you something of the problems attending the preparation of this budget. I myself am not so intimately familiar with the details of that work.

In February of this year His Excellency, the Governor, as usual, directed the various heads of departments and governmental activities to furnish the Government Secretary with budget estimates for the coming fiscal year. The departments were told that no increases, other than those absolutely necessary, should be asked for. When these estimates were received, it appeared that the requested appropriations would far exceed the amount of the estimated revenues plus the expected allocation from the Federal Appropriation. As stated in the remarks accompanying the budget estimates, it is estimated that Fcs. 920.000.00 will accrue to the Colonial Treasury of St Thomas and St John from the usual sources of revenue, during the fiscal year 1927. Based upon a federal appropriation of $280.000.00, His Excellency the Governor, has, after deducting the expenses of the Central Administration, decided to tentatively allot to the municipality of St Thomas and St John, the sum of Fcs 511.000.00, based, as heretofore, on an apportionment between the two municipalities by population. Of this amount, it appears that about Francs 491.000.00 should be tentatively obligated as a deficit, leaving a margin of Fcs 20.000.00 for emergency purposes. Therefore, as shown by the budget before you, we expect to have available for expenditure during 1927 a total of Francs 1.111.000. The problem we were confronted with was to keep the total of the departmental requests within this limit. The budget estimates before you now, represent the result of our labors in that direction. His Excellency, the Governor, has very carefully considered these estimates and believes that the represent the wisest distribution of funds among the several departments consistent with a balanced budget. Particular attention is invited to the fact that the budgetted expenditures exceed those for the current fiscal year by but Fcs. 13.472.00, and that detailed explanation of all increases appear in the remarks which accompanied the estimates.

The Government recommends this budget for your consideration and approval.

The Chairman (Huntz) The discussion is now open. ——
The budget is subject to two discussions. The Chairman of the Municipal Committee has, I am sure, some remarks to make. ——

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that the Municipal Committee had held a meeting to discuss the Budget Estimates, and the Assistant Government Secretary, Lieutenant Ryan, had been invited and had attended. The increase of some salaries had been recommended. It would be well also that the same proviso be placed on this budget as on the last, viz: is, that the deficit would be covered by the Federal Appropriation, failing which the expenditure would have to be cut down so as to balance. ——

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) remarked apropos of the deficit of Fcs. 490.844.00 I want to say that the figures on the estimates are tentative, because we do not know accurately how they will work out. If we receive more revenue then the Federal aid will be decreased. This is a matter of law decided by the Comptroller. ——
Actual deficits are paid. ——

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he was glad to hear such a clear and concise statement. ——

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said that each time the Budget Estimates came up, the same explanations have been given. The Assistant Government Secretary has said nothing new. I have always understood that the Federal Appropriation covers the deficit only. If the revenues are larger, then the appropriation is decreased. If the revenues are smaller then the appropriation is increased up to the amount granted. ——

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he could not agree with the 3rd appointed member, as he felt quite sure that most of the members do not understand and have never understood that Federal Appropriations are only brought into use after our revenues are exhausted. Many times we have received more revenues than was budgetted only to receive that much less from Federal Appropriations. Thus showing the fact that if we raised $200.000. of $220.000 budgetted including Federal Appropriation, when from budget estimates we only figured on $110.000, all that we will receive from the appropriation is $20.000. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we should take a little more care of our money. ——

The Chairman (Huntz). Are there any further remarks?

The 2nd elected member (Stakemann) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

All voted favorably.

The Chairman (Hunty). I will now take the vote that the 2nd discussion take place today.

The vote was unanimous that the 2nd discussion take place to-day.

The Chairman (Hunty). The 2nd discussion is now open.

Revenues.

I, II, III. Francs 620.000.00

Expenditures.

Colonial Council Nos 1 and 2. Total Fcs 13.725.00

Passed unanimously, as proposed by the Municipal Committee.

A discussion took place about the "travelling expenses" for members from St John, in which members Nolle, Stakemann and Holst spoke.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the amount is placed at the chairman's disposal, and may be continued as hitherto, each trip as per agreement with the chairman.

The 3rd appointed member (L. Nolle) who first spoke that the 1st member for St John (Carl E Francis) should be paid the travelling expenses, said that he would like to have it clearly understood that in future said travelling expenses would be paid.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said that it was just to make it clear that the amount budgetted is under the chairman's disposition.

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) said that he was under the impression that the member from St John had been collecting the travelling expenses all the time. If he has not, it should be paid him for the current year, if there were any unobligated funds under the corresponding item.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) suggested that the amount be mentioned on the budget say not to exceed Fcs 500.00. The hon. member for the County District should also receive compensation for travelling expenses.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) did not think it practicable to fix an amount. It is better to leave it as it is with the understanding that the amount be used.

Judiciary Department.

Under Item 3.) Salaries. Clerk of the District Court budgetted at Fs 12.000.00

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) proposed that the salary of the Clerk of the District Court be increased by Fs 3.000.00, making it Fs 15.000.- The present incumbent is a very valuable and efficient official, and acts often as Police Judge, and is fully deserving the increase.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said that he agreed that the salary of the Clerk of the District Court should be Fs 15.000.00. But is the salary to be raised in this way that the salary for that office is not to exceed Fs 15.000.00? In which case how much is it proposed to pay the present incumbent now?

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said that it is not a question of altering the code. The code provides that he be paid up to Fs 15.000.-, and his proposal is to pay the present incumbent Fs 15.000.-.

A discussion ensued in which members Roberts, Stakemann and Holst took part.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) stated that in the budget submitted to the Council, the Governor, recommended such increases in salaries as were deemed advisable within the limits of the estimated revenues. However, he is always desirous of being in accord with the council, and will give careful consideration to any increases the Council may propose and approve. In increasing salaries, efficiency, importance of the position and available revenues have to be considered. I cannot, of course, forecast his action in any individual case. I believe that if the Council recommends any salary increases beyond those now appearing in the budget that it should also suggest the source from which these increases should be met.

The Emergency Fund, or that held as a contingent is only $4.000.00, and it is a small amount to carry.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he would like to thank the Assistant Secretary for his remarks. The amount of $4.000.- was certainly small, but all the same he would second the proposal of the 3rd appointed member.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that he wanted to say fairly and squarely that he considered the remarks

rather strange. The salary is not small, and to increase it by depending to take it from the Emergency Fund, is neither right nor correct.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that he thought the 7th elected member mistakes the spirit in which the 2nd elected member spoke. In case of disaster we would cut the judge's salary. I think that he feels that the clerk merits it so much, that he would even take it from the Emergency Fund. I think, however, the governor will find a way to arrange it.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) said that when he suggested an increase of the salary of the clerk of the District Court, he only used his prerogative. The Municipal Committee has made its suggestions and every member of the Council has the right to make proposals also. The money has always been forthcoming, why not now? I would like to see a budget without this proviso. Why suppose that things will be so bad that we will be forced to encroach on the Emergency Fund?

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the question was asked where will we get the money?

On a vote being taken twelve (12) voted in favour of the increase. Member Roberts did not vote.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) referred to the recommendation of the Municipal Committee that the messenger's salary under this department be increased by Fcs 300.00, making it Fcs 900.— The salary of Fcs 600.— he thought too small. It could hardly defray the expenses of clothing and footwear.

Twelve (12) voted in favour of this increase. Member Roberts did not vote.

Judiciary Department.

2.	Salaries. The amount is now		Fcs 50.200.00
4.	Maintenance	2.569.00	
		Fcs 52.769.00	

Police and Prison Department.

5.	Salaries.	Fcs 79.740.00	
6.	Maintenance	13.124.00	Fcs 92.864.00

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis) remarked that he would like to be informed if the uniforms for the policemen are paid from this item.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) Uniforms are purchased from that fund.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis) How many suits?

It is 2 years that the policemen in St John have not been provided with suits. He had lately seen them in a very disreputable condition; the cap with a large hole. And I now take the opportunity to tell you of it. It should be remedied.

The 1st appointed member (Lockhart) left the meeting.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that it was pretty serious that the policemen's suits should be so bad, and the cap with a large hole — altogether in bad shape.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) having made enquiries from the Department concerned said that the policemen were formerly supplied with 2 uniforms a year, but funds are at present not sufficient. During the year the chief has given a suit here and there when the men were badly in need of it.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) enquired if it was that the men should get uniforms, and had not.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) No regulation, it is a matter of discretion. I suppose if the Director were informed of the case you refer to, he would provide.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that the matter should be taken up with the Director of Police, and if he can do nothing, the Governor should be interviewed.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) espressed his surprise that there were neither rules nor regulations governing this branch of the public service. The Policemen there for want of a cap could wrap his head with a cloth.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) enquired if the Assistant Government Secretary would look into the matter and let the 1st member for St John know.

This was agreed upon.

Twelve (12) voted in favor of the proposed expenditure under this head.

Fire Department

7 Salaries: 1 Assistant Chief of Fire Department $ 1.500.—

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) said that the salary of the Assistant Chief of the Fire Department is not sufficient. He has done very good work. The night of the hurricane in 1924, he left his family and was at the fire station the entire night, being the first to be on the spot when the house up street caught fire. He proposed that the salary be placed at $140.00 per month.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that he did not know that he had done such good work, jeopardizing his life and running the risk of contracting pneumonia.

A discussion ensued in which members Smith, Moorehead and Holst took part.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that if all he had heard was correct when it comes to danger of losing life etc., he would want to move to pay the Assistant Chief of the Fire Department Fcs 500.00 per month.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) proposed that the salary remain as it is.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The member for the County District (Boschulte) supported.

Seven (7) voted in favor; three (3) against; members Anduze and Roberts did not vote.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) proposed that the two Inspectors be paid Fcs 2.400.00 each yearly, instead of Fcs 1.950.00.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said he would vote for this, as these men really do work, they are men physically fit to handle fires and he hoped the governor would take this into consideration.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) favoured the proposal.

Nine (9) voted in favour; none against.

Fire Department.

7. Salaries	Fcs 10.140.00	
8. Maintenance	868.00	Fcs 11.008.00

Ten (10) voted affirmatively.

Department of Health.

11 Salaries. (Medical Service).

It was the proposal of the Municipal Committee that the Laboratory Technician receive Fcs 6.000.00 instead of Fcs 4.500.00.

Ten (10) voted in favour; none against.

The 5th elected member (Anduze) argued that the District Nurse in St John was underpaid! He proposed that her salary should be Fcs 2.100.00 instead of Fcs 1.500.00

The 1st member for St John (C.E. Francis) remarked that the nurse was efficient and willing to go everywhere. She is sometimes acting as doctor and really deserving an increase of pay.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired if the nurse is often on horseback.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) invited him to see the roads in St John; then he would know the risk the nurse took; night being night there, except when it is moonlight. The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said he happened to know that all was correct that had been said about the matter, and seconded the proposal to make the salary Fcs 2.100.00. Eleven (11) voted in favour; member Roberts not voting. The total under Medical Service would then be Fcs 239.704.00 Ten (10) voted in favor; none against.

Department of Health.

14. Salaries — (Sanitation Service).

The 4th appointed member (Gomez) proposed that the Laboratory Technician should receive Fcs 4.200.00 instead of Fcs 3.600.00; an increase of Fcs 600.00. Eleven (11) voted in favor; member Roberts not voting. The total under Sanitation Service would then be Fcs 66.629.00. Eleven (11) voted in favor, member Roberts not voting.

Electoral Board.

17. Maintenance — Fcs 250.-. Twelve (12) voted affirmatively.

Department of Public Welfare.

18 and 19 — Fcs 43.000.00

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) referred to Item 19 b. In aid of Poor, St Thomas — Fcs 21.282.00, and argued that the amount be substantially increased, as the amount budgetted is not enough. Every day one hears of and receives applications for help. And this he said was well known to everyone present.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said he could agree with the remarks of the last speaker, and an addition should be made.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) proposed that the amount be increased by Fcs 3.718.00 making it Fcs 25.000.00.

The 4th appointed member (Gomez) said that it seemed to him that the amount posted for the Public Library is small, and proposed that it be increased by Fcs 2.953.00, making it Fcs 10.000.00.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he thought the Public Library grant may remain at present as it is or be raised by contributions — private subscriptions.

As far as the aid to the poor, he thought that the amount as it stands is respectable. If work could be procured, that

would be better. He did not think the amount budgetted should be increased.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that he could agree with the last speaker as regards the library; but he could not agree with that part regarding aid to the poor. He thought the recommendation of the 2nd member for St. John, good.

The 4th appointed member (Gomez). If my proposal for the Public Library will in any way prevent the increase in aid of the poor, I withdraw it.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann): The amount of $ 21.282.00 for the poor, is I think quite a fair amount. It is true that we have a good many poor people here. I too come in contact with them. But the amount is already a large one, and we do not know exactly how we are getting along. I would like to be informed just how the money is paid out, and who controls it.

The Chairman (Huntz). The Welfare Department, Chaplain Neymann. Payments are made through the Poor Commission as heretofore. The Red Cross very often examines applications.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) remarked that he would have liked the 3rd elected member to look over the 240 petitions received asking for help from the Golden Wedding Fund. Unfortunately the last speaker did not come into contact with the poor, as he the speaker. The situation is so tense that he is obliged to give regularly from his private means.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said in reply that he also assists, but the right hand is not to know what the left hand does. He would also like to vote to increase it, but he would like to know definitely how the applications for pensions are decided or awarded. I think it very often gets in undeserving channels.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he thought he saw the trend; that if the decision was solely in the hands of the Poor Commission, the 3rd elected member would vote it.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that the last speaker had correctly understood him.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that if we had enough money and to spare, it would be another thing, but he thought that the municipality contributing the amount budgetted, that other assistance should

be left to individual benevolent effort. He thought we could not very well increase Fcs 21.282.00.

The 2nd member for St John (Smith) proposed that the amount be increased by Fcs. 1.000.00, and entered Fcs 22.282.00.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said that he was in favour of assisting the Poor, but he is forced to support the remarks of the 2nd and 3rd elected members; a good many deserving poor do not get any help because they cannot go out and hustle.

The 5th elected member (Anduze) assured the members that not one dollar goes to undeserving people. The applications are properly gone through by Chaplain Meymann and the Local Red Cross.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that no one was trying to cast any aspersion; but whoever decides, does so on the strength of advisers.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he had not given a thought of just how the money is allotted; he took it for granted that those connected with the work investigate as much as possible. He thought the amount budgetted as highe as we could go.

The Chairman then put the proposal to the vote, namely, that, 1% be in aid of Poor, St Thomas be raised to Fcs. 22.282.00.

Eight voted in favor. There were three (3) against, members Moorehead, Holst and Stakemann. Member Roberts abstained from voting.

Department of Education.

The recommendation of the Municipal Committee that the salary of the Property Clerk be increased by Fcs 600.00 was passed by eleven (11) votes.

The total of Fcs. 249.363.00 for this Department passed by a vote of twelve (12).

Public Works Department.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired about the amount of Fcs 40.000.00 promised for the repairs of roads some time ago. The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the Fcs 40.000.- might be sixty or seventy five thousand francs, since it means the unobligated amount after the close of this financial year. The Governor, he understood would ask for permission to use it for roads. That amount was to be spent after the water works were completed.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan). We estimate that at the end of the present fiscal year there will be

about Fcs 70.000.00 un-obligated. How much the exact amount will be I cannot say. The 2nd elected member is correct in his assumption.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) said that he felt glad to hear the information given by the chairman of the municipal Committee (Holst) and the Assistant Government Secretary. Now the council must keep the item before their eyes.

The 1st member for St John (C. E. Francis) remarked that the roads in St John are worse than ever. I am not complaining, I am only pleading. We are in a terrible plight on account of the impassable roads. I offer to do the repairs. Repairs can not be longer delayed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said he was indeed sorry to hear such a report. He hoped however that the repairs will not be much longer delayed, and he would be glad if use could be made of the services of the 1st member for St John, when the repairs were to be done, so that we would be able to blame him if they are bad.

Total under this head ——— Fcs 279.755.00 passed with twelve (12) votes.

St Thomas Municipal Telephone System.

26 and 27 ——— Fcs 41.940.00

The 4th appointed member (Gomez) said that the salaries of the operators should be increased somewhat, the reserve operator does night work and Sunday work, and the pay budgetted is too small. He proposed to increase the salaries of the operators by Fcs 300.00 each and the Reserve Operator by Fcs 360.00

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) I think the remarks of the last speaker and the proposal to raise the salaries of the operators just. The telephone is a necessity now.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) I may also say that the telephone is a necessity and not a luxury. The telephone is not as it should be. I hope for the sake of customers and operators the system will be improved so that one does not have to ring four or five times before getting the required connection.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said that all would agree that the system is not giving satisfaction. It would be well if the Municipal Committee would get in connection with the Governor and speak the matter over so that the necessary improvements be made.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that it would be

a good thing if the Assistant Government Secretary would take the matter up and speak it over with the Governor.— The system needs a good looking after.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) then made a proposal that the chairman (Stuntz) and the 2nd elected member (Holst) take the matter up with the Governor and see what can be done to improve the system.

The 4th appointed member (Gomez) seconded.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) enquired if the result would be reported to the Council.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) Naturally.

Ten (10) voted in favour.

The proposed increase of salaries was then put to the vote. Eleven (11) voted in favor; member Roberts did not vote.

The sum total is now Fcs. 44.100.00

Miscellaneous.

28 Fcs 5.415.00 Voted unanimously.

Pensions.

29 to 38 Fcs 8.190.00 Voted unanimously.

General Contingent

39 Fcs 10.000.00 Voted unanimously.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) expressed the hope that the salaries budgetted would be paid the workers. The truck-drivers for instance do not get the salaries budgetted. The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan). The general provisions referred to were put in as a proviso. If an employee leaves and another comes we would not like to pay the new-comer the same salary the experienced worker earned.

The General Provisions were voted by twelve (12).

A discussion took place in which members Holst, Stakemann, and Nolle expressed their views about the Federal Appropriation.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) ~~said that he did not think the 3rd appointed member had quite understood him~~ explained that the Federal Appropriation covered the deficit only. If more revenue be raised than that budgetted, the deficit would be reduced, and the Federal Appropriation accordingly.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said that he thought if the deficit be greater the Federal Appropriation would meet it.

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) said that he did not think the 3rd appointed member had quite understood him. It would be impossible to increase the Federal Appropriation, for the amount is already determined, and there is no more. In such a case we would have to cut down. I wish to make this clear.

After some discussion, it was decided to affix the following remark to the first page of the Budget:-

"Total deficit, Fcs 501.504.00 which deficit, if the Municipal Revenues are not sufficient therefor, is expected to be covered by the Federal Appropriation, failing which the Budget will have to be reduced to accord with the revenues received."

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the budget passed.

The 4th appointed member (Gomez) seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

The Chairman (Huntz) informed the Assistant Government Secretary that the budget had been passed.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) left the meeting.

Item 6. Introduction of, and first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to create the "Industrial Education Fund".

(Proposed by the Governor).

The Assistant Government Secretary (Ryan) introduced the measure, and referred to the correspondence which accompanied the draft to the Council.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that the Municipal Committee had recommended some changes, which were thought necessary.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said he did not know if it was the intention to rush the measure through, or to put it on the shelf. I think the Ordinance could be made broader, and include the School Board. As it is, the draft is too narrow; the Council should know what is going on.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) enquired how many members of the Council are on the School Board.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle). One, and the chairman is ex officio a member.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) I think the proposal of the 7th elected member in order. We should not rush

it. Just to leave it to the Director of Education and the Governor is too narrow. The suggestion to put it under the School Board is better. I propose that the first discussion be closed. The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

Item 7. Second discussion on Draft

of an Ordinance to alter and amend Section 2, of the Ordinance for the protection of wild birds, deer, etc., passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, on August 24th, 1922.

(Proposed by the 7th elected member L. Roberts).

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that the remarks made at the introduction of this draft still held good, and he spoke of the great necessity of protecting wild life in these islands.

Members Holst, Nolle and Stakemann agreed in the main with the remarks of the introducer of the draft, and the 3rd elected member (Stakemann) proposed that the draft be still kept on the table, the second discussion remaining open.

All agreed.

The Order of the Day having been exhausted the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 P.M.

St Thomas, 14 June 1926

J. E. Hunt
Chairman

Carl A. Anduze
Secretary

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Saturday, the 10th July, 1926, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- J. E. Hunt, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Cyril E. Daniel, Leroy Nolle, J. P. Gomez, George A. Moorhead, Axel Holst, Luther E. Stakemann, Lionel Roberts and J. H. Boschulte.

The Governor was represented by the Government Secretary, Commander Baker.

The Chairman called the meeting to order, and explain-

ed the reasons which prevented a longer notice being given. The members by a unanimous vote decided that the reasons were satisfactory.

Item 1. Introduction of, and first discussion on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year 1st July, 1926 to 30th June, 1927.

(Proposed by 11 members, and recommended by the Municipal Committee)

The Chairman (Huntz) said that this Money Bill would be subject to 2 discussions.

The Chairman of the Municipal Committee (Holst) said that this Additional Money Bill had been recommended by so many members, and we are all so well acquainted with it, that discussions were hardly necessary, and unless a member wanted to say something, he would suggest that the first discussion be closed and the Bill go to second discussion.

The 7th elected member (Roberts) enquired if the Governor was in favor of this Money Bill.

The 4th appointed member (Gomez) seconded the proposal that the first discussion be closed and the Bill go to 2nd discussion.

The vote was unanimous.

The Chairman (Huntz) said that in accordance with Section 29 of the Rules of Business, the 2nd discussion would take place today if the Governor consented, the council having already done so.

The Government Secretary (Baker) consented on behalf of the Governor.

The Chairman (Huntz) The 2nd discussion is now open.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that for the same reasons already given, unless a member had anything to say, he would propose that the second discussion be closed, and the Additional Money Bill passed.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) seconded.

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) enquired what is the Governor's attitude towards this Money Bill. When discussing the Budget last month, the Council voted the increase of several salaries, but they had been disapproved by the Governor; what guarantee had the

Council now that this Money Bill would not share the same fate?. Would this not be making the Budget more top-heavy?.

The Government Secretary (Captain Baker) said that he could assure the Council that the Governor would take great pleasure in approving this Money Bill, if passed.

After a short discussion, in which Members Roberts and Moorehead took part, the Chairman (Huntz) put the proposal of the 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded by the 3rd elected member (Stakemann) that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the Money Bill passed, to the house.

The Money Bill was passed unanimously.

The Government Secretary (Captain Baker) said that he would like to inform the Council that Senator Bingham would arrive in Porto Rico the 19th July, and would be in St Thomas, about the 20th. He comes we presume to make a personal survey of the Virgin Islands affairs. Anyone desirous of having an interview with this gentleman is requested to let him or Mr Shaman know.

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

E. Huntz
Chairman

St Thomas 10th July 1926
Lionel Roberts
Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the

19th August, 1926, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present: J. E. Huntz, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; J. P. Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Luther E. Stakemann, Lionel Roberts, Rothschild Francis, and Carl E. Francis.

The Government was represented by the Honorable the Government Secretary, Captain Baker.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Excuses were made for the non-attendance of members Holst, Nolte and Boschulte.

The Chairman said that before proceeding to the Order of the Day, he would officially inform the council that the following members agreeable to Section 17 of the Colonial Law are to withdraw from the council in September.

the end of the 4 year period, namely
The 1st appointed member, Herbert E. Lockhart,
the 4th Appointed member, J. P. Gomez

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the 2nd elected member, Axel Holst,
the 3rd elected member, Luther E. Stakemann,
the 4th elected member, J. E. Hurtz,
~~the~~ 8th elected member, Rothschild ~~Francis~~.

The 1st member for the District of St John, Carl E. Francis.

The Chairman further informed the council that the seat of the 6th elected member, J. B. Hestres has been declared vacant, as that member had to withdraw in accordance with section 34 of the Colonial Law, as he had been absent for a longer period than 4 months.
The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that whoever was elected in the place of member Hestres, would be elected to serve the unexpired term of the said member.

Item 1. — Second Discussion on Draft

of an Ordinance to create the "Industrial Education Fund" (Proposed by the Governor.)

The fact that this draft of ordinance had been before the committee of the whole house, without result, was discussed by members Stakemann, Moorehead, Rothschild Francis and L. Roberts; and it was argued that the draft be taken from the Committee of the whole ~~house~~ and sent to a committee of three.
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) made a formal proposal that the committee of the whole be dissolved, and the draft sent to a committee of three.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said he quite agreed with the last speaker, that as the committee of the whole failed to function, it should be dissolved; and seconded the proposal made to that effect.

On being put to the vote, 6 voted in favor; and the chairman declared the discussion open.
The 7th elected member (L Roberts) remarked that since the committee of the whole had failed to function, that it be sent to a committee of three.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) seconded the proposal

and remarked that the ordinance had been so long put aside that some of the points had been forgotten; and it is time that it be attended to.

The motion was carried by five. Member Rothschild Francis being against.

Members Roberts, Moorehead and Stakemann were elected by 7, 6 and 4 votes respectively.

Item 2. Continuation of the first

Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to extend the Admiralty Laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands.

(Proposed by the Governor).

The 7th elected member (Mr Roberts) said that the same thing applicable to the Item 1 was applicable to this Item 2. It has been explained that these laws were necessary to the welfare of the islands. However the draft was in committee, and there is no report on it. It would be sure of passage when a favorable report was received. A report has been promised which has not yet been received. I think it should also go to a committee of three or five.

The Government Secretary (Baker) regretted that the report had not been ready. The measure had been before the Council for over a year, and further postponement does not seem necessary. Judge Williams will give you the further explanations you may require.

His Honor Judge Williams then addressed the council giving full details why the passage of the Admiralty Laws was necessary. The Admiralty Laws now in force are not codified; and they are in Danish, if they were in English, it would be altogether different. When any suit is before the courts and these laws have to be applied, the presiding judge has to get them translated, and it has happened that when sentence has been delivered, and appealed against, a rescript has been brought to light, which the presiding judge had had no knowledge of, but which caused the judgment to be reversed. Continuing he said that it would not be quite the thing, for American lawyers to come here on any case that may arise, and be presented with the Admiralty Laws in the Danish language.

The 7th elected member (Mr Roberts) said that the situation could be appreciated by the explanations given by Judge Williams, nevertheless he could not see how

the draft could be passed today. The Council should know more about it. The Council should get more interested in it.

The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) remarked that after listening to the reasons given by the Secretary and Judge Williams, and the position of the courts at present if any matter should come up where the Admiralty Laws had to be applied, he felt sure that the Council would be willing to pass the measure, and accept the U.S. Laws. In fact we can accept no other. It must be the Admiralty Laws of the U.S. Cb these laws are so intricate and complicated, he did not think the Council would be much wiser about them despite all the ~~explanations~~ formations given. He said he would be glad if the Council took that view and pass them today. He felt sure we were on the safe side.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he entered fully into the particulars of the case, and the disadvantages of having the laws now in force scattered here and there, and in Danish. But, is the measure now before us not a federal law? If so, can it not be sent down to us as the Coastwise Law? Could Congress not see fit to put aside these Danish Admiralty Laws, and extend the American Admiralty Laws here?

Judge Williams in reply remarked that his duty was to call attention to the situation as it was and suggest a remedy. The Admiralty Laws are enforced by District Courts which generally deal with Maritime matters. We do not want the Coastwise Laws extended. You do not know what the Danish Law is now; and you will not be the worse for the change. The present situation puts people in a bad position. One has to hunt up the laws and then translate them.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) enquired if this was a Federal Statute or no?

Judge Williams. Admiralty Laws are looked upon as U. S. Laws and are administered in the District Courts. It is looked upon as Federal.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) enquired if these laws are found in decisions or statutes, and what is meant by "inapplicable to the V.D." ?

Judge Williams replied that that was put in as a saving clause. There may be something by a peculiar circumstance not applicable here.

The 8th elected member (R. Francis) remarked that this was a continuation of the 1st discussion, and he did not think it fair to rush it through to the 3rd discussion. He would like to see the other members get a chance to discuss it.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said that in recommending that the draft be passed today, he did so believing that most of the members would be satisfied with what the majority did, and no blame would attach on us. It is one of those items that nothing will be gained by keeping it open, in abeyance.

He feel certain that those absent will not blame us for passing it. To have passed it without any information would have been another thing.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that if you had nothing to say to your constituents, then all right. He, he said, had been asked concerning it by over 100 persons. Just what is being done now should have been done over a year ago. The draft is still in the hands of the committee of the whole. That committee should be dissolved and it should be sent to a committee of three or five.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) said that he seconded the proposal of the last speaker.

On being put to the vote 7 voted in favor; member R. Francis being against.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the Admiralty Laws go to a committee of three to be reported on.
The 3rd elected member (Stakemann) rose to speak.
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) also rose to speak. The Chairman requested him to be seated, as the 3rd elected member had the floor.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said he would like to put a privilege question.
The Chairman replied that there was no privilege question allowed here.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) retired.
The Chairman: As there is no longer a quorum, the meeting is closed.

St Thomas, 19th August 1926.

J E Kenny
Chairman

Geo A Hudson
Secretary.

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday, the 7th October 1926, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- Leroy Nolle, Vice-Chairman; Cyril E. Daniel, George A. Moorehead, Carl A. Andreze, Secretary; Lionel Roberts, and Abram E. Smith.

On calling the meeting to order the Vice Chairman announced the receipt of a communication from the Governor informing him of the result of the recent elections for six members for the council, and of the nomination of two appointed members. In the communication was also a request that this meeting be called.

The Order of the Day was then announced.

Item 1. Presentation of Letters of Appointment and Examination of Patents of Elections.

The Vice-Chairman (Nolle), requested the Secretary (Andreze) to obtain from Mr J. E. Hunty and Mr. Conrad Corneiro their Letters of Appointment, which on being presented were read aloud by the Vice Chairman, whereupon the Secretary was directed to invite the gentlemen into the Council Hall and conduct them to their seats.

The 2nd appointed member (Cyril E. Daniel) was then requested by the Vice Chairman to collect the Patents of Election of the six elected members, viz:-

Mr. Axel Holst	2nd elected member;
Mr J. Percy Souffront	3rd elected member;
Mr. Benito Smith	4th elected member;
Capt. G. J. Andersen	6th elected member;
Mr Juancito Castillo	8th elected member;
and Mr Carl E. Francis	1st elected member for the District of St John.

The Patents of Election having been duly circulated, and examined, and reported as having been found in order, the Speaker (Daniel) was requested to invite the gentlemen in, and conduct them to their assigned seats.

The two appointed members (Hunty and Colnaro) also two of the elected members (Carl E. Francis and Holst) having formerly served as councilmen, the signing of the prescribed oath by them was waived, only the

four newly elected affixing their signatures thereto whereupon the oath as signed was read aloud from the chair.

The requisite formalities having been thus effected, the Vice Chairman made an appropriate address, heartily greeting his former colleagues and tendering a cordial welcome to the new ones.

Item 2. Election of Council's Officials.

The 1st Appointed member (J.E. Kuntz) was elected chairman. He was welcomed to the chair by the Vice-chairman; and on taking it expressed his thanks for having been elected.

The 3rd Appointed member (Leroy Nolte) was elected Vice-Chairman. The 5th elected member (Carl A. Anduze) and the 2nd appointed member (Cyril E. Daniel) were elected Secretaries.

Item 3. Election of members to the Municipal Committee and the several commissions.

As members of the Municipal Committee were elected:-

The 4th Appointed member Conrad Corneiro,
The 2nd elected member Axel Holst,
The 1st elected member George A. Moorehead,
The 5th elected member Carl A. Anduze,
The 1st member for St John, Carl E. Francis.

As members of the Trade and Lamp Tax Committee:

The 3rd elected member J. Percy Southront,
The 4th elected member Benito Smith,
The 2nd member for the District of St John, Abram E. Smith,
The 7th elected member Lionel Roberts,
The 1st Appointed member J. E. Kuntz.

As member of the Electoral Board, Town: Mr. Herbert E. Lockhart.

As member of the Electoral Board, Country: J. H. Boschulte.
As member of the Electoral Board St John: Carl E. Francis.
As member of the Educational Board of Review: Lionel Roberts.
As members of the Advisory Committee, Asistance of the Poor,
St Thomas: J. H. Boschulte and Carl A. Anduze.
As member of the Advisory Committee, Assistance of the Poor,
St John: L. E. Stakemann.

Committee on Accounts: Axel Holst and Lionel Roberts.

The Chairman (Hunt): The Proceedings of the Extraordinary Meeting held the 28th May, 1926 has been circulated among the members some time now, is there any objection to its being adopted? The Proceedings were adopted, and so were those of the 14th June, 1926; 10th July, 1926; and 19th August, 1926, after a similar formality had been gone through.

Item 4. Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the first half year of 1925, with the Committee's report.

The Report was read by the Secretary, at the request of the Chairman, after which, the 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed that the Draft be adopted.

On taking of the vote, the Draft of Assessment was unanimously adopted.

Item 5. Continuation of the 2nd Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to create the "Industrial Education Fund", with the Committee's report.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that the committee had made use of the valuable work of the Municipal Committee, but had thought it right to substitute "The Educational Board of Review" instead of the Governor. This in their opinion being a better arrangement.

The Government Secretary (Baker) remarked that the Municipal Committee in dealing with the draft did not see fit to change the "Governor" to "the Educational Board of Review"; and the Government is not in favor of the change.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) spoke of about the advantages which would accrue to the school children, but that the result of each school's labor should ordinarily be used for the same school, under the decision of teachers of the schools. He thought that it would be entirely too cumbersome to refer matters to the Educational Board of Review. The other arrangement was simpler and better.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that the Draft before the Council had his sympathy and should

be converted into law as soon as possible. He said that some attention should be paid to the children for "reward sweetens labor". Some monetary remuneration, a small percentage of the money received for the article turned out, should be given the little workers. He also agreed with member Holst, that it would be too cumbersome to have to refer matters to the Educational Board of Review, and was of opinion that the Governor should be substituted as in the original draft.

He moved that the draft be amended in this wise:— on third line from the last, after "decoration" insert "or recreational utilities of the class rooms or school premises". And on the last line strike out "Educational Board of Review" and insert "Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States."

The rules are so clear that the moment anything crops up out of the ordinary, it could be easily settled. And then it would be perfectly safe to trust it in the hands of the Governor.

The 1st elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the Educational Board of Review should be intimately connected with the workings and doings of the schools, and the change was proposed for this and no other reason.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the scope of educational decoration of the school rooms was perhaps small. Perhaps framed pictures or maps, or a piano might be the object of one school. Perhaps the pupils of another school might like to have their grounds wire-fenced, so that the grounds would be better looking. The pupils in such cases would get the feeling that they helped along and got something for their work. The pupils could get some remuneration in prizes, but not otherwise. The Director and Principals should be able to decide on these matters; should be able to arrange beforehand with the pupils regarding anything that was found desirable to work for. To involve a whole Board, he thought out of the question. The speaker would like to know how the Government looks upon it.

The Government Secretary (Baker). The Government is in thorough accord with the views now on the floor, and with the report submitted by the chairman of the Municipal Committee.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that he was happily in accord with the remarks of the 2nd elected member, perhaps something could be contributed towards remunerating the workers.

The amendments were put to the vote and carried. There were two votes against — members Andersen and Roberts;

member Moorehead abstained from voting.
The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed.
The 3rd appointed member (Nolk) seconded.
There were eleven (11) in favour; none against.
The necessary formality having been gone through, and the Governor and Council consenting the Chairman (Kuntz) declared the 3rd discussion open.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the draft passed.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.
The draft as amended was passed unanimously.

Item 6. Introduction of, and discussion on Resolution concerning the installation and operation of a Floating Dock in the harbor of St Thomas.

(Introduced by the 4th appointed member Conrad Corneiro.)
The Chairman (Kuntz.) This Resolution is subject to one discussion.
The 2nd appointed member (David) retired.
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) retired.
The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) introduced the Resolution and read it.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he perfectly agreed with the importance of the matter; and spoke of the harbor being completely under the Harbor Board, and all that that involves. Continuing he remarked that the introducer of the Resolution was a member of the Harbor Board, but perhaps the request should go to the Harbor Board.

A discussion took place in which members Roberts, Anderson, Holst, Corneiro and the Government Secretary took part.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) retired.
The Resolution was put to the vote and passed unanimously.

The meeting was closed at 6.30 p.m.

St Thomas, the 7th October 1926

F E Kuntz
Chairman

Curt A Rudolph
Secretary.

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday, the 9th December 1926, at 2.00 pm.

Present were: J. E. Hunty, Chairman; Carl A. Andure, Secretary; Cyril E. Daniel, Leroy Nolle, Conrad Correiro, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, J. Percy Souffront, Benito Smith, G. J. Anderson, Lionel Roberts, Juancito Castillo, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Government was represented by Commander E. H. van Patten, Government Secretary.

The Chairman (Hunty) declared the meeting open, and in choice and appropriate words extended a welcome to the new Government Secretary, Commander E. H. van Patten, this being the first meeting of the Council, since the Secretary had entered in the office.

He welcomed him to our shores in the name of the Council, as well as individually and hoped his stay would be pleasant and agreeable, and that he would be able when working with the Council, to appreciate its view point in the event of differing with it.

The Government Secretary (van Patten) in replying said that he had already been more than pleased with people and place and promised a hearty cooperation. He said he was very much in favor of helping children, and that we should have better teachers and more play grounds.

The minutes of the meeting held the 7th October 1926 were adopted.

Item 1.— Introduction of, and first discussion on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1st 1926 to June 30th 1927. (Proposed by the Governor).

The Government Secretary (van Patten) introduced the Money Bill, explained that the pits were an absolute necessity to the schools, and that they would be limed weekly.— The other item was to supply water to the people living at Altona. He proposed that the following words be struck out: 5th line from bottom struke out "cistern at";

and on 4th and 3rd lines strike out "connecting the cistern at Altona with" and insert "furnishing water from".

The Chairman (Huntz): The discussion is now open.

The 2nd member for St John (C.E. Francis) remarked that he had paid a visit to the Horace Mann School and could vouch that the things for which the Money Bill provided were really badly needed. And the same thing was applicable to the Benjamin Franklin School. This is a dire necessity.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that according to the text of the draft and the explanation given by the Secretary he would move that the first discussion be closed and the Bill go to the second discussion.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that according to what had been said by the member for St John there may be other schools in St John lacking similar facilities, and it may be well to provide for them now.

The Chairman (Huntz): It has been proposed by the 7th elected member, and seconded by the second, that the 1st discussion be closed and that the Bill go to the second.

The vote was unanimous, and the Government being agreable the Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill adopted.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The Chairman (Huntz) then put the Additional Money Bill to the house as amended by the Secretary and it was unanimously adopted.

Item 2. Continuation of the first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to extend the Admiralty Laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands.

(Proposed by the Governor).

The Government Secretary (van Putten) remarked that the Admiralty Laws of course covers many volumes, and it is not feasible to explain them especially to the lay mind. These laws would only obtain if there was a marine disaster in the harbor.

The present laws are in Danish and scattered. If the Council feels that it is too large a matter to handle, then they may let it go. To the lay mind it would be

difficult to comprehend even a portion. ——————
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that at the meeting some months ago the Council was favourably inclined to the Admirality Laws and there was a desire to have a committee of three or five go in conference with the official who was familiar with these laws and report to the Council giving an idea more or less of what they were. He said he thought it a dangerous procedure to pass the Admirality Laws without knowing anything about them. He proposed that the Admirality Laws go to a committee of 5, and that at the committee meeting we have the presence of the Government Secretary. ——————
The 6th elected member (Anderson), remarked that he did not quite agree with the 7th elected member. We are at present working under Admirality Laws in Danish. Two or three translators can interpret them differently. He did not think it fair that a court should work under these conditions. He did not think the matter should go to any committee, because the committee would not be much wiser. He made a motion that the Admirality Laws be adopted here as it is. ——————
The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that before the vote was taken, he would like to remind the Council that some time ago the Chief Justice of these islands had explained in this Hall to the members of the Council how much he regretted the delay in the passage of these Admirality Laws; that it was out of order to go so long without them; how badly it would sound to American ears, that these Virgin Islands were still under the Danish Admirality Laws. Judge Williams had given the Council all the necessary information, and he agreed with the 6th. elected member that there was no need of a committee. He suggested that the matter be concluded today. ——————
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that the Admirality Laws had been sent to a committee of the whole house, but no action had been taken. Later the Judge of the District Court had come here in person, and explained. The Admirality Laws now in force are in Danish and scattered here and there — not bound in volumes. And translators differ. He thought the matter should be closed today.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that it was difficult to stand up and speak of what one does not know. He thought it the most sensible thing to have

the American Admiralty Laws. I understand that the 7th elected member, possibly for the matter of fines or deposits which the American Admiralty Laws provide, and which may be too high for our condition, would like to have explained and examined; and a committee therefore be desirable.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that at the meeting last August one of the questions raised by the first elected member was why the Federal Government did not in itself apply those laws down here. Perhaps he knows better now. It must be understood he said that it is not a question of trying to keep back these laws, but rather a question of knowing something of what we are passing upon.

The 3rd elected member (Donfront) remarked that he was not a member when the Draft of the Admiralty Laws was introduced. He thought that they should be passed. He remembered that there was a case some years ago in which the St. Thomas Ship Broker's Association was interested; and there was a great deal of inconvenience caused by the Admiralty Laws being in a foreign language and scattered here and there. He expressed himself as being in favor of their passage today.

The 5th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that he would vote to send the draft to a committee of five.

The 8th elected member (Castillo) supported the 5th elected member.

The 6th elected member (Andersen) remarked that there was nothing in the Admiralty Laws detrimental to these islands. The members had had ample time to acquire all the information.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) enquired how much wiser would the members be any how if the draft go to a committee. If there are any excessive charges, we would get no further if a committee were appointed. We have to take it for granted that the American Admiralty Laws would apply as well as the Danish, fragments here, and fragments there. He quite agreed to pass them today.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired if the 3rd appointed member would give an outline of the American Admiralty Laws.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) replied that the 7th elected member had paid him a high compliment. He said he knew nothing of them himself; and wished he

could give the necessary information. ——

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) thanked the last speaker and remarked that the Admiralty Laws was not only made up of Federal Statutes but also of International and Maritime Laws. Why should the Council be so quick to pass these laws without knowing something about them? Why did the Federal Government not apply these laws down here? He said he was not against the Admiralty Laws, but was convinced that the Council should know something about them before passing them. ——

The 6th elected member (Anderson) remarked that it was not a question of Congress wanting it, but we wanting it. We, in the shipping business would like to have the laws in vigor so that in case of trouble, we might know where we are. The Government Secretary was willing to withdraw them, but we do not want them withdrawn. ——

The 1st member for St John (Carl E Francis) remarked that he did not want to say anything, but listening to the debates he was convinced that both sides have arguments in their favor. At first he was not in favor of the arguments of the 7th elected member, but I now think it should be sent to a committee. When we were discussing the laws we were told that the large fines were for the millionaires who were coming down. But the fact is that a very poor old woman in St John has been fined $125.-, This Council ought to be very careful in passing any laws that provides for fines. ——

The 4th Appointed member (Correiro) remarked that long before the draft was before the Council he advocated the Admiralty Laws through the papers. He had had some experience, and knew that the Admiralty Laws are of such a nature as to be very difficult for anyone to give a condensed explanation. The Danish procedure is not so well defined as the American and British. The Danish resort more to the civil code. He thought it was a little trying to ask the new members to pass on such a complicated matter without some explanation. ——

The 6th elected member (Anderson) remarked that to form a committee to study the Admiralty Laws was a big subject. That would take a year and would be not much the wiser. People in the S.S. Companies cannot tell you what the Admiralty Laws are. ——

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) said quite right; but we will be able to ask a few questions and

be satisfied. When fixing the Code of Laws we questioned $2.000.- fines, who are to pay? The expected millionaires have not come down yet.

The 7th elected member (A.Roberts) remarked that in reply to the question how much wiser we would be, he would say that we are far from being professionals and that to his mind the Council is made up of laymen only, and as such require more information than would professionals, if they must act intelligently.

The 2nd elected member Holst: May I say that I feel very much like the 7th elected member, that a committee would be desirable. It is not expected that the committee should read volume after volume, or become escherts, but we should know something of the proposed laws, enough for instance to give us a faint outline of what the said laws really are. Otherwise I for one have not the slightest idea what I am going to vote for; and if fines or deposits are too high, we could limit them. But we should at least have some idea of what we are going to vote for.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if any member had anything more to say on the subject, and subsequently put the motion of sending the Draft to a committee of five to the house.

Twelve (12) voted affirmatively. The voting resulted as follows: Member Holst 12; member Correiro 11; member Roberts 11; member Moorehead 7; and member Anderson 6 votes.

Item 3. Introduction of and first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Section 35, Title II, of the Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

(Proposed by the 5th elected member, Carl A. Anduze)

The 5th elected member (Anduze) introduced the Draft, and spoke of the great need of such a school and of the important facilities it would afford the community. The Government Secretary (van Putten) remarked that the idea of a pay school is a fine one, and the education of youth commendable, but that such a school as the Draft provides for belongs more to private enterprise. The idea of an academy has been a pet hobby, but as

presented it would mean that those who can pay, can obtain the facilities, and those who cannot, cannot obtain them.
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he was glad to hear the Government Secretary speak that way. He said that whilst he was in favor of education in all its phases, we should not have a school for two classes. The Draft should be sent to a committee of five (5). ——
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that there was no royal road to learning. The Hon. Government Secretary had said in such choice words all that could be said, that he would now ask the proponent of the measure to withdraw it. ——
The 1st member for St. John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that he did not believe anyone could love education more than he did. His boy was the only pupil graduated from the High School last term. If private schools are required, let private teachers keep private schools. The Hon. Government Secretary has expressed himself well. There is no need of any committee, the Draft should be withdrawn. ——
The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that he too must make reference to the Government Secretary's clear cut words. The Draft invited more than the Council would dare. It has been suggested to send it to a committee, but that would only mean to give it decent burial. ——
The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the idea of an Academy is an old one in St. Thomas, and has its good sides. The very building where the Council meets, is the old St. Thomas Academy. But the people in by gone days paid their own way. He heartily agreed with the Hon. Secretary. The proposal is not one for the public to act on. It should not be sent to a committee, but a vote should be taken on it. ——
The 5th elected member (Andrize) remarked that hearing the different arguments against the draft, he had decided to withdraw it; and did so. ——

Item 4. Introduction of, and first discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance providing a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands.

(Proposed by the 4th appointed member C. Correiro.)

The Draft of Ordinance was read, and the proponent in-

vided comments on it. He said: Mr Chairman, I would like you to request the Hon. Gov. Secretary to permit an official of the Judiciary Department to be present and give some elucidation on the matter now about to come up. It will be better to hear what he has to say now rather than if the council passes this amendment, have him inform the Governor in writing, which we will not see.

The Government Secretary (van Putten) remarked that he would like to draw the attention of the members that the passage of this bill would deprive the community of Fcs. 32.000.— The cost of the Judiciary Department is now Fcs 49.000.— The Federal Law referred to was passed in 1872 for special causes and cases. Another objectionable feature is the application to the Government Attorney. This might put the Government Attorney in St Croix who would have no facts in the case in a peculiar situation. Ninety-nine persons out of 100 are able to pay the fines. If the Council should pass it, it should be made clear that nothing herein should apply to sentences already passed.

The 4th appointed member (Cornero) remarked that offenses against the law consist of two classes: Simple cases punished by fines, grave cases punished by imprisonment. This is so well known that I need not elaborate on them. A fine is a minor punishment, imprisonment the greater.

It would not be correct to imprison for a small offense, but if the offense be continually repeated then imprisonment might serve as a deterrent in future. Fines are correct; when the revenues have been cheated, it is no more than right when he who has tried to evade just and lawful contributions should be made to pay and be fined. Fines otherwise are immoral in the highest degree. The fine being the minor and the punishment the major, how can the minor be manipulated so as to exceed the major? Thirty days imprisonment is equal to a $200.— fine, but when it comes to a poor man, what then? And as the member for St John has remarked, a fine of $125. to a poor old woman in St John! In the Danish time we also had law and order, and when $64.— was inflicted the news went through the town like wild fire. The fines were usually $ 3.20 to $10.—. It is unfair to inflict large fines as a means of obtaining longer terms of imprisonment than the law specified for the offense; it is a travesty of justice; it should not be done. Our

financial ability is such that 98% is indigent as recently advanced and argued by the Hon. Government Secretary when threshing out the ability of the people to pay for hospital services. This being so, how is it possible to inflict heavy fines ?

The 8th elected member (Castillo) Correct!

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) continuing: This is a Congressional Law, and what about depriving the Judiciary of revenues; is the Judiciary to be supported from vice? It might be well to establish a casino, if money is the incentive. The law must use the most beneficial means; and must refrain from supporting itself by fines. Besides the Courts are supported from public revenues. I think Gentlemen, that I will speak again, but I would like to hear the opinion of others. We have an issue, and the remarks of Government Secretary have broadened that issue.

The 2nds elected member (Holst) remarked that he would say but very few words on the subject before the house. If the law referred to, is the will of the Congress of the United States, it would be audacious not to go by the same rule.

The Hon. Judge Gibson being among the audience, was invited by the Chairman, with the consent of the Government Secretary, to give his opinion on the Draft of Ordinance now before the Council.

Hon. Judge Gibson remarked that he has to administer the law as he finds it. The Code of the Virgin Islands is the code of Alaska, cut in two. Every statement, every achon defined as a crime here may be found in the Alaskan Code. The terms of imprisonment and the amounts of fines, are cut in half. He wished to correct the impression that the Federal Law in question applies generally in the U.S. It does not apply to police cases, not even in the District of Columbia; it applies nowhere throughout the U.S. in police cases. There was abundant reason in 1872 for the passage of the Federal Law. It was passed by Congress as a relief from heavy and unpaid fines because it was considered after a man had served 5 years or 10 years and was without any means, he ought to be put free, and not held in prison any longer. This law has no application in the 48 States for Police cases. He wanted to say that he did not care whether the Council passed the law or not. He would administer the Law as he found it.

He, the 4th appointed member wants to give you U. S. law, well, U. S. Law for larceny of more than $50.— the punishment would be $10.000.— fine an ten years imprisonment.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that regarding the statute in question, it applies where there is a U. S. Court. In Porto Rico you have the Federal and Insular Courts. When the Congress saw that a poor convict could not pay they proceeded in a manner which he wishes to introduce here now. It was the principle he was after.

Hon. Judge Gibson remarked that there never has been a case that an individual however apparantly poor, or pleading poor has not been able to produce hard cash — D. U. S. Currency.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) moved that the Draft go to a committee of five.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) seconded.

There were fourteen (14) in favor, member Corneiro against.

Elected were:- Moorehead with 12 votes; Corneiro with 11; L Roberts with 11; Holst with 10; and Souffront with 6 votes.

Item 5. Election of 2 members for the Municipal Police Commission in place of Members Boschulte and Moorehead whose terms of service have expired.

Members Moorehead and L. Roberts were elected with respectively 7 and 6 votes.

Item 6. Election of a member for the Library Commission in place of member Souffront, whose term of service has expired.

Member Souffront was re-elected with 8 votes.

The Chairman (Hunty) informed the Council that the Resolution signed by twelve (12) members had been sent His Excellency the Governor.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) retired.

The Government Secretary (van Patten): The Governor has requested me to give to all those who signed, his most hearty thanks, and that the expressions to the Secretary of the Navy have received his deep appreciation, and

that he could not meet each member individually, on account of lack of time.

Item 7. Introduction of, and discussion on a Resolution, expressive of thanks for the Water Works.

(Introduced by the 4th elected member (Benito Smith)

The Chairman (Kuntz): This resolution is subject to one discussion. The 6th elected member (Anderson) proposed that the Resolution be adopted.

All the members voted favorably.

The order of the day having been exhausted the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 9th December 1926.

J. E. Kuntz
Chairman

Leo Stoutmeyer
Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday the 10th February, 1927 at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present:- J. E. Kuntz, Chairman, Leroy Nolle, Vice chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Conrad Corneiro, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Benito Smith, Lionel Roberts, Juancito Castillo, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith, and Carl E. Francis.

His Excellency the Acting Governor was present.

The Minutes of the meeting held the 9th December 1926, were adopted.

The Chairman (Kuntz) called the meeting to order, and said that before proceeding with the order of the day, she would like to say a few words in memory of our late Governor Martin E. Trench, who passed to the other life in Worcester, Mass., U.S.A., the 6th January 1927. He said that it was the universal opinion that his death was a misfortune to the islands; as he was, and had proven himself a friend and well-wisher. He had studied carefully our situation and the difficult problems with

which we were confronted, and was trying to work out a solution. ———————————————

Much had already been said, but still more could be said about the sterling qualities of Governor Trench, who had given convincing proofs of his interest in the well being of these islands and their people; but he would limit himself at present in presenting to the Council the following Resolution which speaks for itself. ———————————————

The Chairman (Kuntz) requested the Secretary to read the Resolution — a further tribute to the memory of Governor Trench — which had been drafted by the chairman of the Municipal Committee and himself.

The Secretary (Andrijze) read the Draft of the

Resolution

Whereas Martin E. Trench, Captain United States Navy, and Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, who left these islands on the 9th December, 1926, for a vacation in the Continental United States, while thus absent from the Virgin Islands died in Worcester, Mass., on 6th January, 1927 —

And Whereas Governor Trench was held in the highest esteem and affection by the people of this Municipality, as often demonstrated during his stay here, where the report of his death was received with profound regret and sorrow —

Now be it hereby resolved, by the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. John in Session assembled, as a token of appreciation and affection towards the deceased Governor, and to perpetuate his memory in these islands, that all articles and expressions about the Governor which appeared in the Public Press of the Municipality and otherwise, at his death, be compiled and printed in bookform, and copies distributed to all persons who have been connected with the Government under the late Governor.

And be it further resolved, that copies of this book, appropriately bound in leather, be forwarded to Mrs. Martin E. Trench as a token of respect and sympathy, to the President of the United States, whose Representative for these islands the late Governor was; and to the Secretary of the Navy, the Institution which the late Governor had so long and honorably served;

and whose traditions he so splendidly upheld.
Be it further resolved, that the Chairman be, and hereby is authorized to take the necessary steps for the carrying out of the intents and purposes of this Resolution.

The Resolution was then passed, the members rising as a mark of respect to his memory. ———
The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) paid a glowing tribute to the late Governor. He said he was democratic in his bearing, and knew how though upholding the dignity of the office, to be kind and considerate and pay attention to the representatives of the people; as was convincingly evidenced during his visits to St John, and in a marked degree during what has proven to be his last visit to St John. It would be well if his successors would walk in his footsteps, and show the same lively interest in these islands and their people. ———

Had he been spared he would certainly have continued to work for the good and welfare of the islands; and in St John the people feel and say that they have lost a friend.

The Acting Governor (Van Pattten) informed the Council that Congressman Bacon, a member of the Insular Committee will arrive here about the 25th March, and will remain a couple days. ———
The Chairman (Hunty) made an excuse for the absence of member Souffront. ———
The chairman with the consent of the Council, added to the Order of the day – Item 6. Election of a member of the Board of Review and Equalization as required by Section 34 of the Real and Personal Property Tax Ordinance of February 25th, 1922. ———

It was subsequently decided to place this Item 6 as Item 1.

Item 1. Election of a member of

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the Board of Review and Equalization as required by Section 34 of the Real and Personal Property Tax Ordinance of February 25th, 1922.

The voting resulted as follows:- Member Abiano E. Smith received 9 votes; member Benito Smith 2, and Mr. Luther E. Stakemann 1. ———

The chairman declared Member Abram E. Smith elected.

Item 2. Introduction of, and First

Discussion on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the municipality of St Thomas and St John, from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927. (Proposed by the Governor). The Chairman (Huntz) said that the Additional Money Bill would be subject to two discussions.

The matter of the expenses connected with the participation of St Thomas and St John in the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial Exposition was gone through; Chaplain Neumann gave an exhaustive detail of the different items of expenditure. And it was pointed out that no more money would be required to close the expenditure under this heading. This amount would cover all.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) seconded.

The vote was unanimous that the 1st discussion be closed.

The Chairman (Huntz): The 2nd Discussion is now open.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the Additional Money Bill passed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The Additional Money Bill was passed by a unanimous vote.

Item 3. Introduction of, and

First Discussion on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, from July 1, 1926, to 30 June, 1927. (Proposed by the Governor).

The Acting Governor (Van Putten) introduced and explained the Money Bill which calls for Fcs. 5.800.– Repairs to De Beltgen's Road; and requested the Council to hear a further and lengthier explanation from the new chief of the Public Works Department, Commander Pollard, who was on the premises.

Commander Pollard then took the floor and gave a thorough and exhaustive explanation of the new method he intended to introduce in the fixing of

the streets and roads in future, namely to fix them with asphaltic cement, which would be really economic, as the roads and streets thus repaired would last much longer.
The 4th appointed member (Correiro) enquired if something could not be done with the draining of the streets, for instance some places near Lange's Bridge and along the up-town park. These places have always been defective.
Commander Pollard said he had also in mind a place at the west end of the main street. Drainage was of prime necessity, and should be provided. The expenses under this head is arranged for in another Money Bill.
The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked there had been a long felt need for road and street repairs. He enquired whether the $3.500.- (surplus from the $24.000.-) passed already some time now for the fixing of DeBeltjen's Road was spent there or at Mosquito Bay. He would insist that if the amount now posted for fixing the DeBeltjen's Road, be passed, that the DeBeltjen's Road be fixed.
The Acting Governor (Van Patten) explained how torrential downpours on the Crown road, had made it imperative that the road be fixed, and work had been deflected there.
The 2nd member for St John (A. Smith) remarked that while we were about it, he would like to know if some money could not be obtained to repair the streets called King's Street and King's Cross Street. They are two of the principal streets. The building in which we are at present, borders one of them.
The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that he had learned that only $200.- had set aside for St John, and assured the Council that this amount was too small: Compared to the need, it was negligible.—
The Acting Governor (Van Patten) explained that the amount was $400.$\frac{1}{4}$.
The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) assured the members that they ought to have for St John, at least $600.- for immediate requirements. When the new budget is up I hope to convince you of the gravity of the situation as regards the roads in St John. I have offered my services over and over to have the roads in St John properly attended to. The longer the work is delayed, the more expensive it will become later to put them in order. The present system is very bad and uneconomical.
The 2nd member for St John (A. Smith) The last mess

ber is correct. Labourers living at Cruz Bay are taken and sent to work at Annaberg. The distance is so great and the means of transportation so primitive that the greater part of the day is consumed going to, and returning from the place of labour.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the road from H. C. Bay to Dennis Bay is in very good condition; we have no country road in St Thomas as good. If you wish to see bad roads, try the road to Botany Bay.

I saw the 1st member for St John riding a fine and spirited animal, and there was no risk at all; but try the road to Botany Bay, and that is another matter.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) remarked that if anyone thought it was fun — let him ride there.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that the centre line is in good condition, but the others in a very bad shape. He knew what he was saying, and now and here he invited the Public Works Officer or any other member of the government to visit the island and see for themselves. He would take them around.

Commander Pollard, the Public Works Officer accepted the invitation.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 1st. discussion be closed.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) seconded.

The Chairman (Huntz) declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill passed.

The Money Bill was passed by a unanimous vote.

Item 4. Introduction of, and First discussion on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, from July 1st, 1926 to June 30th 1927. (Proposed by the Governor).

Repairs to, painting and preservation of various public buildings —— £ 10.000.-

Maintenance of country and city roads —— 40.000.-

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he was a tenant, or rather the Labor Union was a tenant of one of the public buildings. The building was in a very bad condition. The roof of the balcony facing the main street is in the same condition the 1916 hurri-

left it. The sponting has been promised, and that is all. The property is a valuable property, and should not be left without the necessary repairs much longer. It would be much appreciated if the said building be put in good condition.

The acting Governor (Van Putten). The Public Works Officer has that building in mind, but you must remember that school buildings are in sore need of repairs. But the amount for repairs could be raised.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the property mentioned, recently became the property of the municipality by escheat. It is a very valuable property and should be repaired and made decent looking. Not only the balcony to the north, but the one to the east should be repaired.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) made a motion that the amount of Fcs 10.000.— be increased to Fcs. 20.000.— so as to secure repairs to the property in question.—

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded with the understanding that the building be thoroughly repaired, at least as far as the money would go.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the first discussion be closed.

The vote was unanimous.

The Chairman (Huntz). The 2nd. discussion is now open

The 2nd elected member (Holst) enquired if any sum for the repairs of roads in St Johns was included in the Fcs 40.000.—

The Acting Governor (Van Putten) replied that no sum was intended for repairs to roads in St John. There are about $250.— in the hands of the Despatching Secretary in Cruz Bay, and he knows of it.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that referring to the matter of the repairs of streets in St. Thomas, besides King's Street and King's Cross Street, mentioned by the 2nd member for St John, there are quite a few more, in sad need of repairs. Norris idenej and Palmestrade have not been repaired for several years now. And there are others too. Some attention should by all means be paid to them.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked referring to the explanation given by the Public Works Officer that he was glad to know we were going to get away from the dill system of repairing the streets. A sub

stantial and improved system taking its place. He remarked that he understood how the Jefferson school would require repairs, as it was perhaps a matter of 55 years it had not been repaired. Regarding the streets, he would call attention to Commandantgade, repaired by Commander Johnson, about three years ago. Some parts are now in a deplorable condition, and there is a probability that some car or truck will one day land on an old lady's house.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) said that it would be a good thing if Commander Pollard would come along from Botany Bay and repair the road right in to John Brewer's Bay.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said that the road leading to where the 2nd elected member and Commander Laub reside was also in need of repairs, deep ruts being cut in the road there.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill passed as amended, that is, Fcs 20.000.- for repairs to, painting and preservation of various public buildings; and Fcs 40.000.- for maintenance of country and city roads. The 1st elected member (Moorehead) seconded.

The Money Bill as amended was passed unanimously.

Item 5. Introduction of, and First discussion on Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927.

(Proposed by the 7th elected member L. Roberts)

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) introduced the Additional Money Bill, and remarked that among the many essentials relative to the intellectual progress of a community, is one, that would cause the daily happenings of interest in any part of the civilized world to be made public knowledge. For a period of 55 years the (now) Virgin Islands of the United States enjoyed through its government (by payment) this privilege, until about two or three years ago, when for some reason it was anticipated that the same news could be had by our radio here,

gratis, which however did not prove satisfactory. In recommending the return of the Cable News Service, I am quite assured, that I am voicing the sentiment and desire of the entire community.

He proposed the following amendment, that the bill read:—

"For the acquisition of a daily news service from the West India and Panama Telegraph Co., and payment therefor for a period of four and one-half months, beginning the 15th February, 1927, and ending the 30th June, 1927, Fls. 3.750.00 be appropriated."

The Chairman (Huntz). Any further remarks?

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that when the Draft came before the Municipal Committee they felt that they owed a debt of gratitude to the 7th elected member and the Acting Governor. It has been a great loss to the community to be without the daily news. The proposer has moved a sub-amendment, and since it is right through a good and desirable thing he hoped the council would agree to this sub amendment.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle): I move that the 1st discussion be closed, and take this opportunity to express my pleasure that this matter has been brought fruward. I suppose all will vote this sub-amendment. This Additional Money Bill will keep us abreast the times.

The 8th elected member (Castillo) seconded.

The vote was unanimous, and the Governor and Council concurring, the Chairman (Huntz) declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 4th Appointed Member (Correiro): Since the sub amendment offered is adding one-half month more, and as stated is for the good of the community, I move that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill passed.

The 2nd member for St John (Abram Smith) remarked that he would like to draw the attention of the council to the matter of the firemen doing duty at the theatre at the cine shows. It is, he understood required by law that they be in attendance while these shows are going on, and heretofore they have been paid for this extra duty. He understood however that lately they got no pay for these services. Is this right? He enquired if a law does not provide that they be paid.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he was one who favors remuneration for services. Is this a

matter regulated by the Police or under the council's jurisdiction? If it is under the council's province, then an Additional Money Bill should be brought in. I consider it right that payment should be made for extra service.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he did not know whether the compensation was regulated by the Police or provided by law. If it is by law, he did not see how the men could lose it. As far as he remembered there is an ordinance which provides that they must be present and paid. But if this is not so perhaps a member might bring in an Additional Money Bill.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said that he was almost sure that there was an ordinance which specifically says that they are to be paid for this extra duty. It seems clear that if they are to do extra duty, they should be paid for it.
The 2nd member for St John (Abram Smith) remarked that the remuneration for this extra duty has been stopped.
The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that he would suggest that the necessary inquiries be made. It may be that it is a departamental affair, which is left to the head of the department.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he was convinced that if we searched for records, we would find that it was by law so arranged, that the person who is keeping the show should pay for the service, and not the Police Department. The owner of the show pays. The member should get in touch with the Governor.
The Acting Governor (Van Patten) remarked that it would seem that all remarks were made with the theatre only in view. Is there not also the same danger where ever people congregate, in churches, Labor Unions etc?
The Motion Picture business has been struggling to get along, and has many expenses. The owner has also been compelled to put in Fire Exchinguishers. Firemen however have to be sent. The law is a little vague. However if it is the sense of the Council that the Firemen should receive extra compensation it can be covered in the next budget.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that under "Maintenance", one could increase an amount.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he could not agree that the firemen should be paid

for this extra service by the Municipality. The idea is for the protection of the surrounding properties, care must be taken when the danger is more than ordinary. And for this protection, payment must be made by the man who keeps the show, and increases the danger for his neighbors.

Item 6. (Introduction) Continuation

of First Discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance providing a compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands; with the committee's report.

(Proposed by the 4th appointed member C. Corneiro)

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) said that he would support this measure in its entirety, for it is evident that as matters are now, the length of an imprisonment could be considerably lengthened by the imposition of large fines. This was self-evident, and an evil that should be remedied as soon as possible.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that being a member of the committee appointed to examine and report on this Draft of Ordinance he strongly recommended and supported the remarks of the 1st elected member. We have had the honor of having Judge Gibson up here and heard him explain how this measure applies to Federal Courts only, but even so, if the principle was a good and sensible one, there could be no objections to extending it here.

On the recent hearings before the Committee on insular affairs, when Judge Williams was being heard, it was mentioned that the Code now in effect in these islands was passed by the Colonial Council, and apparently was much blamed.

And later, during the course of these hearings, it was said by Senator Bingham that Judge Williams had been criticized, where the blame should have been laid on the code.

When told that the Code was the Alaskan Code almost in its entirety, the Judge was asked if he was familiar with its history, and that its early administration had been very violent.

It is certainly our duty to try to remedy its harshness as far as possible.

It was not mentioned that the code in its present

shape, proposed by the Governor, was passed by the council— after some changes— in a very praiseworthy effort to Americanize the islands.

It was asked if the Jury down here had the power of pardoning. On learning the contrary, there was some astonishment as the Jury apparently has that power in all the States. It seems to me that the measure now before us will be doubly necessary, as our Jury has not the power of pardoning. This council must carry the blame according to the Senate Committee, and we must try to amend whenever we can as for instance in the matter of large fines. No one should be imprisoned for more than thirty days for being actually unable to pay a fine.

Passing a new code under any conditions is a risky thing and a dangerous undertaking, and great care should be taken to make the time of adjustment to the new legal conditions as easy as possible.

It would be well perhaps some day to appoint a committee to find out what is bad in the present code, in the Senate Committee's opinion, and try to remedy it.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) supported the remarks of the 2nd elected member, and said that at its introduction the proponent, the 4th appointed member had beautifully illustrated the draft of Ordinance. About the matter of fines something would have to be done. The idea of fining a poor old lady in St John $125.— as related by the 1st member for St John. Think of inflicting a fine of $200.— and 15 days imprisonment on a poor devil, for instance, who may own only a bum boat, and the fine not being paid he is going to be kept 200 days in jail. He also hoped the Governor would realize that we knew what we were talking about. The measure he said had his whole hearted support.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that his principal reason in supporting this measure, is that our jury has not the right to pardon, which it ought to have. The jury being a component part of the court; in a higher sense, perhaps, as the judge is paid by the public, but the jury is the public itself. It would be well to provide limitation of fines. If rumors reached the Senate Committee, they would be pleased to learn that the matter was being attended to.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that even if we as natives failed to appreciate the defects of the code, the reading of the hearings of the Senate Committee, 100% American, would inform us of it. The questions they have put express their surprise at hearing the state of affairs that exist. The answer they received never mentioned the "fines" only imprisonment. They could not understand that a person could be incarcerated for a year without a jury. He hoped, he said, the acting Governor would work with us and see our viewpoint. It could be easily seen that we are asking for what is just. It is correcting a bad situation of using fines as a means of lengthening imprisonments. We are vehemently opposed that fines be used for lengthening terms of imprisonment; — that the minor should supersede the major. The fines throughout the code are very ridiculous. He had he said the advantage of knowing more of the laws than his colleagues, and if many times they had listened to Judge Thiele and himself, things would have been better. The fines are more aggravating than anything else. Dollars should be changed ~~to~~ Francs.

Just here he added, if a digression be permitted, I will make reference to matter of bail. The law says it shall not be excessive, and on the interpretation of the word "excessive" the whole situation hinges.

The idea of bail is to prevent a person from being incarcerated while charges against him are being investigated or his trial is pending, so that in case of innocence proven, or acquital the party in question would not have wrongly suffered. It is obvious that the fixing the amount of bail should take into some consideration the general economic situation, so that the object and purpose of the law be not ignored. In making these remarks, I am not directing the attention to any particular officer. I deal with the procedure as a whole, and it is the general belief that very few are the cases here, where $3.000.- or $4.000.- bail should be required.

With regards to appeals, the cost of same are so ridiculously high, that even our late Governor thought fit, as a matter of justice, to call attention to the fact. The right to appeal vanishes before the enormous sums which the would be appelant must possess. This matter, as well as the preceding should merit the serious consideration of the Council, since we are the ones blamed for the

escistence of such laws and procedure.

Returning to the Draft under discussion, I beg leave to thank the Committee for its hearty recommendation, and in turn, earnestly pray the council to adopt the same.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

The customary course having been followed, the chairman Hunty declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The customary course having been followed, the Chairman Hunty declared the 3rd discussion open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed, and the Draft of Ordinance passed.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The Draft of Ordinance was passed by eleven (11) votes, member Molle not voting.

The 3rd Appointed member (Molle) explained that he abstained from voting, for, at the introduction of the measure, Judge Gibson's arguments against it, was to him convincing. And he feared the passage of the ordinance might make conditions worse.

The Order of the Day having been exhausted, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 10th February, 1927.

J E Hunty
Chairman.

Robt Lachlan
Secretary.

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday, the 7th April 1927, at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present: J. E. Hunter, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Leroy Nolke, C. Corneiro, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Benito Smith, G. J. Anderson, Lionel Roberts, Francito Castillo, J. H. Boschulte and Carl E. Francis. The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Captain Van Patten.

The members being in their places, the Government Secretary escorted His Excellency, Governor Waldo Evans to the Council Hall.

The members rose and the Governor delivered the following address:

Greetings. I am very happy to greet the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St John in this, its first session, since my inauguration as Governor.

Welfare. I have already, on one or more occasions, indicated my intention of devoting my whole effort and thought to the welfare of the Virgin Islands and it is, perhaps, needless for me to dwell further on that point.

Optimism. I would like, however, to emphasize particularly the fact that I am optimistic over the future of these islands, and I hope that by coordinating our efforts we may be able to do some constructive work that will please Congress to the end that they will even more willingly contribute to our welfare.

Home Insular Committee. I am sure that you were impressed with the attention which the members of the Home Insular Affairs Committee, who visited here last month, paid to our problems. They will be willing and pleased to help us if we indicate a desire to help ourselves. We must therefore, work intelligently and try, in our efforts, to advance our economic condition, and wherein we fail I am sure they will be pleased to assist.

Homesteading. We must devise ways and means for the homesteader to acquire suitable property at reasonable cost.

Good Roads. On February 25, 1927, the President approved the Bill authorizing an appropriation for

public highways in the Virgin Islands. The Congress sensed the desire of the homesteader and in the bill, it is provided that the highways will be constructed only if the property owners will sell one half of the property abutting the highway. This is an attempt by Congress to provide ways and means for solving this perplexing problem. It might be well for the Council to undertake a study of the problem and ascertain if suitable contracts can be made between property owners and prospective purchasers in order that the islands may benefit, first, to open the beauty of the islands to tourists and second by solving the problem of the agriculturist in getting his goods to market.

Naturalization. I am pleased to inform you that the Commissioner of Naturalization, sent here by the Department of Labor at Washington, for the purpose of instructing our court officers in the proper procedure for naturalization of aliens, has conferred with our judicial officials and in a short time the machinery for naturalization will be set in operation.

Income Tax. The local press has intimated that the Federal Income Tax Laws are unwieldly and unsatisfactory as a means of producing revenue for these islands. While I have, as yet, made no study of the local income tax laws in operation in these islands before the federal income tax was applied by Congress I feel that it is the purpose of this council and the idea of the people that they ought to contribute, within certain limitations, a portion of their income to the support of their Government. It would be well if the Colonial Council could begin a study of the income tax law, inasmuch as I am informed that the amount collected in 1924 was $34.498.26, 1925 $16.834.92 while the probabilities are that in 1926 we will get only $12.834.69

Personal Conversation. I will be particularly pleased if you gentlemen will take occasion to discuss with me, from time to time, such matters as may be under advisement or necessary for the welfare of the people. It is my desire to work with you, and I feel that by close contact and personal conversation we can more quickly bring fruition to our efforts.

Economic Difficulties. My intensive study of conditions here has convinced me that our principal troubles

are economic, and I am devoting my thought and time to the consideration of measures that will, I hope, in some small way at least, alleviate this difficulty. I hope, therefore, Gentlemen, that you will work constructively, as you have in the past, and remember that I am working, as are all my assistants, only for the future of these islands and the benefit of the people.

The Chairman (Hunty) responded to the address in suitable terms assuring His Excellency that the inhabitants of the islands gave him a hearty welcome, and that their representatives, the members of the Council, would cooperate whole heartedly with him in working for the betterment of conditions. Concluding he said that he hoped success would crown their united endeavors.

The Governor bowed and retired.

The Proceedings of the ordinary meeting held the 10th February, 1927 were adopted.

A Petition for the drainage of Taarnebjerg from thirty-two persons residing in the Polly Berg district was read.

Member Abram E. Smith entered.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired what course would be proceeded with in regard to this petition.

The Chairman (Hunty) referred to Section 14 of the Rules of business.

On proposal of the 6th elected member (Anderson) it was agreed upon that it be sent to the Governor and referred to the Council before any action was taken on it.

The Chairman (Hunty) said that the matter would be attended to.

Item 1. Election of 2 men to assist the Governor in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Golden Wedding Legacy.

Member Abram E. Smith was elected with 12 votes, Mr. Herbert E. Lockhart with 10.

Item 2. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to create the "Agricultural Fund".
(Proposed by the Governor.)

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) introduced the measure, and referred to the Esperimental Station in St Croix.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that the Municipal Committee took great pleasure in recommending this Draft of Ordinance. We believe this is a step in the right direction. This draft is a product of much study, and demonstrates a great fecundity of thought. It is an impulse to do Something permanent for the good of the people of the island.

I do not see how it could be improved; but will of course listen to any suggestions. Of the members for the Board of Control from the Council, it seems that the member for the Country District would per se be one. This Draft should be turned into law at once, as soon as possible. I do not see why there should be any delay. We should leave this building this afternoon with the satisfaction that having passed this law, we have started a real constructive plan, because agriculture is the basis of the prosperity of every land. I will not detain you any longers. I recommend the Draft, and congratulate the proponent.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) said that he rose to support the remarks of the 4th appointed member. The measure had the sympathy of every member of the Municipal Committee. I think it very good indeed. There is a matter of minor detail which could be changed.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) remarked about the matter of water, and that the expense of raising vegetables on these stations is more than the vegetables fetch when sold. He hoped that this time it will be placed on a paying basis and nothing be lost.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that there is nothing like making a trial. The Nursery may be placed for instance in the Hospital Ground "Carl Berg's Gut", the nearest way of getting water. I feel however that surface crops, raised during the winter months, will do well whether there be lots of rain or little rain. Seedlings, such as onions, tomatoes, etc., thrive very well with little water.

He congratulated the Governor for the assistance offered; and saw no reason why the Draft should

not be passed today, especially as it came recommended by the Municipal Committee.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that one of the special features in the question of agriculture is the lack of water. And then the farmer of today is handicapped for a market to sell his produce. Irrigation is wanted and then a market to dispose of the products. Hoped the effort will succeed.

The 6th elected member (Anderson) remarked that he did not think we should worry. The people here knew more of agriculture than we did. He had seen large cabbages raised here. He proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The Chairman took the vote. The 1st discussion was closed.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) proposed that the 2nd discussion be transacted today.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) consented.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed the following amendment:-

> After the words (b-) the Director of Education, add: who shall be the Vice Chairman of the Board, and act during the absence of the latter.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired why should it be the Director of Education.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) thought that the Director of Education was suitable; as having regular office hours he is easily found.

The 8th elected member (Castillo) remarked that after the Council pass the ordinance, the members of the Agricultural Fund could vote their own vice chairman.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) explained that according to this draft the Director of Agriculture, as chairman, would possibly have to sign his own vouchers. But if the Director of Education was vice chairman it would be different.

The 6th elected member (Anderson) was of like opinion as the 8th elected member, that the members of the Board should elect their own vice chairman.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed a sub-amendment:

> (c) A vice chairman shall be elected by the Board of Control who in the absence of the chairman shall act in his capacity.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) replied in answer to an enquiry, that either amendment would be satisfactory to the Governor.

The pub amendment on being put to the vote was carried.
The 8th elected member (Castillo) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed.

The vote was unanimously in favor.
The Chairman (Hunty) enquired if the Governor was agreeable that the 3rd discussion take place today. The Government Secretary replied in the affirmative, and the Council having voted favorably, the Chairman declared the 3rd discussion open.
The 4th Appointed member (Correiro) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the Draft passed in its amended form.

The Draft was unanimously passed, and the Chairman proceeded to the election of the two members from the Council provided for therein.
Member Axel Holst was elected with 10 votes; and member Lionel Roberts with 8.

Item 3. Introduction of, and

1st discussion on Draft of an Addition al Money Bill (Public Works Department) to the Budget for the municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1st 1926 to June 30 1927. (Proposed by the Governor).

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) explained that the new Public Works Officer on taking over, found that the balance of money budgetted for the present financial year was insufficient. The amount asked is necessary for continuing the work.
The Chairman (Hunty) declared the discussion open, and said that the Money Bill would be subject to 2 discussions.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that on the explanation given and the recommendation of the Municipal Committee, the Money Bill ought to be passed without delay, and moved that the 1st discussion be closed.

The vote was unanimously in favor.
The 8th elected member (Castillo) moved that the 2nd discussion be transacted today.
The Government Secretary having consented and the Com-

cil likewise, the Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open. The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) proposed that ~~after consumable supplies "including cans" be inserted, and the amount increased to Fcs 14.000.-~~

~~The amendment was passed unanimously.~~

the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill passed.

The vote was unanimously favorable.

Item 4. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Additional Money Bill (Sanitation Service) to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927.

(Proposed by the Governor).

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) introduced the Money Bill, and said that this item of Fcs 2.000.- was similar to the previous item. It had been figured and found that the amount budgetted is insufficient.

The Chairman (Hunty) said that the discussion was open, and that the Money Bill would be subject to 2 discussions.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that it was a general complaint that there is a shortage of cans (receptacles).

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that perhaps the amount may be raised by an amendment and the cans provided for.

The first discussion was closed and by consent of the Government Secretary and Council the 2nd opened.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) proposed that after consumable supplies "including cans" be inserted, and the amount increased to Fcs 4.000.-

The amendment was passed unanimously.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the Money Bill passed in its amended form.

The Money Bill was passed unanimously.

Item 5. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Additional Money Bill (Colonial Council) to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John

for the fiscal year July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927.
(Proposed by the Governor).

The Chairman (Huntz) explained that the amount budgetted under "Maintenance" Colonial Council, was nearly used up. The amount asked for was to meet current expenses to the end of the present fiscal year.

The 4th appointed member (Conneiro) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed.

The Government Secretary and the Council consenting, the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the Money Bill passed.

The Money Bill was unanimously passed.

Item 6. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance providing a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands.
(Proposed by the 4th Appointed member C. Conneiro)

The 4th appointed member (Conneiro) introduced the measure, and remarked that he did not intend to dwell at any length on the matter. The present draft is the outcome of discussions and exchange of ideas between the Governor, the Legal Aide of the Governor, the Government Secretary, the Chairman of the Colonial Council, the Chairman of the Municipal Committee, and your humble servant.

The essential features are similar to the former one, which was already well ventilated. I ask for this measure your support, feeling that you are convinced that it is a necessary measure.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he did not think we had a Board of Parole. We have one by Executive Order. It would be more preferable to have one brought into being by legislation through the Council. The essential features of the Draft are the same and satisfactory.

The 6th elected member (Anderson) enquired if this Ordinance was an aftermath of the ordinance solved by the Government Secretary.

The Chairman (Huntz) replied that this was a new ordinance, with some essential features of the former.

An improved Draft favored by the Governor. Executive Order No. 17 describes the existing Board of Parole. ——— The Government Secretary (Van Putten) read the Regulations of the Board of Parole. ——— The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) hoped soon to have a Board of Parole passed upon by the Council. ——— The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) was heartily in accord with the remarks regarding the Board of Parole, in which the people is not represented. The conversation with the Governor was fruitful. He insisted that the indigent should be afsisted; but that the indigent should not make capital of his indigence. And there is nothing retro-active in it. Persons out and out bad would not benefit by it. I again say that the matter was gone through very carefully by the Governor, the Government Secretary, the Chairman of the Colonial Council, the Chairman of the Municipal Committee, the Legal Aide of the Government and your humble servant. We hope the present draft will meet the approval of the council. ——— The 6th elected member (Anderson) remarked that he was in accord. But there is no Board of Parole. ——— The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that that was more sentimental than real. The Director of Education is domiciled here, but his activities include St Croix. The Penitentiary is in St Croix, and the Board is domiciled there. We can later on have corrections to suit. ——— The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he thought the Draft of Ordinance should be passed as it is and afterwards we can see about the Board of Parole. The Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture is created by Executive Order, and is yet one of the most useful of the departments. The penitentiary is in St Croix, and the deciding factor is not where he was born, but how he behaves. And the St Thomians are not after all strangers to the St Crucians. The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that since there is a Board of Parole to take care of the present requirements of the Ordinance, he would move that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd discussion take place today.

It was voted unanimously and the Government Secretary and Council consenting, the Chairman declared the 2nd. discussion open. ——— The 8th elected member (Castillo) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the draft go to 3rd. discussion, to day. ———

The Government Secretary and Council consenting, the Chairman declared the 3rd discussion open.
The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the draft passed.
The Draft of Ordinance was unanimously passed.

Item 7. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Sections 2 and 3, Title 2, Chapter 16 of the Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

(Proposed by the 1st appointed member J.E. Huntz).

The Chairman (Huntz) requested the Vice Chairman (Nolle) to take the chair.
The Vice chairman occupied the chair.
The 1st appointed member (Huntz) introduced the measure, and said that time and experience had shown that this measure is a necessity. Man and wife working together and by dint of economy have succeeded in saving some money. Either dying intestate, and leaving no issue or lineal relatives, the survivor will not inherit that part which corresponded to the deceased, but will have to pay in to the municipality a goodly portion. Such cases I assure you have cropped up. It seems unfair that there being no child, brother or sister that such property should escheat to the municipality. A case is now before the Probate Court. In such cases the survivor should inherit the deceased's share. I hope this Draft of Ordinance will be passed today.
The 2nd elected member (Holst) said he would heartily support it. The measure is already law in St Croix.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) was in accord with the measure and hoped it would be passed today.
The 4th appointed member (Correiro) rose to support the measure, and hoped that it would be passed today.
The Vice Chairman (Nolle) remarked that he was perfectly in sympathy with the measure.
The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd opened.
The vote was unanimous and the Government Secretary and the Council consenting, the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the 3rd opened.

The vote was unanimous, and the Government Secretary and the Council consenting, the 3rd discussion was declared open.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the Draft passed.

The Draft of Law was passed unanimously.

The Chairman (Kuntz) resumed the chairman's seat.

Item 8. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend the Police Regulations for St Thomas.

(Proposed by the 1st elected member for St John, Carl E. Francis)

The 1st elected member for St John (Francis) introduced the measure, and regretted there was no dog law in St John. Today, dogs are owned by a large number of people who cannot afford to support them. There is no control, and there are too many dogs in St John. They have become a nuisance. And as they are not fed, they destroy goats and small stock. This is the reason that I wish to have the Police Regulations extended to St John.

The 2nd elected member for St John (Abram E Smith) remarked that while he was in sympathy with the move, the people in St John cannot afford the expense. He thought it would be an imposition. He had heard no complaints about it. Sometimes people steal goats, and they are lost this way often. He did not think the entire chapter concerning dogs suitable, and would like to see the matter properly threshed out.

A discussion now ensued, in which several members took part, and it was finally agreed to send this draft to a committee of three to report on it.

Members Abram E. Smith, Carl E. Francis and George A. Moorehead were elected with respectively 10, 11 and 7 votes.

Item 9. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance, to amend Colonial Law (No. 124, 1906) promulgated at Amalienborg, 6th April 1906.

(Proposed by the 4th appointed member C. Correiro).

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) introduced the draft, and said that he would preface his remarks by saying that there was no attempt to rush it through. The 19th amendment of the Constitution confers on women the right of voting. Accordingly if the measure was passed it would not be granting them anything; but merely enabling them to exercise the privilege.

Before going further, I would like to say that I am aware that this council alone cannot amend the Colonial Law; it requires the cooperation of St Croix, since the Colonial Law embraces St Croix.

When any of those bills now pending become law, the women will vote, and we should begin by preparing for that.

A new Electoral Law would have to be made. The present one is obsolete and archaic. It is right that women should vote, and be able to share with us the responsibilities of governing. I would like to have the pleasure of seeing them sitting around this horseshoe with us.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he was quite in accord with the move, but as an American citizen, he must say that the whole electoral law is un-American, for there is a monetary qualification. If that had only been left out. We cannot think of changing it this way. It would appear as class legislation. It would mean that the lady whose husband has a salary can vote, and vice versa. Probably the proponent did not look at it that way. "Husband poseping double"; what about those women whose husbands do not possess double, and are just as intelligent. Take away the monetary part.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the spirit of the 4th appointed member is to do as much as he can, but he should not allow certain thoughts to get the better of him. He said that the 19th amendment gave women the right of suffrage by an Act of Congress. The Colonial Law is also an Act of Congress, and neither of the councils jointly or separately can change the Colonial Law. Have we not heard here in this very hall, that the Governor said that he was in favor of universal suffrage with a literary test. I think that with due respect to the 4th appointed member, we should wait for a complete change, which

it is hoped will be satisfactory.

The 4th appointed member (Cornelio) said that in reply to the last speaker he would say that the proponent is not opposed to the cancellation of the monetary provision. He read the Act of Congress of the 3rd March 1917, Section 2, which authorizes changes in the Colonial Law.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that only the local laws are meant.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he did not think this Council could change the Colonial Law. He was however in favor of universal suffrage with a Poll Tax.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that we ought not to be in a hurry. Let it remain as it is until further.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the spirit is a good one. But he did not think we could change any of the Colonial Laws. He would not even stand for sending it to a committee.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) retired.

The 6th elected member (Anderson) retired.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed that the 1st discussion be left open.

All were in favor, except Member Moorehead.

The Order of the Day having been exhausted, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 7th April 1927

J E Huntz
Chairman

Carl A Andujar
Secretary

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday, the 9th June 1927 at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present: J.E. Huntz, Chairman; Carl A. Andujar, Secretary; Leroy Nolle, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Benito Smith, C.J. Anderson, Lionel Roberts, Juancito Castillo, J.H. Boschulte, and Carl E. Francis.

The Government was represented by the Government Secretary, Captain Nan Patten.

The Proceedings of the ordinary meeting held the 7th April 1927, were adopted, after which members Abram Smith and Corneiro entered.

The Chairman (Huntz) informed the Council that member Corneiro's connection with the Harbor Board expired today, and that he would take a vote that the Council proceed to the election of a member for the Harbor Board, as the 1st item on the order of the day.

A majority vote decided affirmatively.

After a short exchange of opinions, the vote was taken under

Item 1. Election of a member for the Harbor Board, in place of the Hon. C. Corneiro, whose term of service expires today.

Member Corneiro received 10.(ten) votes, member Anderson two (2). There was a blank voting slip.

The Chairman (Huntz) announced the re-election of member Corneiro.

The Chairman (Huntz) remarked that this was the first meeting of the Council since the demise of Mr. Luther E. Stakemann, who was from its formation a member of the Harbor Board, and for years a member of this Council. Mr. Stakemann had been a very useful and hard working member, and he called upon the members to rise from their seats as a mark of respect to his memory.

The members did so.

Member Abram E. Smith retired.

Item 2. Election of two men to assist the Governor in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Silver Wedding Legacy.

Member Huntz was elected with 10 (ten) votes; member Corneiro with 6 (six).

Item 3. Discussion on Draft of

Afsefsment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the 2nd half year, 1925, with the committee's report.

The Secretary (Anduze) read the Report.

After a free discussion on the draft by the House, the Draft was passed. Eleven (11) voting affirmatively.

Item 4. Election of a Jury Commissioner for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for a period of one year, from 1st July, 1927, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 12, Title V of the Code of laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

Member Moorehead was elected with 7 (seven) votes.

Item 5. Introduction of and 1st discussion on Draft of a Resolution to change the name of the Reform School at Leinster Bay. (Proposed by the Governor).

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) proposed that the Resolution be adopted.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The Resolution was put to the vote, and passed unanimously.

Item 6. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of a Resolution to transfer Fcs 1.500.- from Salaries Judiciary Department, to Maintenance Judiciary Department, under the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year from 1st July 1926 to 30th June 1927. (Proposed by the Governor).

The Chairman (Hunty) remarked that the following Money Bills as well as this Resolution had been before the Municipal Committee, and had been recommended.

The Secretary (Anduze) read the Report from the Municipal Committee.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) explained

that the money was to be used for the purchase of much needed land record books.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired if the $300.- was too small to be used as intended for salaries.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that there had been a saving of $300.- through the vacancy of the stenographer's post for a short period. He hoped the purchase of land record books, would be the herald of a new system, so that in future the boundaries of the estates would be ascertained.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that Mr Jones having been discharged and Mr Mena taken in his place, he would like to know why Mr Mena was not in receipt of the same salary as Mr Jones enjoyed, being as competent.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he had learned that there was a lapse between the discharge of Mr Jones and the employment of Mr Mena and the money had been thus saved. It is customary that salaries are raised after years of service. And when a successor is taken on, he is generally given a smaller salary.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) moved that the discussion be closed and the Resolution adopted.

The 8th elected member (Castillo) seconded.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Item 7. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Additional Money Bill (Police and Prison Department) to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year, 1st July, 1926, to 30th June 1927.

(Proposed by the Governor)

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) read the Police Director's letter about the matter.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and the draft go to 2nd discussion.

The proposal was voted unanimously.

The Chairman (Kuntz) declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the Money Bill passed.

The Money Bill was unanimously passed.

The Chairman declared a recess of 10 minutes, after which

the meeting was continued.

Item 8. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Budget Estimates for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year 1st July 1927 to 30th June 1928.
(Proposed by the Governor).

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that as Chairman of the Municipal Committee, he had invited the Government Secretary to the meeting, at which the said committee had gone through the budget. The present budget is almost identical with the one in effect. It is to be appreciated that we can carry such a budget without calling for new taxes. We spoke of this, and it is well to reiterate it here; that we can do this is by the favor of Congress. We are thankful and hope they will continue indefinitely. It is well when passing this budget to remember this, that it is only by favor of Congress, that we can do it. It would also be well that employees, young people especially, should not build their future on these conditions.

To raise new taxes would be impossible, the number of inhabitants have decreased, and we have to look forward to smaller taxes on account of depopulation, and to a smaller budget. Public employees will understand that they cannot logically look forward to increase of salary, rather to the opposite. A slight consolation might be, that the work must also logically decrease in consequence of the dwindling population.

We have recommended and hope the council will pass the Budget with some changes proposed by the Government; and two items proposed by the Municipality which are:

1) that $100.- be added to Repair roads, St John, at the urgent request of the 1st member for St John.

2) that $100.- be allotted Mrs. Lafontaine as a yearly allowance; her husband, having whilst discharging his duty as public employee, received injuries which laid him up for years, and ultimately caused his death.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he appreciated the explanations of the last speaker. Should anyone propose getting more taxes out of the municipality it would be a criminal action. The economic situation is depopulating the islands. Thanks to Congress that we are able to carry on. He proposed that the

Budget be passed "in toto".

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) seconded.

The condition of the building belonging to the municipality, the upper storey of which is occupied by the Labor Union, was the topic of several remarks by the 1st elected member (Moorehead), 2nd elected member (Holst) and the Government Secretary (Patten), who promised if there were any available money during the next fiscal year, the repairs recommended would be attended to.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that this need not influence the Budget now. It could easily be attended to, by Additional Money Bills later on.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that he would like to say a few words about St John. He saw on page 6 under Department of Education Fcs 202,268.— entered. Now, at Emmaus there is a teacher who instructs the girls in sewing. But at Bethany there is none. The teacher gets only $25.— to teach only the customary branches, but sewing is not included in the curriculum. The teacher at Emmaus gets $20.— for school teaching and $20.— for the sewing class. I would be glad if the Government Secretary could see his way to add pay, at least $5.— a month to the salary of the teacher at Bethany and let her teach sewing also. After all, the salary of $25. she receives monthly now, is less than $1.— per day.

As regards the matron at the Boys' Home at Leinster Bay, he remarked that the pay was only $9.— a month for each boy. That was small. Ten dollars per month would be better.

He was quite in accord with the other items on the Budget.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the Secretary could discuss the question of salaries or bring the matter the 1st member for St John had mentioned to the notice of the Director of Education. There is money in the Department. I would further ask the Government Secretary to do so. He suggested that the Budget be passed in ten minutes.

The 6th elected member (Anderson) remarked that the messenger of the Colonial Council, who has been on the job for 23 years, fell sick, and had to provide a substitute at the cost of $20.— He should not have to pay this.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that according to the Rules, the chairman could employ other help,

and pay for such help. The messenger was not supposed to send a substitute at his own escpense, but merely to notify the chairman that he was sick, and leave matters or remedies to the chairman.

The Chairman (Huntz) said he would attend to that.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) said the suggestion to pass the Budget in 10 minutes was noteworthy as coming from the 7th elected member. The remarks of the 2nd elected member regarding the economic outlook in view of declining business and the uncertainty of the continuance of the Federal Appropriation were discouraging, but true. There are quite a few things not on the budget that may be suggested but lack of funds enjoins silence. The need of fire protection for Garden Street and vicinity by esclension of the water system to that part of the town may however be mentioned as a matter that should be kept in mind. A thing of minor importance yet desirable is the providing of suitable appared for the grave-diggers, to ensure their proper appearance when assisting at burials.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that it is true there is no protection against fire in the Garden Street and Long Path. We distribute Fire Extinguishers as best we can.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) again proposed that the Budget be passed.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) seconded.

The Chairman (Huntz) read the changes.

The Budget was then passed with the usual formality.

Item 9. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance providing for the Assessment, Levy and Collection of Taxes upon Real and Personal Property in the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, Virgin Islands of the United States.

(Proposed by the Governor).

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) introduced and explained the measure.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that from the first he was against the law as it was the exemption was too high. Taxes should be paid on valuations of $100.- It is ridiculous that the exemption should be as high as $300.- The old tax under

the former regime was .21¢ pr acre. The tax on small valuations of, say, up to $100.– would be only a few cents.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that the last speaker was speaking for St John. Each person in St John owns his acre and his little house, but here they do not own the land, they only rent the land. What kind of a house can you build for $100.–. Instead of lowering the amount of the exemption to $100; the amount of exemption should be made higher than $300. In other words values higher than $300 should be exempt from taxation.

The 2nd elected member member (Holst) remarked that when the 1st member for St John spoke of the willingness of the people in St John to pay taxes on a small valuation as $100.–; a special law could be made for St John. To me it seems reasonable. In former days St John people sold charcoal @ 25¢, and had to pay freight 10¢, remaining satisfied with 15¢ per bag. Now they get $1.00 per bag, which enrichens St John, and impoverishes St Thomas.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the proposed law is contrary in every respect to present observations of every day life. The economic condition is so bad, that we cannot pay taxes when due, collections of taxes is more difficult now than in 1922 when the law was passed. The exemption should now be $1.000.– If not, houses of $300.– valuation should still be exempt, as the owners already pay a land rent of $1.– per month, which is $12– yearly; and to build a horse stable now costs over $150.–

Please hold this measure for a more convenient season.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that when the house owner does not posess the land the tax is not Real Estate Tax, but Personal Property Tax.

The member for the Country District remarked that superficiary houses are taxed as Real Estate.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that legally and logically superficiary houses are not real estate.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that he agreed with the amendment proposed because he believed there is equity in the arrangement. And he believed that all should bear their part towards the upkeep of the municipality. Often he supposed the assessor is forced to put the

valuation $300.- or more when the valuation approximates that value.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) doubted that the tax assessor was influenced to place a higher valuation on a house than was actually his judgment.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that in accordance with the foregoing there should be no exemption at all, for to speak from a point of equity the owner of a $300. house should also have the right to be offended, if owners of houses that cost less than $300. paid no taxes.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) said that on the whole the conditions are hard. The owner of the small house has to pay land rent and then to pay taxes also. He was, he said, unable to vote in favor of this proposal.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any further remarks?

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 1st discussion be kept open.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) retired.

Item 10. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to alter and amend Section 2 of the Ordinance for the protection of wild birds, deer etc., passed by the Colonial Council of St Thomas and St. John on August 24th 1922.

(Proposed by the 7th elected member L. Roberts).

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he had already given all the arguments in favor of the change at a former meeting, and would like to learn from the Government Secretary if he had any objection that the three discussions take place today. The measure before the house had the support of every sportsman in the island.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) remarked that he was depending on the Council, and hoped they would act with caution. It would be well to get the word of some one who is an authority on the mating season etc. of the birds.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that many people who were sportsmen had told him that the proposed measure was a good one. But what about deer, some people fear that soon there will be no more deer left.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that "deer" is a problem. There are so many conflicting reports that, that could not be taken up now.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed. There was a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) proposed that the 2nd discussion be opened.

The Government Secretary and Council consenting, the 2nd discussion was declared open by the chairman.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed

The 2nd discussion was closed; and the Government Secretary and Council consenting the 3rd was opened.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the Draft passed.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) seconded.

The Draft was passed unanimously.

Item 11. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance for the purpose of creating a five day ~~week~~ work week for outside employees of the Public Works of the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

(Proposed by the 6th elected member G. J. Anderson)

The 6th elected member (Anderson) introduced the measure and said that the idea is both economic and instructive. It is to prevent dropping out quite a number of men. Saturday he will be able to till his land and repair his property. The Public Works Department, and the men are in favor of the measure.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) remarked that he had studied the draft before the house now, and must say it is no benefit to the laborer, who is going to lose by it. If the foreman or other Public Works Officer wants a holiday, let them look for it another way. It is they who are going to benefit, but not the laborer.

The 6th elected member (Anderson) remarked that the draft does not include the inside, but the outside men.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that while he rose in contra, he must say that he was glad the draft had been brought in, for it furnished food for thought and later action to assist agriculture. He endorsed the remarks

of the member of the County District, knowing that it does not include inside employees. Even now the employees of the Public Works Department do not enjoy a full week's work. And when they work overtime, all they get is, say so many hours off the next day, which is of no financial value to him. He said he could not at all agree with the measure, for, being a mechanic, he defended mechanics. A mechanic has to produce. Why bring him out at 7, and the clerk has until 8 to turn out. He, he said took a decided issue with the draft, especially if it is in connection with the Department of Agriculture. He stood ready to back any good agricultural scheme, but let it be 100% agriculture. He do not favor part agricultural and part town laborers.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that looking over the draft he saw some good points. He was not in favor of it as it was, and thought it should go to a committee.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) thought that there were some good features in the draft, and proposed that it go to a committee of 3.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) remarked that he would like to mention that at one time there was a surplus in the allotments — Public Works Department —, but by November, December and January the money was gone. The men were left flat. If the money had been spent by a 5 day week arrangement it would have lasted longer. It is a question now how long we can employ laborers.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that it would seem that the Public Works Department is the only place where work is given. If the Public Works Department want to keep on, they can arrange it as they like.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) seconded the proposal that the draft be sent to a committee of 3.

The vote was in favor, but member Benito Smith was against.

Members Corneiro and Roberts were elected with 7 votes each, and member Anderson with 6.

Member Boschulte retired.

Item 12. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance setting apart certain days as holidays.

(Proposed by the 4th elected member Benito Smith)

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) introduced the measure and remarked that he felt it was a great mistake to have left out the 31st March, the date of the transfer, from the list of holidays, and the recent grant of citizenship makes it imperative that we include it. In St Croix it is a holiday. The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that one of his suggestions at the time, to the committee on a draft of Ordinance concerning holidays was to mark the historic date, March 31, by placing it on the list of holidays as Transfer Day, but the suggestion was turned down. He was glad to see a similar proposal before the Council and would naturally support it.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) rose to support the draft now before the house.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that it goes without saying that we should add this date. But should we not add Citizenship Day? And why was Ascension Day and Three Kings' Day left out?

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) moved that the 1st discussion be closed.

The vote was unanimously in favor.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) proposed that the 2nd discussion be opened.

The Government Secretary and Council consenting the 2nd discussion was declared open by the Chairman.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the 3rd opened.

The Government Secretary and the Council consenting the 3rd discussion was declared open by the Chairman.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the draft passed.

The Draft was passed unanimously.

Item 13. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance concerning carriages, cabs and carts engaged in public traffic on the streets of St Thomas.

(Proposed by the 4th appointed member C. Corneiro).

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that the Draft was self-explanatory. It tends to alleviate those in the carriage and cart business, since they have no means of earning a livelihood. The most important is that it cancels all other

debts, and they will no longer be worried about these old debts, since this draft will operate from the 1st July 1927. If the Government has no objection some decision can be arrived at today.

The Government Secretary (Mr Van Patten) remarked that the matter had been discussed with the proponent, and as there are few carts etc., and it will be facilitating, the Government will offer no objections.

The 1st elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he wished he had known the proponent had spoken with the Government Secretary over the measure; he would then also have seen the Hon. Government Secretary, and tried to show him that there are only one cab and six carts, and then raise the question whether we should not cancel the law altogether.

The 1st elected member (Moorhead) remarked that now the taxes have to be paid in advance. Why has he to pay in advance, and formerly it was not so.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that the cart men have it very hard, trucks having taken away all their work. If the draft was sent to a committee we might make some changes.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that if the Draft is to be passed at all it must be passed today.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolde) remarked, in view of the wident hard trials the few cartmen suffer to earn a miserable living, that the tax should be abolished. Many in the community better able to stand taxing pay nothing.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that the proponent would have no objection of changes now, and that would be better than sending it to a committee. There is no time to be lost. It will soon be the 1st July, and new taxes will be due then.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the Council had a right to send the draft to a committee, if it so desired. If the 1st July arrived before a decision, a Resolution could always be brought in, cancelling the taxes. After all, the amount involved is only $36.- and it does not worth the while.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) proposed that the draft go to a committee of 3.

The 8th elected member (Castillo) seconded.

The vote was unanimous.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) retired.

Members Correiro and Benito Smith were elected by 7 votes

each, and Member Roberts with 6.

Item 14. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance regulating automobile traffic, and providing penalties for violation thereof.

(Proposed by the 4th appointed member C. Correiro)

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) proposed that the 1st discussion be kept open, and this was agreed to, unanimously.

Item 15. Continuation of discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend the Police Regulations for St Thomas; with the Committee's Report.

(Proposed by the 1st elected member for St John, C. E. Francis)

The Secretary (Anduze) read the Report.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 1st discussion be closed.

The vote was unanimous.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 2nd discussion be opened.

The Government Secretary and Council consenting the Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the 3rd opened.

The Government Secretary and Council consenting the Chairman declared the 3rd discussion open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 3rd. discussion be closed and the Draft passed.

The Draft was passed unanimously.

The Chairman closed the meeting, the Order of the Day having been eschausted.

St Thomas, 9th June 1927

E. Kent
Chairman.

C. Correiro
Actg. Secretary.

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 4th August 1927 at 2.00. p.m.

The following members were present: J. E. Hunte, Chairman; C. Correiro, George A Moorehead, Axel Holst, Benito Smith, J. H. Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Governor was represented by the Government Secretary, Captain Van Patten.

Verbal excuses were made for the non-attendance of members Nolle, Anduze and Souffront.

The Proceedings of the ordinary meeting held the 9th June 1927, were adopted.

The Chairman requested Member Correiro to act as Secretary.

Item 1. Election of a member of the Advisory Committee, Assistance of the Poor, St John, in place of the late Mr. Luther Stakemann.

Mr Carl Penn was elected with 8 votes.

Item 2. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of a Resolution to authorize the sale of certain property owned by the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

(Proposed by the Governor)

Member Lionel Roberts entered.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) introduced the measure and gave an outline of the reasons which led to the property known as the Children's Home being turned over to the Municipality. He suggested that inasmuch as the Government Attorney had not yet reported on the legal phases of the ownership that the item be deferred until the next meeting.

The rental of the building was only $15.- monthly, and this was not sufficient for its upkeep. To retain it would be a losing game, and deprive some householder owning a good property. As a business proposition it would not be wise to keep it.

As regards No. 81 B.C., occupied by the Labor Union and Messrs. A. Lugo + Co, he remarked that some extensive repairs had recently been made, but he was apprehensive that before these repairs had been covered by the rental, more repairs would be needed. This was a valuable property, being situated opposite the National Bank, and could very likely easily be sold for a good sum.

Money was urgently needed for repairs to schools, in fact a new Grant School was badly needed. The funds received by a sale would cover these items.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) suggested that the matter be laid on the table until the Municipal Committee had reported on it.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired if the Municipal Committee had investigated the matter or if it was before said committee.

The Chairman (Hunty) replied that it was before the Municipal Committee.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that the matter was before the Municipal Committee. The committee has taken up the matter with the Governor, and is awaiting a reply to some inquiries which is not yet to hand. As the Government Secretary has suggested the discussion could be kept open for the next meeting when the committee's report would be available.

The Chairman (Hunty) enquired if there were any further remarks.

The 4th Appointed Member (Corneiro) proposed that the 1st discussion be kept open; and this was unanimously agreed to.

Item 3. Continuation of the 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance concerning carriages, cabs and carts engaged in public traffic on the streets of St Thomas; with the Committee's Report.

(Proposed by the 4th appointed member C. Corneiro).

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that as Speaker of the committee appointed to report on the draft he recommended the report and the proposed amendment to the council for its adoption. He considered it fair that as the license was paid for in advance that if in case of non-

operation caused by serious injuries of horse or cart within the first sixty days, a proportional part should be refunded. He said that the best thing to be done would be to give the measure quick despatch.

The Chairman (Hunty) enquired if there were any further remarks. The member for the Country District (Boschulte) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd opened.

The vote was unanimous, and the Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open.

A discussion ensued in which members Moorehead, Roberts, Holst, Abram Smith, Correiro and the Government Secretary (Van Patten) took part, about the advisability of refunding a part of the cost of the license, if cart or horse suffered injuries within the first sixty days. The small cost of the license for the 6 months – $1.75 being advanced as making the refund negligible, besides the complications which would arise.

The member for the Country District (Boschulte) proposed that after the word "granted" in the report, a period should be placed instead of the colon, and the balance of the sentence struck off.

Nine members voted affirmatively; a unanimous vote.
The Chairman (Hunty) then put the Committee's Report to the vote in its amended form; and it was accepted unanimously.
The Chairman (Hunty) then put to the house whether the Draft be amended in accordance with the Committee's Report.

A unanimous vote in the affirmative was given.
The 4th appointed member (Correiro) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the 3rd opened.

The Council agreeing and the Government consenting
the Chairman (Hunty) declared the 3rd discussion open.
The 4th appointed member (Correiro) proposed that the 3rd discussion be closed and the Draft passed as amended.

The Draft was unanimously passed.

Item 4. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance regulating automobile traffic and providing penalties for violation thereof.

(Proposed by the 4th appointed member C. Correiro)

The 4th appointed member (C. Correiro) introduced the measure and remarked that Section 10 defining the speed

limit was withdrawn, and that Section 17 should be changed to provide for two inspectors rather than one. As it was impossible to widen our streets, we have to take measures to safeguard life and limb; and we have to see that all the brakes on automobiles are in working order. He said he would like to see the public properly safe-guarded, and that the draft before the Council improved in such a way as to do this. He recommended that a committee be elected to sit on it.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) expressed himself as in favor of the Draft, and proposed that a committee of 5 be elected to report on it.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) seconded.

The 3rd elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he was in favor of the Draft. When the committee to be elected gets busy, it should remember and have uppermost in mind that not only trucks and automobiles on hire should be inspected, but everyman's. All automobiles, trucks, etc., should be included, because the safety of the public is involved equally in every such machine. It must also be remembered that the public streets are primarily for pedestrians, these are in the majority, and should have the right of way.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that he felt very much like the last speaker in this matter. Accidents are likely to occur with private cars as well as with public ones. If public cars are inspected, why not private ones also? I also hold that private cars should be inspected.

Members Correiro, Holst, Moorehead, L. Roberts, and Benito Smith were elected on a committee to consider and report on the Draft.

As there was nothing further on the Order of the Day, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas 4th August 1927

O Kenny
Chairman

Percy Anderson
Secretary

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday, the

6th October, 1927

at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present: J. E. Hunty, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Cyril E. Daniel, Conrad Correiro, George A. Moorehead, J. Percy Douffront, Benito Smith, Lionel Roberts, Juancito Castillo, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Governor was represented by the Assistant Government Secretary, Lieutenant Ryan.

The Proceedings of the ordinary meeting held the 4 August 1927, were adopted after the correction of a typographical error, the elimination of "not" in the remarks of member Moorehead, under Item 2.

Item 1. Election of the Council's Officials.

The 1st appointed member (J. E. Hunty) was re-elected Chairman.

He expressed his thanks to his colleagues for the appreciation shown by his re-election, and assured them that he would, as always, do his best in the interest of the islands, and maintain the cordial relations existing between the Council and the Executive.

The 3rd appointed member (Leroy Molle) entered.

The 3rd appointed member (Leroy Molle) was re-elected Vice Chairman.

The 5th elected member (Carl A. Anduze) and the 2nd appointed member (Cyril E. Daniel) were elected Secretaries.

Item 2. Election of members to the Municipal Committee and to the several Commissions.

As members of the Municipal Committee were elected:

The 4th appointed member, Conrad Correiro,
The 2nd elected member, Axel Holst,
The 7th elected member, Lionel Roberts,
The 5th elected member, Carl A. Anduze,
The 1st member for St John, Carl E. Francis.

As members of the Trade and Lamp Tax Committee:

The 2nd member for St John, Abram E. Smith,
The 3rd elected member, J. Percy Souffront,
The 4th elected member, Benito Smith,
The 1st appointed member, J. E. Huntz,
The 1st elected member, George A. Moorehead.

As member of the Electoral Board (Town) Mr Herbert E. Lockhart.

The 3rd elected member (Souffront) relived. ---
As member of the Electoral Board (Comhty), member J. H. Boschulte.

As member of the Electoral Board (St John), member Carl E. Francis.

As member of the Educational Board of Review, member Leroy Nolle.

As members of the Advisory Committee, Assistance of the Poor, St Thomas, members J. H. Boschulte and Carl A. Andauze.

As member of the Advisory Committee, Assistance of the Poor, St John, Mr. Carl Penn.

As Committee on Accounts, members Axel Holst and Lionel Roberts.

The Order of the Day having been exhausted, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 6th October 1927

J. E. Huntz.
Chairman.

Percy Adolphus
Secretary.

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday, the

8th December, 1927,

at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present: J. E. Huntz, Chairman, Carl A. Andauze, Secretary; Leroy Nolle, Conrad Corneiro, George A. Moorehead, Benito Smith, Lionel Roberts, Juancito Castillo, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis. ---

The Governor was represented by the Government Secretary (Captain Van Tatten).

The Chairman (Kuntz) called the meeting to order, and referred to the demise of the member for the Country District, the Hon. Joseph Helm Boschulte, which sad event took place the 2nd inst. He delivered a panegyric, well merited by the deceased, in every respect, at the close of which, the members rose from their seats, as a token of respect to his memory.

The 2nd member for St. John (Abram E. Smith) moved that a Resolution be framed and adopted by the house in accordance with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman; and a recess was unanimously agreed upon to frame such a resolution.

The following Resolution composed by the 4th appointed member (Correiro) was then read by the Secretary, and unanimously adopted.

Resolution.

Whereas, Senior member, J. H. Boschulte, member for the Country District of St. Thomas, departed this life on the 2nd December, 1927; and

Whereas, J. H. Boschulte, except for two intervals, had served as member of this Colonial Council for a term over 20 years; and Whereas, his steadfastness, devotion to duty, experience in matters relating to agriculture, and good fellowship had won for him the high esteem and consideration of his colleagues;

Be it resolved, that the Colonial Council in ordinary meeting assembled, should make manifest, and hereby makes manifest its deep regret at the demise of the said Senior member, and extends its sincerest condolence to the family.

Be it further resolved, that this Resolution be spread on the Minutes of this meeting and a copy thereof forwarded to his widow.

The Resolution was voted unanimously.

The Chairman (Kuntz) made a verbal excuse for the absence of member Holst.

The Proceedings of the ordinary meeting held the 6th October, 1927, were adopted.

The Chairman (Kuntz) remarked that as the 6th elected member (Anderson) had been absent over 4 months, he would in conformity with Section 34 of the Colonial Law (No 124-1906), declare his seat vacant.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) enquired if the seat would remain vacant until the next election, or if there would be a bye-election.

The Chairman (Kuntz) ~~enquired~~ quoted the section referred

to (No 34) and remarked that only if a seat was vacant during the last three months of the elective period would the election of a new member to fill the place be deferred.

The Chairman (Kunty) enquired if the Order of the Day and the other papers relating thereto had been received by the members in time, and having been answered in the affirmative proceeded with the business of the meeting.

Item 1. Discussion on Draft of Assessment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the 1st half year 1926, with the committee's report.

The Secretary (Lindsay) read the report.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) moved its adoption, with the Draft of Assessment.

It was passed unanimously.

Item 2. Election of a member of the Board of Review and Equalization, as required by Section 34 of the Real and Personal Property Tax Ordinance of February 25th, 1922.

Member Abram E. Smith received ten (10) votes, and was declared elected by the chairman.

Item 3. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Additional Money Bill No.1 to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year from July 1, 1927 to June 30th, 1928.

Item 17 Maintenance, Department of Health, Sanitation Service, an increase of Fcs. 825.-
(Proposed by the Governor).

The Secretary (Lindsay) read the Governor's letter and the Report of the Municipal Committee recommending this Money Bill, as well as the Resolution covered by the next Item No.4.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) introduced the Money Bill, and remarked that the chief Sanitation officer has reported that two of the trucks belonging to the Sanitation Service are beyond economical repairs.

One was purchased in 1922, while the other was purchased in 1924. It is necessary to have three trucks at all times in a high state of efficiency to carry on the work of night-soil removal - two on regular routine and one to immediately take the place of either of the two on routine which might, during the night, suffer a break down of serious character. The purchase of a new chassis being beyond the scope of present funds, it is proposed to construct one truck out of the two old trucks, the estimated cost of which including the purchase of such spare parts as may be required is Fcs 825.-

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that he thought the remarks clear and elucidating, and moved that the first discussion be closed.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) seconded.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) enquired if it would not be better to purchase a new chassis, which perhaps could be obtained from the Federal Appropriation.

The vote was unanimous that the 1st discussion be closed.

The 2nd discussion was opened, proposal to that effect having been made by the 1st elected member (Moorehead) and seconded by the 4th elected member (Benito Smith); the Government Secretary consenting.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Additional Money Bill passed.

The Money Bill was passed unanimously.

Item 4. Introduction of, and 1st Discussion on Draft of a Resolution to authorize the purchase of a portion of Property No. 36 a Norregade, King's Quarter, St Thomas, Frances 500.- (Proposed by the Governor).

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) remarked that as explained on the Draft of the Resolution the Fcs 500.- was to purchase all that portion of Property No. 36 a Norregade, King's Quarter, St Thomas, which projects in a northerly direction beyond the building line on the southern side of Norregade, an area of 62.5 square feet, more or less, on the understanding that the present owner of the property, Mr A.H. Lockhart, shall remove without expense to the municipality, the structure now occupying the property described. The balcony on the adjoining property will be supported by iron pillars in place of the present brick pillars.

The Chairman (Klintz) said the Resolution would be subject

to one discussion.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 1st discussion be closed and the Resolution adopted.

The Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Item 5. Continuation of the 1st discussion, with the Committee's Report on Draft of an Ordinance to amend an Ordinance regulating Automobile traffic and providing penalties for violation thereof.

(Proposed by the 4th appointed member C. Corneiro).

The Secretary read the report as follows:

Report from the committee elected to examine and report on the Draft of Ordinance to amend an Ordinance regulating automobile traffic and providing penalties for violation thereof.

Your committee begs leave to recommend the following amendment:-

Section 10 (a) to read:-

The speed within town limits, and as far as Misky Church shall not exceed ten (10) miles per hour; turning corners five (5) miles per hour; elsewhere, twenty (20) miles per hour, when the road is clear; except where special signboards, placed by the Director of Police, may prescribe specifically a reduced speed.

Section 17 to read:-

The motors, brakes and steering gears of all automobile cars and trucks, operated for hire or private use, shall be inspected quarterly by a competent person under the direction of the Director of Police, who shall designate dates for such inspections, on a revolving basis according to the number of the vehicles, and who shall also cause an inspection of any such vehicle to be carried out whenever circumstances may warrant.

St Thomas, 1st December 1927

Signed C. Corneiro Axel Holst Lionel Roberts Benito Smith

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that he hoped the report would meet the approbation of the members. The speed as far as Misky had been made the same as within the town limits, as it had been noticed that the road from the burial ground to Misky was much used on Sundays and holidays by pedestrians and that automobiles were driven with great speed on that part of the road with little regard to pedestrians. The speed limit in the ordinance

was already 10 miles per hour, and the committee had decided to let that remain as it was. So far for section 10.

The 3rd elected member (Souffront) entered.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) continuing, said that as regards section 17, the committee thought that besides the inspection of vehicles, when the Director of Police thought it necessary, all automobiles should be inspected, on a revolving basis, so that within a quarter all vehicles would have had an inspection. The committee was willing to listen to any suggestions that might be offered and hoped through a cooperation, to have the automobile ordinance in such shape as to safeguard life and limb of the pedestrians.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he regretted that he could not attend the meeting of the committee. He said that it would have been better instead of stopping to Nisky to extend the 10 miles per hour limit to Mosquito Bay, because the road is narrower there than at the vicinity of Nisky. At Nisky, near Mr. Edward Joseph's house, the road was very narrow. The narrowest part is the Nisky road. As regards section 17, he objected to the quarterly inspection. The inspection should be haphazard, at any time. If a man knew that his automobile was to be inspected at any time, it would be much better for the service, but when he knew the date of the inspection, he would see that everything was in order for that date.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) regretted that the 1st elected member (Moorehead) did not attend the meeting of the committee, so that they could have had his viewpoint. Perhaps it would be well to insert Mosquito Bay instead of Nisky. About the inspection, he considered the point raised academic. He referred to the words "and who shall also cause an inspection of any such vehicle to be carried out whenever circumstances may warrant." The revolving basis was the only practical way in which over 200 automobiles could be regularly inspected.

The 3rd elected member (Souffront) remarked that with reference to Section 10 he was sorry to say that much knowledge was not shown in putting a 10 mile per hour limit. He would like to be informed what car could go at 10 miles per hour. And as regards the argument advanced by the 1st elected member (Moorehead) he would remark that if the committee knew anything about cars they would know that the suggested way was impracticable. It would simply mean a waste of time for car owners, for it takes time to make

a proper inspection of a car. And then much better results would certainly be obtained by making an inspection when it was not expected.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) remarked that he would remind the last speakers that the 10 mile limit was not a proposal by the committee, but already existed in the law as it is. If this is wrong let us remedy it. As regards Section 17 it was realized that it would be very difficult to get 200 and odd cars inspected in any one month. So the inspection had to be arranged by turns in such a way that all the cars and trucks were examined in a quarter.

The 3rd elected member (Souffront) remarked that his idea was this that as the Director of Police can at any time send and examine a vehicle, it should be left to him and no quarterly inspection insisted on. But to have a number of vehicles laid up awaiting their turn of inspection would entail an unnecessary loss of time for those waiting. And enquried if members knew the time it took to make a proper inspection of a car.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) referring to Section 17 remarked that this section provided for the inspection by a "competent person". The Director of Police might have to create a new office to inspect automobiles. Has the committee taken this into account.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that it was impossible to answer that question. If it became necessary, such provision should be made, and it would be up to the Council to make such provision for the protection of human lives and limbs. It must be remembered that our Streets are narrow, and can not be made wider. We have to make provisions to safeguard the lives of pedestrians; and automobiles are on the increase. We have heard only criticisms, we are yet to hear a concrete proposal to the point.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) proposed that the 1st discussion remain open until the next meeting.

The 3rd elected member (Souffront) left the meeting.

A recess was declared; and after 10 minutes business was continued.

Item 6. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Title 5, Chapter 10, Section 3, of an

Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing a Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands" passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, on the 10th March, 1921, (Jury).
Proposed by the 7th elected member Lionel Roberts).

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired if it would not be well to take items 6 and 7 together.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) made a proposal to that effect.

The Chairman (Kunty) announced that Items 6 and 7 would be taken together.

Item 7. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of an Ordinance to amend Title V, Chapter 12, Section 1, of an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance providing a compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands" passed by the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, on the 10th March, 1921, and approved the 17th March 1921. (Jury).
Proposed by the 7th elected member Lionel Roberts).

The 7th elected member (L Roberts). Mr Chairman and honourable colleagues: I do not believe it necessary for me to say much at this time on the proposed amendment before you to our Code of Laws in connection with trial by jury. The change offered for consideration is, that the request of a defendant for a trial by jury in the District Court be his right, and not a privilege left at the discretion of the judge. It is a known fact that appeals could be made from all cases in the Police Court to the District Court, but in misdemeanor cases that may punish defendants to the extent of one year's imprisonment and $500.- fine, a jury may be denied; further appeals to the Third Circuit Court at Philadelphia is a matter of hundreds of dollars which may easily deny many an individual their freedom and liberty.

In a small community as this, crimes other than trivial cases are few and far between; but our code presently qualifies any violation as a crime, and stamps the individual with the stigma of a criminal in a high or low degree; thus it should provide a defendant with

every chance to show why he should not be so branded, and that chance should be given him from judgment by his own peers.

Beginning on page 20 of the Hearings before the Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions, United States Senate, the Hon. George W. Williams, Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States, does not fail to tell the Chairman of the Committee "that the Alaska Code created by the Councils in these two islands is the making of our own Councils; no botheration from the outside and that is what we are working under." Lower down on page 23 right over to page 24, and on page 26 to the end of page 28 was read by the speaker. The last query of Senator Robinson and the answer of our Hon. Judge is what we are now, and have been since 1925, concerned over. We want to keep the judges clear of such responsibilities by removing the discretions and creating a right for defendant. Further, if the Councils may be saddled with the creation of the Code of Alaska wherein jury trials in misdemeanor cases is left at the discretion of the judge, this Council now sees, from reasonable observations, reasons to modify that part of the law for which they are held and are as a matter of fact responsible.

Gentlemen of the Council, I know that every intelligent citizen in this community at one time or another have approached you on this question and that you are perfectly familiar with the views of your constituents, as you are equally so with your own on the matter. All I ask then is the passage of these Bills.

The Government Secretary (Van Pattern): The Colonial Council has been asked to consider the draft of a proposed Ordinance to amend the Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands and specifically to extend the jury system to permit the trial by jury of all offenses against the law, unless the fine imposed be less than twenty dollars and without imprisonment.

Section One of Chapter 12 of Title V of the Code reads as follows:-

"In all criminal actions in the District Court when the charge in the information amounts to a felony, the defendant may demand a trial by jury. If no jury be demanded the case shall be tried by the court without a jury; provided, however, that the Judge of the District Court may on his own motion order a

jury for the trial of any criminal action".

Section five, Chapter I, Title IV: "A felony is a crime which is punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for more than one year. Every other crime is a misdemeanor.

The proposed Ordinance would extend jury trial to include misdemeanors.

In the adjacent island of Pto Rico, the Code, with particular reference to jury trial, reads as follows:

"If any person is charged with a crime by a prosecuting attorney, or by a grand jury, the punishment for which is capital punishment or two years or more confinement in any penal institution of the island, he may demand a trial by jury only in the District Court having jurisdiction, and it shall be granted him" under certain conditions.

The question of the extension of the jury system, not yet eight years in existence in these islands is of grave importance, for the very foundation of civilization depends upon protection from the criminal and those indirectly furthering, aiding or abetting crime. ---

The jury system, in theory, is based on an impartial body of chosen persons to hear and weigh correlated facts and to render a verdict. The responsibility is a heavy one, a disagreeable but, at times, a necessary civic duty. Actually the practice of jury trials has been disappointing for reasons that must be obvious and particularly is this true in all small communities, where the news of the arrest of the violators of the law spreads quickly, is early the chief topic of communal conversation and is common knowledge. To combat local prejudices, it is necessary in some communities to grant a change of venue, or place of trial, in order that the accused or the State may obtain an unbiassed jury. Such a change of venue is impracticable in this community. ---

No deep research is necessary to reveal that family connections, business associations, prejudices, race, creed, jury tampering, public opinion and a host of maladies to which juries are subject, must be considered when an extension of the system is proposed. ---

The proposed Ordinance would place punishment of all petty offenders in the hands of a jury. At present it would seem that ample protection is afforded against any undue severity inasmuch as appeal from the Police Court is made to the District Court, where an attorney is furnished with

out cost if need be. From the District Court appeal is possible to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and without cost if necessary.

Through the good offices of the District Court, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals will now hear appeal cases without any cost to the accused, provided a certificate be made that the accused is unable to bear any expense in connection with the cost of printing or copying the record. It is evident, therefore, that the extension of the jury system in this small community would be unwarranted and that ample protection is accorded the people and the State under the present organization.

After a thorough research, the extension of the jury system will not meet with the concurrence of the Government for the following specific reasons:

First! There is no certain advantage to the accused.

In small communities a jury is most frequently composed of acquaintances of the persons on trial. In some cases the jury may, consciously, or unconsciously, favor the accused and give him more than the legal benefits of a reasonable doubt. On the other hand, such jury might be swayed by sentiments or prejudices adverse to the accused and tend to rule against him more than an impartial, disinterested and legally trained judge would.

Second. Such an amendment to the code would not aid in expediting justice.

A jury trial invariably takes longer than a trial by the court and after having started, there are greater possibilities of delay.

Third. It would not be in accordance with the practice in State Courts, nor with the majority of United States Courts nor with Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands.

The trend in the United States is to dispense with, not to extend trials by jury, for the greatest deterrent to crime is summary punishment, and if criminals, with clever lawyers, may dispute their guilt with friendly juries, it is evident that the public at large will suffer under such a change.

Fourth. It would place an unnecessary burden on possible jurymen in such a small community.

In small communities, such as this, the number of possible jurymen eligible to serve on juries and also acceptable to both prosecution and defense, is necessarily restricted. With the admitted increase in jury trials by the extension of the jury system, the result would

be that many of the citizens would lose much of their time from their private business to the detriment of economic conditions. This has been forcibly brought to the attention of the court in one or more recent instances. It might be conservatively estimated that fifty additional juries would be required to hear cases of petty offenders against the law.

Fifth. The expense of additional juries would cause money for jury fees to be taken from other essential budgetted needs.

The federal monies budgetted for municipal deficits have reached a maximum. Four hundred and sixty-five criminal cases were tried in the St Thomas Police Court during the past fiscal year. The cost of a jury is approximately forty dollars for the first day and twenty-four dollars for each succeeding day. Expense, of course, is not an item to weigh if there were substantial benefit to be obtained by such a system, but it must be recognized that the money necessary to provide for additional juries must curtail the money available for other municipal departments.

Sixth. It would not be in the public interest.

It is a well recognized fact that summary convictions and punishments for petty offenses are more effective in restraining minor offenders against the law than more severe punishments after long drawn out trials and delays in meting out justice.

Other reasons might be cited why this bill does not meet with favor, but it is believed that those mentioned will suffice for the Council to see that no advantage to the accused or to the municipality will accrue by the enactment of this legislation.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) requested to be told if the arguments advanced here were to prevent the Council proceeding with the law in question as we see it?

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) remarked that he thought it well to let the Council know the opinion and viewpoint of the Government.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) repeated his question, and asked for a reply — yes or no.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) replied that he had no intention of restricting the Council proceeding with items 6 and 7. He had given the Governments reasons for not favoring the proposed legislation.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he earnestly hoped the Council would pass the proposed legislation, and if the measure is vetoed then go to the President and the Congress. With due respect to the Governor and the Government

Secretary, they do not, and cannot know as much about this matter as the Council. About 70 % of the cases cited are simple, very simple cases. One woman abusing another etc. If the idea is to break the morale of the people, all right, continue it as it is. You cannot look at the expense to be incurred in matters such as these. As taxpayers we have the right of protection. A judge has also his predilections. And we all know what Senator Bingham said about Honolulu, his birthplace.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that he was very sorry to note that a subject so important as this had started with so much acrimony. The principle of the extension of the jury system is worthy of the Council's attention as well as of the executive, for both have the well-being of the community at heart. Here in St. Thomas the records show that jury trials have been up to the mark. He did not know of any case in which the guilt was clear, and the party got off. But District Attorneys are generally bent on condemning, and Courts of Law are not always Courts of Justice. And we have had a Police Judge of bitter memory, a regular good-for-nothing, Norman P. Alexander. While I admit that today we are in an entirely different situation as regards judges, we never know what the future will bring. And to go from the Police to the District Court reminds one of the local adage - "Mortimer and Hughes". And about the matter of appeals, the expenses are high, the records cost a good deal, and it is not every case you can appeal to Philadelphia.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that this bill had already been before the council, and remained dormant a long while. We all know if a judge is bitter against a man, what can be done; without a jury one would be at his mercy. It would be a good idea to get a "venue" from St. Croix. But by all means give the defendant a fair chance.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) proposed that Items 6 and 7 be sent to a committee of five.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) remarked that he was first and last for trial by jury, and gave reasons favoring the proposed amendments.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) remarked that appeals can be made from the Police Court to the District Court, and then to Philadelphia free of cost.

At this point the Government Secretary offered to invite Judge Gibson to appear before the Council and give the necessary information about the appeals to Philadelphia being free of cost.

Judge Gibson on being asked if the appeals to Philadelphia would be free of cost to a defendant, gave a detailed statement of the difference between a writ of certiorari and an appeal. ———

He said that through the initiative of the District Court, the Third Circuit Court of Appeal, had made an exception for the Virgin Islands, so that in a matter of appeal, the documents would be accepted on hyper-written sheets instead of printed sheets as were demanded from all other places; this being a solitary exception. And as copies were taken when the stenographer made out the record, this could be obtained free of cost. ———

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) enquired if the docketing fees were free also. ———

The 1st member for St. John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that he knew of a case in St. John, in which the cost for the papers amounted to $40.— ———

Judge Gibson replied that he knew the case the member referred to, it was a case involving a track of land. No civil case under $1.000.— can go up for appeal. We are speaking about criminal cases. Personally, he said nothing would please him more than for cases to be appealed to Philadelphia. His reputation would be increased by appeals to Philadelphia. ———

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that we have for instance the Court Fees, and then what about the record from the stenographer? He wanted the Government Secretary to understand that no judge can go to the stenographer and tell him to furnish it for nothing. ———

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) replied that the information was from Judge Williams. The District Court would make arrangements. No man is denied the right to appeal to Philadelphia. ———

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) remarked that no ordinary layman, even if supplied with the record, can arrange it without a lawyer's assistance; and it must be borne in mind that no case has arrived since this tentative arrangement has been shaped. He thought however that the matter could be threshed out without any acrimony.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) assured the council that Judge Williams would do all in his power to

to facilitate appeals. This is the only jurisdiction from which type-written sheets will be received. Both Judge Williams and Judge Gibson will give all the information the committee appointed by the council may require.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that it would not be out of place here to state that the idea of securing a reduction of expenses in appeals originated with the 2nd member for St. John (Abram E Smith) and we hope to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he hoped that when the Council next meets to take up the matter, the committee appointed will be in possession of all points the Council may deem fit to ask.

The motion to elect five members on a committee to report on Items 6 and 7 having been voted the following members were elected: L. Roberts 10 votes; Correiro 9; Holst 9; Benito Smith 6; and Moorehead 5.

Item 8. Interpellation to His Excellency the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States by the 7th elected member (L. Roberts) re contribution from the St Thomas Harbor Board and repairs to roads.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) said that the interpellation was self-explanatory; and awaited the reply.

The Government Secretary (Dan Patten) remarked that in preparing the estimates of revenue for the fiscal year 1927, an item of Frs 20.000 was included as representing what it was expected the Colonial Treasury would receive as its share of the profits from the Harbor Board during that year. However, the Harbor revenues were not as great as had been anticipated which, in addition to certain unforseen extraordinary expenditures by the Harbor Board (such as assistance for Virgin Islands Exhibit at Sesquicentennial Exposition, advertising campaign of Chamber of Commerce etc.) resulted in a further decrease in the expected profits. Therefore, the net surplus at the end of the fiscal year of the Harbor Treasury had only amounted to Frs 11.366.05, which amount was obviously too small to divide between the Colonial Treasury and the Harbor Board Surplus Fund and yet provide a sufficient working balance for the Harbor Board as required during the first

months of the new fiscal year. He assured the Council that the Colonial Treasury's share would be paid at the earliest convenient date.

With reference to the road situation, the Government Secretary remarked that the recent unprecedented torrential rains had caused damage to the highways represented by the expenditure of thousands of dollars, and it is beyond the current resources of the Public Works Department to re-instate them to a condition approximating their status before the rains. Efforts are being concentrated upon the worst places; and upon the main-travelled highways, and the road patrols have been re-assigned and concentrated so as to make the roads passable as soon as practicable. The Louisenhoj Road is being repaired in order to provide an outlet from the important agricultural district in the northern-central portion of the island. The roads to Crown, Solberg, Brewer's Bay, East End, and the south-side road west of Misgunst, are being repaired and work was being started today on the Black Point Hill. Also, a force is engaged in patching holes in the city streets. He also remarked that the probability that Congress might reduce the Income Tax rates for 1922, and thus cause a considerable loss of local revenue thereby, was a source of great worry to the Government in the matter of obligating funds for needed improvements.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he would like to see the country roads repaired lower than John Brewer's Bay. The trees adjoining the road lower down needs trimming. He said he would be quite willing to help half way with labor. It would be much appreciated if the Governor would use his influence at Washington to get the grant for repairing the roads changed in such a way that the repairs would be done whether the estate owners sold the land bordering on the roads or not.

The Government Secretary (VanPatten) replied that efforts had already been made to get the change spoken of. In St. Croix the people take care of the roads adjoining their estates.-

Item 9. Interpellation to His Excellency the Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by the 7th elected member (Lionel Roberts) re the Governor's attendance at the meetings of the Council.

The 7th elected member (L.Roberts) remarked that the question here raised about the Governor's attendance should be taken:

1) as a desire for his personal cooperation with the Council;
2) the assurance such attendance would create; and
3) his general familiarity by observation of the views of the members as expressed.

It is common knowledge that all Government Secretaries have always been in attendance with the Governor, therefore the question precludes any intimation as regards the Government Secretary. The Colonial Law, section 37 reads: "The Governor may either personally attend the meetings or may depute another person to represent him" is a law with which we are all familiar. But we consider it a right given him that should at least be used now and again as used by other governors.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) remarked that His Excellency, the Governor is, of course, perfectly familiar with the law, and if he thought it necessary, he would attend in person. However, he knows the Order of the Day, and is always represented by the Government Secretary, who keeps him well informed of all the transactions of the Council. He is therefore, at all times, in touch with the Council's proceedings. The Governor is in his office every morning and is always delighted to see the Gentlemen of the Council who might care to call on him to discuss matters of mutual interest.

The Order of the Day having been exhausted, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 8th December 1927

Vice Chairman.

Ag Clerk of Council
Acty Secretary.

An extra-ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Wednesday the

1st February 1928,

at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present:— J.E. Luntz, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Cyril E. Daniel, Leroy Nolte,

Conrad Connors, George A Moorehead, Axel Holst, J. Percy Southwood, Benito Smith, Lionel Roberts, Juancito Castillo, Abram E. Smith, and Carl E. Francis.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2.00 p.m. and read the Order of the Day. Continuing he said that the object of the meeting was to have the honor of a visit from the island's distinguished guest Colonel Lindbergh. As there were two members who had been elected since the last meeting, he thought it was but right that they should take part in the meeting, and with this end in view their Letters of Election would be examined, and the members seated before the vote on the Resolution be taken.

Item 1. Examination of Patents of Election of Mr. D. Victor Bourn as 6th elected member; and Mr. Theodore Boschulte as member for the Country District.

The Patents of Election were circulated among the members, and Member Nolle elected Speaker; who having found them in order, so reported to the chairman.

The Chairman declared Mr. D. Victor Bourn, 6th elected member for the town of St Thomas, with right to sit and vote as such.

The Chairman declared Mr. Theodore Boschulte, member for the Country District of St Thomas, with right to sit and vote as such.

The two new members were conducted to their seats and signed the oath of office.

Item 2. Introduction of, and discussion on the following

Resolution

Whereas the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, fully recognizes the courage, valor and meritorious initiative of Colonel Charles Augustus Lindbergh, U.S.A., in his unprecedented flight across the Atlantic, and other aviation exploits; and

Whereas the action of Colonel Lindbergh in accepting the invitation of the Governor and People, has merited the gratitude of all the citizens of the Municipality; and

Whereas the visit of so prominent a hero is an event of

transcendental importance to the island;

Be it resolved, and it is hereby resolved, that the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, in extraordinary session assembled confers on our

Guest of Honor, Colonel Charles Augustus Lindbergh, U.S.A.

The Freedom of the city of St Thomas,

And Be it further resolved, that a Copy of this Resolution, duly authenticated be handed Colonel Lindbergh.

(Proposed by the Chairman of the Council).

The Chairman read the Resolution; and remarked that it had been composed by many members of the Council. He said the Resolution was subject to one discussion. ———

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) enquired of the Chairman if the Resolution would be discussed now or when Colonel Lindbergh arrives. ———

The Chairman replied that it would be in order to pass the Resolution before the Colonel came. ———

The 4th appointed member (Correiro):

Mr Chairman, colleagues and members of the Colonial Council of St Croix:-

This is a memorable occasion. As we sit here in solemn session in honor of our distinguished visitor, the eyes of the world are focussed on us. Yes, since yesterday when Colonel Lindbergh descended on the Golf Course, the name of St Thomas has been voiced by hundreds of thousands and heard by hundreds of thousands more. ———

St Thomas should not feel proud, and recall epochs of its past greatness only; no, urged by such a powerful incentive, we should grasp the golden opportunity, and imitating the aeroplane, soar towards the broad spheres of progress, so as to occupy a fitting place in the Great Nation of which we form part. ———

But as we contemplate the marvellous exploits of Colonel Lindbergh in his famous "Spirit of St Louis", we find ourselves in presence of that wondrous motive power; that great dynamic force, from which radiates all progress, and civilization: Thought, the greatest endowment to man by the Almighty. It is thought that elevates man above the level of the animals and enables him to approach Nature, who is anxious to reveal her secrets as fast as the human mind can grasp them. Thought, nurtured by

study, germinates. The plan is conceived — the idea expands, until all is ready for the physical effort, the skill, the courage, the intrepidity, the perseverance necessary to attain the object.

Humanity stands amazed at the intrepidity of Colonel Lindbergh. It is the same intrepidity which impulsed Columbus to ridicule the tales of terror of the Sargasso Sea, and persevere in his purpose of discovery; which impelled Magellan towards the distant Philippines; which animated Balboa in his trail across the isthmus to behold the vast Pacific!

We must not confound intrepidity with foolhardiness: The latter is a negative quantity, while the former denotes a reasonable confidence, and fixity of purpose that buoyed the spirit of our distinguished visitor as he darted through space, in direct communion with the elements in their purest forms.

The World steeped as it is in materialism today hastens to render deserving homage to whom homage is due. It is the Hierarchy of Intellect, the Aristocracy of Intelligence which predominates, and Colonel Lindbergh's deed of crossing the Atlantic alone and unaided has fully merited the highest recognition.

From the earliest days of civilization, transportation has been one of the important problems of the human race. Each successive advance in rapidity and safety seemed to excite efforts towards further improvement, and these advancements encouraged the desire to travel, to carry the products of one country to another etc. The slow-going ox or ass gave way to the faster camel or horse as beasts of burden. The age of steam revolutionized transportation by land and water. Now we have a new sphere of activity: the air; another medium: the aeroplane.

Colonel Lindbergh, escorted by Governor Evans and Government Secretary Van Patten entered.

The members rose to receive them, and remained standing until they were seated.

The speaker (Corneiro) paid his respects to Colonel Lindbergh, and continued, after expressing his regrets that the colonel had not been present at the beginning of his speech.

What a beautiful example Colonel Lindbergh has set to youth, an example that should appeal to the youth of the Virgin Islands especially. He has shown what a fixity of purpose, correct application to study, and firm determination to grapple and master the problems which he had selected can produce. He has proved the value of self-reliance

The present tour of Colonel Lindbergh has been termed the tour of good-will, for as an ambassador of Good Will he carries the greetings of the nation to the sister republics South of the Rio Grande. Apart from the sentimentality, he has demonstrated the practicability of commercial aviation by carrying out each flight on schedule time. Frequent and rapid intercourse between nations bring them closer together and cement the bonds of friendship.

In the beautiful address at the reception of the Chamber of Commerce held in honor of the Colonel, the hope was expressed that St Thomas on account of its geographical position might become a central point for commercial aviation in the West Indies. Let us trust that the hope will become a prophecy; that St Thomas will rise Phoenix-like from its ashes and play an important role in aviation activities as it did and still does in shipping.

Colonel Lindbergh: Within the limited time at my disposal permit me to assure you that from the 20th May when you left the shores of New England for France, we followed with ever increasing interest and enthusiasm your remarkable achievement, and longed for the moment wherein we could also join with the nation and the world in manifesting to you our admiration.

I beg leave to repeat that which you have already heard since your landing here, that our tribute cannot be excelled in sincerity, and I ask you to accept it as such.

May the flowers handed you by a damsel of this soil condense themselves into one leaf and snugly fit in the wreath of laurels which the world has offered you as a crown.

A hearty applause greeted member Correiro as he resumed his seat.

A discussion took part between members Correiro, Moorehead and Roberts about the desirability of amending the Resolution to read: The Freedom of the Virgin Islands. The Chairman (Hunty) remarked that he regretted that for obvious reasons, for instance, the inability of this Council to act for that of St Croix, the idea could not be carried into effect.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) regretted deeply that on this particular occasion there should be any such impracticable ~~suggestion~~ proposal and consequent undesirable discussion, so obviously inopportune and inharmonious.

The Resolution was then and there signed by the

Chairman and Secretary and handed the Governor, who approved and signed it; returning it to the chairman.
The Chairman (Hunty) then with appropriate words placed the Resolution in the hands of Colonel Lindbergh
Colonel Lindbergh: I want to express my appreciation for this honor which you have conferred upon me and I wish to assure you that it has been indeed a very great pleasure to include St Thomas and the Virgin Islands as one of the stops during my tour. I have often desired to visit the West Indies and I know of no place where I would rather make a visit than at Saint Thomas. I thank you.
The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor for inviting Colonel Lindbergh; and for the interest taken in arranging the festivities.

The motion was passed; the members rising.

His Excellency the Governor said that thanks were also due to the committee appointed, who so carefully attended to everything, and to the public at large.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolte) remarked that he was sure he voiced the sentiments of the entire council in saying that it gave the council much pleasure to have with us today several members of the council of St Croix.

Colonel Lindbergh, the Governor and the Government Secretary retired; the members standing while they left the hall.

The Order of the Day having been exhausted, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 1st February 1928.

Vice Chairman.

C Corneiro
Acty Secretary.

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 9th February 1928, at 2.00 P.M.

The following members were present:- Leroy Nolle, Vice-chairman; Conrad Correiro, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Benito Smith, Lionel Roberts, Juancito Castillo, Theodore Boschulte and Carl E. Francis.

The Governor was represented by the Government Secretary, Captain Van Patten.

The Vice chairman announced the absence of the Chairman (Huntz) through illness, and that he had received verbal excuses for the non-attendance of members Anduze and Bornn. Both Secretaries (Daniel and Anduze) being absent, member Correiro was requested to act as Secretary.

The Proceedings of the ordinary meeting held the 8th December, 1927, were adopted.

As regards the Proceedings of the extraordinary meeting held the 1st February, 1928, the 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he regretted that what he had said at the said meeting had been left out, and enquired who was responsible for that, the Chairman, or is it some other person?

Continuing, he said that he had plainly pointed out that as that meeting was not a Joint Session with St Croix, action could not be taken on their account. He feared that the public on reading the Proceedings, would think that he was against giving the freedom of the city of St Thomas to Colonel Lindbergh, which was not the case. The only reason was that we could not legislate for the St Croix Council.

The Vice Chairman (Nolle) remarked that as members may be aware, the Chairman has the right to decide what shall be published, and what not. The Apsistant would be instructed to make the necessary rectification.

Item 1. Introduction of, and first discussion on Additional Money Bill No. 2, to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year July 1, 1927, to June 30, 1928.

To Item 26, Maintenance, Public Works Department, add sub (t) Francs 30.000.00

(Proposed by the Governor.)

The 2nd elected member (Holst), Chairman of the Municipal Committee remarked that he was sorry that it had been impossible for the Municipal Committee to report on the matter, but he hoped to have the Report ready for the next meeting.

The Vice-Chairman (Nolte) replied that there was a letter from the Municipal Committee to the Governor, and another letter, in reply, from the Governor to the Municipal Committee, which letters he requested the acting Secretary to read.

St Thomas 7th February 1928

No. 6

His Excellency, Governor Waldo Evans,

St Thomas.

Your Excellency:- The Municipal Committee begs to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's esteemed letter of the 3rd inst., with Draft of Additional Money Bill No. 2 to the Budget for this municipality for the fiscal year 1927-28, Fcs 30.000.- for the purpose of constructing an improved hard surfacett road paralled with the new breakwater at Long Bay, from the so-called Lover's Lane in an easterly direction to the property of the West Indian Company Limited.

The Municipal Committee has discussed the said draft in a meeting on Monday, the 6th February, and begs respectfully to say that the members of the committee are sympathetic towards the proposed road, but finds that the information given is insufficient to permit the committee to take any stand to the proposal, for which reason the committee before taking definite action, respectfully begs to request elucidation on the following points.

1) Will the proposed road be of asphaltic macadam, similar to the De Beltgen's Road?
2) The width of the proposed road?
3) How many years is the road expected to last without making repairs? Eventual estimated up Keep per year?
4) It is believed that the road might possibly be built by private contractors, by licitation (among others by the West Indian Co.) and an estimate from responsible parties would be of interest to the committee.
5) The Municipal Committee would be glad to get information regarding the ownership of the road.

While the committee is sympathetic towards the idea, as mentioned above, the committee is nevertheless aware that several of the important streets and roads in the town are sadly in need of repairs, even dangerous

to pedestrians (e.g. the High Road), and is doubtful whether funds for these necessary repairs should not be found before appropriation for the proposed road be recommended.

The committee would welcome an increase of the appropriation to take care of these roads.

Very respectfully,
(signed) Axel Holst
Chairman.

The Honorable,
The Chairman of the Municipal Committee,
Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Sir: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter No. 6 of 7 February, 1928. I have communicated by radio with His Excellency the Governor, and he has directed me to reply to the queries as follows:

1) Will the proposed road be of asphaltic macadam similar to the DeBeltjen's Road? Yes.
2) The width of the proposed road? Sixteen feet.
3) How many years is the road expected to last without making major repairs? Five years.
   Eventually estimated upkeep per year?
   After first five years, $150.- per year.
4) It is believed that the road might possibly be built by private contractors, etc.
   Inasmuch as the necessary equipment, engineering personnel, supervisory force and labor are already engaged in similar projects it ~~would~~ might not be economical, and, furthermore, it would be against the policy of the Government to solicit bids for such work.
5) The Municipal Committee would be glad to get information regarding the ownership of the road.
   The road is a public highway. Its boundaries have been determined by written agreement with the West Indian Company, Ltd., which owns the abutting property.

With reference to the two last paragraphs of your letter, the current maintenance funds are sufficient to continue, to the end of this fiscal year, the present program of maintenance of streets and roads, and every effort is now being made to carry out the maintenance of roads in the relative order of urgency. Maintenance work on the "High Road" will be accomplished with-

in the current fiscal year under funds already appropriated.

This reply has been expedited in order that the Municipal Committee may have an opportunity to render its report for the Colonial Council meeting scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow.

Respectfully,
(Signed) E. H. van Pallen
Government Secretary.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that as a point of order he would state that the letter to His Excellency the Governor from the Municipal Committee is not a report. The Municipal Committee has not been able to frame a Report yet, but hopes to be able to do so for the next meeting. Although no report from the Municipal Committee was present, and the matter therefore, according to the Rules of Business, could not be discussed in the Council, he still felt, with the permission of the Council that a few remarks might perhaps be permissible. He had received the draft of the proposed Money Bill from the Administration on Saturday afternoon, the 4th February, and had immediately called a meeting of the Committee on Monday, the 6th. The Committee discussed the draft, and was generally sympathetic towards the proposed road, but was in doubt whether the existing economic conditions warranted constructing the road at the present time; and as the draft from the Governor did not contain any information, neither towards the kind of road intended, nor towards the cost of same, the Committee had made the enquiries stated in the letter read to the Council. On Wednesday afternoon, at 3.15 o'clock, he had received the letter from the Governor, which letter mentioned that it had been sent in order that the Report may be ready for the Council meeting next day. However, he had not found it feasible to call a meeting with so short notice, which would not even have been of any avail, inasmuch as the Rules of Business require that Committee Reports intended for ordinary meetings must be in the hands of the members of the Council, at least five days before the meetings. From this must be inferred that a reasonable time must also be given for the forming of a report. ---

Although he did not intend to enter into any discussion, contrary to the Rules of Business, he would like to mention to the Council that the matter had not been delayed by the Committee, for which reason he would like to explain that one of the points raised by the Municipal Committee, was relative to the ownership of the road. This question had

been up before, and was discussed in the Council in the year 1911 or 1912 when the Danish Governor, Helweg Larsen, decided the matter, by declaring that the road had become public by prescription. To be certain about this, the 2nd member had immediately on receipt of the Governor's second communication, i.e. on Wednesday afternoon, walked up to Mafolie and interviewed the former owner of Sugar Estate, Mr. Carl V. LaBeet, who had in every respect confirmed the view expressed before.

While the public ownership of the road therefore seems to be well established, it would perhaps be well to examine the records from the Council meetings where the question was decided, as these may give further information relative to width of the road etc., though prescription might presumably cover any width necessary for public use.

However, many people seem to be of the opinion, and the speaker believed that the West Indian Company itself was of the opinion, that an understanding existed between the Government and the Company, according to which, if the Company should desire to install a Graven Dock – a very desirable commodity for the Municipality – or otherwise should desire to extend their activities, that the Company should then be permitted to change the lay of the road back of the Dock; or the Municipality would undertake to change the lay of the road at public expense; and it would in his opinion be well to have a definite understanding on these points before heavy outlays were made on the existing road.

The second point raised by the Municipal Committee, was regarding execution of public work by private contractors, through public licitation. The Committee, and the Council, had understood from former Administrations, that American principles and even Federal rules required that public work as far as possible be undertaken by private contractors, but that special local conditions, namely the absence of responsible persons or firms able and willing to undertake the work, had caused that permission had been given to have the work undertaken by the Public Works Department. If the said rules have been changed, and new rulings introduced, as might appear from the Government Secretary's letter, the Council should be notified of such change of public policy.

He would again say that the committee was sympathetic towards the new road, but other roads and streets in the Municipality were in greater actual need of repairs, and should not be neglected for the sake of the new road; and

that was the reason why the Committee had desired to make sure that funds available for the other roads. ——————————

The Vice Chairman (Nolte) said that though the Municipal Committee's Report had not been submitted, general remarks may be made on the matter, this being the first discussion. The Government Secretary (Van Putten) stated that it was the policy of the present administration each year to construct a hard surfaced road, able to withstand the tropical downpours, in the different parts of the city in the relative order of their importance. This in addition to the ordinary maintenance of the roads in other parts of the island from current budgetted funds. By this system a certain portion of the funds appropriated each year would be permanently invested in good roads. He called attention to the excellent stretch of road constructed at De Beltjen's Road last year. Through the generosity of the St. Thomas Harbor Board a breakwater was being constructed at the present time along the Long Bay Road. This is one of the most important roads in the island for it is by this road that tourists arriving in St. Thomas come to the city from the Docks. This road has been washed away by heavy rains, seven times during six years and it was useless to repair the road without a breakwater. Now that the breakwater is being pushed to completion, the Governor deemed it desirable to make permanent repairs to the road adjacent to the breakwater and for this purpose it had been found, by the strictest economy, that about Fcs 30.000.— would be available. In view of the fact that asphalt has to be purchased in the United States, the Government had hoped that the Colonial Council would see fit to approve this money bill at the present meeting in order that the work could be proceeded with, with the utmost economy, by use of part of the supervisory and labor force now engaged in constructing the breakwater. That the road is a public highway, was determined definitely and beyond the shadow of a doubt, before the money bill was presented to the Municipal Committee. The West Indian Company Limited, of course, owns the abutting property and an agreement had been reached between that Company and the Government as to the width of the road. ——————————

The Government could not see the wisdom of entering into a contract with local parties for the construction of this small sketch of road. The policy of the federal government to enter into contracts for major projects is, of course, well known to the Government, but in this particular

case, where the Public Works Department has the necessary supervisory, mechanical and labor force on its rolls, and these engaged right on the spot in the construction of the breakwater, the Government could, to better advantage, construct the road than could a private contractor. Furthermore, the letting out of a contract for this job would necessarily cause a large number of laborers to be employed for a short period, and at the termination of the work the greater number of these would find themselves without employment and consequent distress. This condition was forcibly brought to the attention of the Government not so very long ago. Finally, the construction of this road, would not operate to the neglect of the other roads.* Several had already been made passable and several others filled in and repaired, and funds for this work were available to the end of the fiscal year.

The construction of this road along Long Bay was proposed for the benefit of the people of St Thomas, in order to make our city additionally attractive for tourists, and inasmuch as the Council would not ordinarily meet again until the month of April, the postponement of action on this bill would operate to the disadvantage of the people of the island.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that an extraordinary meeting could be called before the next ordinary meeting to be held in April.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) remarked that it would take about 30 to 60 days to get the asphalt. He would be glad to recommend the Governor to call an extraordinary meeting to consider and vote this Additional Money Bill.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that we could only regret that the time was so short between the receipt of the Money Bill and the date of the meeting of the Council. None of us knew anything about the road, and we could not do otherwise than ask questions about it.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he regretted that there was no report from the Municipal Committee, but he recognized that there was not sufficient time. He also regretted that he could not agree with the Government Secretary about the matter of giving out the works to contractors. Contractors have saved money for the Government. Contracts are given out under the supervision of the Public Works Officers. The laborers take advantage of the bosses of the Public Works. He said he was not throwing any

* The Public Works Department has a gang constantly at work repairing and maintaining the other roads.

blame on any one person, but the Government saves money when the work is given out to contractors, for the contractors sees that no advantage is taken by the laborers. For instance, the roads to Botany Bay and Crown could with advantage to the Government be given out to contractors. Contractors saved money for the Government in the building of the reservoirs. Let the work be given out to Contractors; a forfeiture be placed; and the contractors be bonded.

The big works at Guantanamo Bay were built by contractors. Government Officials were there seeing that everything was done as per contract.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) remarked that he fully appreciated the value of giving out work by contract, but felt that it was unnecessary to call in an influx of laborers for the building of a half mile road.

The Vice Chairman (Nolte) said the first discussion would be left open. He mentioned that a blueprint covering the proposed road and the adjacent lands had been furnished by the Government Secretary for the use of the Municipal Committee.

Item 2. Election of a member to the Electoral Board, Country District, in place of the late Mr. J. H. Boschulte.

Member Theodore Boschulte was elected by 5 votes. Member Benito Smith received 4.

Item 3. Election of a member to the Advisory Committee, assistance of the Poor, in place of the late Mr. J. H. Boschulte.

Member Theodore Boschulte was elected by 7 votes. Member Benito Smith received 2.

Item 4. Election of a member to the Board of Examiners, in accordance with Section 4 of an Ordinance to better provide for the appointment of attorneys, their admission to practice, their duties and authority, and for other purposes; passed by the Council the

20th February, 1919, and sanctioned and approved the 13th March, 1919, by the Governor.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) enquired if the Council could elect a member of the Navy or Marine Corps.

The Vice Chairman (Nolle) replied that it was up to the Council to elect anyone legally qualified.

Judge Thiele was elected by 7 votes. There was one vote cast for the Legal Aide to the Governor, and one for Lieutenant Hollett.

There being nothing further on the Order of the Day, the Vice Chairman (Nolle) closed the meeting.

St Thomas 9 February 1928

E. E. Hunty
Chairman

L. Francis
Actg. Secretary.

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the 12th April, 1928, at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present:- J. E. Hunt, Chairman; Leroy Nolle, Conrad Corneiro, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, Benito Smith, Lionel Roberts, Theodore Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Governor was represented by the Afsistant Government Secretary, Lieutenant Ryan.

Both Secretaries being absent, the Chairman requested member Corneiro to act as Secretary.

Member Smith made a verbal excuse for the absence of member Souffront.

The chairman (Hunt) referred to the death of Admiral Oliver, the islands' first American Governor, and spoke appreciatively of his many excellent qualities. At the conclusion the members rose from their seats as a mark

of respect to his memory.

The Chairman (Hunty) enquired if the members would adopt the minutes of the ordinary meeting held the 9th February, 1928; copies having been in their possession for some time now.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) remarked that the minutes he regretted to say were very unsatisfactory. It had become absolutely necessary to obtain a stenographer, as unfortunately the assistant is unable to write shorthand, and the minutes are official documents that should be taken in detail. Continuing he said that many things had been left out from the remarks of the Government Secretary, and paragraphs added. If the council had a stenographer these things could not happen.

The Chairman (Hunty) enquired for more definite criticism.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that to a certain extent he could agree with the 7th elected member. He had, he said, received a different impression from the spoken words of the Government Secretary, to those printed. But on the other hand he preferred them as they now stand and only regretted that he had not understood them thus at first.

The Chairman (Hunty) remarked that to him there seemed to be hardly any difference in the reported form to that spoken. He said he would put it up to the Council whether the Proceedings would be accepted as they were or no.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked to the Chairman that it was impossible for him to comment on the minutes as he was not present, and knew nothing of the minutes as a fact.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that at the last meeting held the 9th February, he had raised an objection to the Proceedings of the meeting of the 1st February, but the Vice Chairman had explained that the Chairman decides what should be printed and what not.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that that was different. A synopsis of the whole is what is required for the Proceedings. It was not the habit of putting in entire speeches. That was the idea. He did not mean that speeches may be tampered with.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he understood that the assistant had to deliver the Chairman within three times 24 hours, to be revised by him, a report of the major items, minor details being omitted. Taking out, may be in order, but not adding.

On being put to the vote, the Proceedings were not

adopted, 3 voting in favor and 4 against.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if the members had any objection that he re-construct the Order of the Day, and place as Item No.3, Additional Money Bill No. 2 which had been introduced at the meeting of the 9th February, 1928. Section No.29 of the Rules of Business allows this if a 3/4 vote can be secured.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) enquired of the Chairman if he had been instructed by the Governor or the Honorable Government Secretary to come here and insult the Municipal Committee.

The Chairman (Huntz) explained that for the sake of expediting the building of the road in question he thought that with the council's consent, and making use of Section 29 of the Additional Money Bill No. 2 introduced at the last meeting might be attended to to day.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that as far as he knew the Municipal Committee had finished with the matter. Perhaps it might be well to discuss the matter in an extraordinary meeting.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that the correct way of doing a thing should always be observed. To act as proposed by the chairman is to catch some of the members unaware — a policy strange, but apparently American politics.

The Chairman (Huntz) put the motion to the Council to re-construct the Order of the Day, and as Item 3 insert 'Continuation of discussion on Additional Money Bill No. 2 to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928.

To Item 26, Maintenance, Public Works Department, add sub (t) Fcs 30.000.- (Proposed by the Governor).

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) remarked that there was no reason why this cannot be done, but if you look around it is not likely to pass; for the members of the Municipal Committee would vote consistently. He said he would vote that it be considered to-day.

The motion was lost; but two members Huntz and Nolle voting in favor.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith), remarked that the item should have been placed on the Order of the Day.

Item 1. Discussion on Draft of Assess

ment of Trade and Lamp Taxes for the 2nd half year, 1926, with the committee's report.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) moved the adoption of the Draft of Assessment.

The Draft was put to the vote and passed unanimously.

Item 2. Election of 2 men to assist the Governor in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Golden Wedding Legacy.

Member Abram E. Smith was elected with 10 votes; and Mr. Herbert E. Lockhart, with 8 votes.

Item 3. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Money Bill No. 3 to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year, July 1, 1927 to 30 June 1928.

Item 13, Equipment, Department of Health, Medical Service, increase of Francs 5.000.-
(Proposed by the Governor.)

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that this and the following Money Bill had been received by the Municipal Committee, and unanimously recommended.

The Chairman (Huntz) said that this Money Bill would be subject to 2 discussions, further it was decided to consider the Municipal Committee's letter as a Report.

2. The 4th appointed member (Correiro) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed, and the 2nd opened.

1. The Council adopted the Municipal Committee's Report.

The Chairman (Huntz) took the vote, which was affirmative, and the Governor's representative consenting, the Second discussion was declared open.

The 3rd appointed Member (Nolle) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the Money Bill adopted.

The Additional Money Bill No. 3 was unanimously passed.

Item 4. Introduction of, and 1st dis-

cussion on Draft of Additional Money Bill No. 4 to the Budget for the municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year, July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928.

Item No 26, sub item (f), Maintenance, Public Works Department, increase of Fcs. 2000.-
(Proposed by the Governor)

The Chairman (Hunty) remarked that this Money Bill has also been recommended by the Municipal Committee. The Money Bill is subject to 2 discussions.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that perhaps it would be as well to increase the amount from Fcs 2000.- to Fcs 5.000.-

The 3rd. elected member (L Roberts) remarked that the Governor is certainly not asking for an insufficient amount; perhaps the Fcs 2000.- is in excess.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that speaking of this Money Bill making it Fcs. 5.000.- instead of Fcs. 2.000.- he would, not as Apsistant Brand Major, but as member of the Council, rather advocate strongly the laying of water pipes from the Ice Cream Corner up the Garden Street along the Anglican Church, and further. There should also be a branch line to the Long Path. These streets are without a water supply, as for instance King's Quarter, and a fire in the Garden Street or Long Path would be a terrible calamity. Our experience here has taught us that when a fire destroys houses as for instance in Vestergade and latterly in Pileskade, the houses are never replaced. One or two may be replaced by rooms of smaller dimensions. But never in its entirety.

And fixing such lines, many persons living in the vicinity may arrange for fixing toilets.

He said he would like to hear the opinion of the Governor's representative on the matter.

The Apsistant Government Secretary (Ryan) remarked that he did not know anything about that phase of the matter. The proposed estimate before the Council covered the matter of preparing the Playground, making use of the Gift received. The matter of the additional water lines should be handled under a separate bill and by separate estimates.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) explained that his remarks were about another matter, and there was no idea of turning down the Money Bill now before the house

But the mention of increasing the amount from Fcs 2000.- to Fs 5.000.- had brought to his mind the great need of a water supply up Commandantgade and Palmeshade. He took opportunity to draw the Council and the Administration's attention to an urgent need.

The 3rd. appointed member (Nolte) remarked that we were all aware of the state of the Garden Street and the Long Path, and always have in mind the havoc the fire played in the Savan, a few years ago. He, he said had spoken the matter over with Commander Jane, about water for the Garden Street, the Long Path and across the hill side. It had been estimated that the outlay would be in the vicinity of $38.000. Meanwhile the purchase of hose would calm fears.

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked that he understood that the Fcs 2.000.- now asked for, was to be added to another amount received as a gift. If more had been needed it would certainly have been asked for.

The Municipal Committee's Report was adopted.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) proposed that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd opened.

The Chairman (Hunty) took the vote, which was affirmative; and the Governor's representative consenting, the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) proposed that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill adopted.

The Money Bill No.4 was passed unanimously.

Item 5. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of Additional Money Bill No.5 to the Budget for the municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year, July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928.

Item 2 Maintenance Colonial Council;

add Fcs 1.500.-

(Proposed by the Chairman)

The Chairman (Hunty) introduced the Money Bill, and explained that there was not enough money to enable us to carry on until the end of the present fiscal year.

The matter was ventilated, and on proposal of the 4th appointed member (Corneiro) the vote was taken that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd opened.

The Governor's representative consenting, the 2nd discussion

was declared open.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the Money Bill adopted.

The Additional Money Bill No. 5 was unanimously passed.

Item 6. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Resolution recommending the re-opening of the "Haul-over" channel, before the advent of the hurricane season.

(Proposed by the 2nd elected member Holst.)

Resolution

Whereas it is common knowledge that the channel through the "Haul-over" (the western outlet of the Harbour), which channel used to be 13 feet wide by 6 feet deep (compare map attached to the committee Report of 1902 to the Danish Diet), and which channel in former times was kept regularly open by blasting every second year, has become filled to such an extent, that small craft and motorboats frequently touch the bottom, or even stick in the channel; and

Whereas the said channel affords a practical, sheltered, safe and convenient passage-way for small craft, from the harbour to the Gregory Channel, and vice versa, obviating the necessity for small boats to pass round Cowell's Point, and meeting the heavy sea often found there, and which may prove of vital importance in case of hurricane and other heavy weather; and

Whereas the said channel must be considered of great importance to the water-borne inter-communal and intra-communal traffic which to a large and natural extent takes the place of the automobile traffic elsewhere, which latter traffic is here without greater practical importance owing to geographical conditions;

Be it resolved, that the Colonial Council hereby requests the members appointed by the Council to the Harbour Board, to use all influence in the Harbour Board to have the said channel re-opened to its original depth at the earliest possible moment.

And whereas the said channel was opened partly as a sanitary measure, as mentioned in the Committee Report to the Danish Diet, page 292;

Be it requested, that the said members address the

Quarantine and Sanitation Departments and obtain, if possible, their recommendations for the project.
And be it finally resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully soliciting the good offices of the Governor, to have the proposed measure attended to before the advent of the Hurricane Season.

Following is the Governor's letter on the subject:

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States,
St Thomas, February 23rd, 1928

The Honorable
The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of St Thomas and St John,
Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands.

My dear Mr Chairman:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 17, 1928, enclosing a Resolution with reference to deepening the "Haul-Over" proposed by the Second elected member of the Council. For your information and the information of the members of the council, I wish to inform you that the deepening of the channel has been under consideration for some time, and preliminary estimates have been submitted by the Public Works Officer.

Inasmuch as the dredging of this channel will be facilitated and the expenses considerably lessened by the use of a dredge which is now being prepared and which will be ready for use in the near future, I have withheld submitting the proposal to the Harbor Board until the work can be accomplished at a minimum cost. The dredge will first be used at King's Wharf to deepen the area adjacent to the sea-wall, and it will also be necessary to use this dredge in connection with the new sea-wall at Long Bay. Immediately thereafter I purpose with the consent of the Harbor Board to undertake the deepening of the 'Haul-over" passage.

I have no doubt that the Harbor Board will give its concurrence to the measure and provide the necessary funds for the deepening of this channel.

I wish to assure you that I realize fully the necessity of this work as is evidenced by the estimates and preliminary work already undertaken by the Public Works Officer. It might be of interest to add that there is now

on hand the necessary T.N.T. for such blasting as may be necessary.

Respectfully,
(Signed) W. Evans
Governor

The 2nd elected member (Holst) remarked, that as father of the Resolution, it was incumbent on him to make a few remarks. It was really an inter-office affair in which the Council as a body addressed those members who had been elected by the Council to serve on the Harbour Board. While this could be done informally and had been done informally on earlier occasions, in caucus meetings etc., a formal Resolution would carry more weight and would likely be appreciated by the members a facilitate their position in the Harbour Board.

He reminded the members of the composition of the Harbour Board which consisted of the Governor as chairman, the Government Secretary as acting chairman, two members appointed by the Governor and two members elected by the Council. The members placed by the Council in the Harbor Board, or rather the Council's right to elect members to the Harbour Board, was for the specific purpose that the Council should not lose all influence on the affairs of the Harbour; and it would therefore be in perfect order for the Council to address its member on the Board whenever the Council should feel any reason to interfere with the conditions of the Harbour.

The actual facts of the "Harbour" channel were known to all the members. The speaker himself had often been addressed by fishermen and others who had complained of the conditions of the channel where their boats got bumped or even stuck for which reasons boats from 2½ tons and up mostly preferred to take the longer route round Cowell's Point. The smaller chacha-boats, he believed, could safely use the channel as it was, except when the swell at the opening of the reef was especially heavy.

Though the speaker had had all reason to believe in the truth of the complaints, he had yet felt timid to take up the cause, not knowing sufficiently about the conditions; but since his own motor boat had repeatedly got "bumped" in the channel, he felt that he could with good conscience take up the championship of the other sufferers.

Then there was the matter of health or sanitation. The channel should be deep enough to allow proper exit to the refuse thrown in the harbour, and which was carried by the current that way.

He understood from the letter from His Excellency, the Governor, that matters would be attended to with all possible despatch; and there was under these circumstances hardly any reason for passing the Resolution, which could likely be withdrawn without any harmful effects. On the other hand, it could do no harm to pass it either, and ask the members elected by the Council to see that the measure be carried through. He had not found it reasonable to formulate direct instructions in the Resolution — the members of the Harbor Board would know best, how to go about it — but they may themselves appreciate an official document from the Council requesting them to exert themselves to have the measure pushed.

The Asistant Government Secretary (Ryan) remarked that His Excellency the Governor had asked him to state that work was progressing satisfactorily on the dredge and dump scow and it is anticipated that they will be placed in use about May 15. The Governor is cognizant of the desirability of dredging the "Haul-over", and he has ascertained that the members of the Harbour Board are willing to appropriate the necessary Funds for the work. It is confidently expected that the work will be undertaken in the near future. It is not possible, at this time, to state definitely when the work will be commenced inasmuch as one or more urgent jobs may delay operations on the "Haul-over". The Council is informed, however, that at the earliest practicable moment, with the consent of the Harbor Board, this work will be undertaken and if practicable before the hurricane season.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that in 10 years since the American occupation nothing had been done to the channel. The roads in St. John have been so neglected that they are now impassable. Boats bumping in the channel here, and in St. John no roads to walk on. Glad to learn that the channel will soon be attended to, not like all other promises, but that it is fixed definitely to commence on this June.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that it may perhaps be well to state that it had already been decided by the Harbour Board to attend to the deepening of the "Haul-over" passage, about the month of June.

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that he was glad to see a Resolution of this kind brought

before the Council. All along the shore at Honduras, fish are cleaned and stripped, and the stuff remains there instead of being swept away by the current. And this is a very serious menace to the public health.

The 3rd appointed member (Molle) rose to move the adoption of the Resolution, in the assurance that the improvement will soon be made and the channel continue to be used for business and pleasure.

The 4th appointed member (Comeiro) remarked that the Harbour Board is always willing to receive suggestions.

The first discussion was closed, and the Resolution unanimously passed.

The Order of the Day having been exhausted, the chairman closed the meeting.

St Thomas, the 12th April 1928.

J. E. Kuntz
Chairman

Carl A. Anduze
Secretary

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, was held Thursday, the

7th June, 1928,

at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present: J. E. Kuntz, Chairman; Carl A. Anduze, Secretary; Leroy Molle, Conrad Comeiro, George A. Moorehead, Benito Smith, Lionel Roberts, Theodore Boschulte, Carl E. Francis and Abram E. Smith.

The Governor was represented by the Government Secretary, Captain Van Patten.

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting, held the 12th April, 1928, were adopted after the following remarks by the 7th elected member (L. Roberts).

"As regards my remarks relative to the Governor and the Government Secretary, entered on the first page of the Proceedings of the last meeting (page 144) I desire to say that no element of discourtesy was intended, and it should not be interpreted as such".

Item 1. Election of 2 men to assist

the Governor in the distribution of the accrued interest on the Silver Wedding Legacy.

Members Huntz and Correira were elected with 8 and 6 votes respectively.

Item 2. Election of a Jury Commissioner for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for a period of one year, from the 1st July, 1928, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 12, Title V of the Code of Laws for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John.

Member Correira was elected with 9 votes.

Item 3. Introduction of, and 1st. discussion on Additional Money Bill No. 6, to the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John for the fiscal year July 1, 1927 to June 30 1928.

(Proposed by the Governor)

Judiciary Department Item 4 Maintenance, increased by Fls. 500.—

Police and Prison Department, Item 6 Maintenance, increased by Fls. 2000.—

Department of Health, Sanitation Service, Item 7 Maintenance, increased by Fls 300.—

The Chairman (Huntz) This money bill is subject to 2 discussions; the 1st discussion is now open.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) introduced the Money Bill, explaining that the different sums entered for the different departments were required to defray expenses connected with them to the end of the present fiscal year. These expenses could not have been foreseen. The sums have been fully discussed with the Municipal Committee.

The Secretary (Anduze) read the Report from the Municipal Committee.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any remarks.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) moved that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd opened.

The vote being in the affirmative, and the Government

Secretary and the Council concurring, the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed and the Money Bill No. 6, adopted.

This was done by a unanimous vote.

Item 4. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Resolution authorizing the transfer of Fls 3.200.- from Item 21, Salaries, to Item 23, Maintenance, Department of Education, in the Budget for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928.

(Proposed by the Governor.)

The Chairman (Huntz) remarked that this Resolution had also been recommended by the Municipal Committee in the Report read a while ago. He said the Resolution would be subject to 1 discussion.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) remarked that "Salaries" is sufficiently large to take care of the transfer. The change does not necessitate any increase in the sum allocated to the Department of Education.

The Chairman (Huntz) enquired if there were any further remarks.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) moved that the 1st discussion be closed and the Resolution adopted.

The Resolution was adopted by 9 votes. Member Moorehead abstained from voting.

Item 5. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Budget Estimates for the Municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year 1st July 1928 to 30 June, 1929.

(Proposed by the Governor.)

The Chairman (Huntz). The 1st discussion is open.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) remarked that the members would notice that the salary of the Judge of the District Court had been eliminated.

The 5th elected member (Anduze) remarked that in view of the fact that we are rid of the Fls 13.000.- entered as salary of the Judge of the District Court, he would propose that under Judiciary Department, 3, Salaries, the salar

of the clerk of the Police Court be changed from Fcs. 3.600.- to Fcs 4.200. This would be only an increase of $10.- per month.

This was agreed to.

The 2nd member for St John (Abram E. Smith) remarked that he did not see why the "Poor of St Thomas" had been entered with $100.- less. The distress is still great and has not been diminished. How can the help given to the very poor be reduced? He enquired from the Government Secretary through the Chairman if the $100.- could not be replaced. Will you or will you not?

The Government Secretary (Van Pallen) I will.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked what about the $20. deducted from the allotment for St John. Will you or will you not?

The Government Secretary (Van Pallen) I will.

The Government Secretary (Van Pallen) remarked that he had found out that the messenger of the hospital does not get food, and that the salary could be raised to Fcs. 900.-

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that as the heads of the different departments can pay less salaries than the amount budgetted, he hardly sees the necesity of bringing up these things here.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he could agree with the 1st elected member, and something should be done to rectify it.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that if some of the American teachers left, before getting their salaries and native teachers did the work why did not the native teachers receive pay for the extra work done?

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that it was hard to send back money when it was earned here and not paid. If a certain money is voted as salary for a teacher, why reduce it?

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that at the meeting of the Municipal Committee, they had been informed that it had been decided to raise the salaries of 18 teachers.

The 2nd member for St John (Abram E. Smith) remarked that there are many teachers holding a Licensed Teacher brief who do not get the salary of a licensed teacher. Many of the teachers are getting a very small pay, not enough to keep them tidy.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that many teachers holding a Principal's License, do not

get a Principal's pay. For instance there may be in a school more than one teacher holding a principal's license; but only the principal of the school will obtain the principal's pay. The thing is as far as I understand it, and referring to the remarks of the 2nd member for St John, that according to the School Law, a Principal Teacher should not get less than $50. monthly. The fact is that the teachers, many of them, are not fully paid.

Continuing, he said, that for the post as Dentist, we should go on record, in employing a native if found competent.

The Government Secretary (Van Pallen) remarked that the only item that has been raised in this budget is the salaries for teachers, 18. We should like to do more if we could. All these things are under consideration. The salaries of the 18, which are considered deserving, have been raised to keep up the morale, and this at the expense of the other departments.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he had been listening attentively, and would say that there is a school on the north side, that one teacher had to take charge of as his assistant left. Has he been remunerated for the extra work?

Several native teachers left, discouraged, and salaries have been saved by distributing scholars to other classes, the education naturally suffering. Is this right?

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) referred to Department of Health, 10, Salaries, 1 Gatekeeper, Municipal Hospital, Fcs 360. Is this not small?

The Government Secretary (Van Pallen) suggested that the amount be entered with Fcs 600.- instead of Fcs 360.-

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) enquired to whom does the Steam Roller belong?

The Government Secretary (Van Pallen): I cannot say, I will find out and let you know.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) moved that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd discussion take place.

The vote was unanimous, and the Chairman declared the 2nd discussion open, and said if there were no further remarks, he would take the Budget, item by item.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that due to the absence of the Chairman of the Municipal Committee it has devolved upon me to appear before you as its acting chairman and present to you the Repolt of

the Committee on the Budget Estimates, which is the result of most patient and careful study, and conferences had first with the Government Secretary, and then with His Excellency the Governor.

During the course of this meeting, I have listened carefully to the remarks of the members, and I am in entire sympathy with them.

Schools. The matter was discussed to the best of our ability, and we left no stone unturned that would show the justice and propriety of paying our native teachers a fair and adequate salary; and we have the assurance that there would be raises — no less than 18 teachers — I am not able to say just how much that increase will be in every individual case.

Municipal Dentist. The Municipal Committee unanimously recommended the employ of a son of the soil, provided the Government was satisfied as to his ability. Loud will be our Hosannas when a son of our soil holds such a position.

The Report of the Municipal Committee reached you a little late; but we could not get it ready earlier. The revised budget is before you now. The first estimates had to be gone over on account of changes.

The Budget Estimates before you show that the salary of the Judge of the District Court, Fcs 13.000.— has been stricken, but that does not mean, nor should it be interpreted to mean, that we have Fcs 13.000.— less expense. What it does mean is that instead of having Fcs 517.000.— from the appropriation which can be used for general work in this Municipality, we are getting only Fcs 500.100.—, so we get less.

This occasion is one of some delicacy and requires caution in dealing with, nevertheless it is a public one and therefore it should not be passed over on account of the principles involved.

We need not enter into personalities, because the law passed by Congress speaks of the Judge of the District Court in general, not any individual who may be the judge; but it is entirely against the principles that this Council has always stood for; that is, that Congress, in dealing with these islands should not go ahead and just do things without listening and hearing something from the people of the place. In fact this is included in our Colonial Law of 1906 and the Congress has sustained that Colonial Law

in the Organic Act of March 3, 1917.

Looking at it from an economical standpoint, we find the Congress reducing the appropriation from $280.000.- to $260.000.- and when it provides that salaries they pass shall be taken from the appropriation, it simply means that we get less money. I believe that since the Federal Appropriation is sent to help the islands, if Congress chooses to raise salaries, they should send to pay them. $13.000.- will be taken away from our Municipal Budget by this means, but the entire salary will be paid from the Central Administration, and I believe that Congress should hear something from the islands before introducing any measure that may affect them, as this one does.

We, in the Virgin Islands, expect to consider ourselves as citizens, and we are not treated as such, and I believe that if 100% loyalty can be found anywhere, it can be found right here in these Virgin Islands.

With the permission of the chairman, I will read from an Associated Press Despatch on the subject taken from the San Juan Times.

"The bill increasing the salaries of certain Judges in the courts, in territories and insular possessions encountered opposition when raised in the Senate by Senator Bingham. Senator King from Utah who had opposed the bill earlier in the session, withdrew his objection when informed that the citizens of Hawaii and Porto Rico favored the increased salaries. His objection had been made on the ground that many Judges in the United States receive lower salaries than the insular jurists. However action was blocked by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, when he was informed that the legislatures of the islands had expressed no opinion referring to the change of pay".

This shows that even in the Congress there are Senators who feel the true spirit of Americanism, who still hold to ideals and believe that the islands are not merely possessions, and that we have a right to be heard, and while it is not only a matter of money involved, I am afraid that Congress should not go ahead and violate the Colonial Law which they, themselves are pledged to uphold by the Organic Act.

Acting from instructions received from Washington we were told no increases, even decreases should take place when positions were vacant, then all at once comes this

large increase. Following this, I suppose the District Attorney should get $5.000.- ; the Director of Education $5.000.- or $6.000.-; and then there would be no end, if someone in Congress is favourably inclined towards an official.

Taxes. Roughly speaking, we pay about 3 times more taxes than we did under the Danish regime. There is no delinquency on the part of the Administration in collecting taxes. It only requires about Frs 8.000.- during May and June to equal the amount budgetted as revenue for the year ending the 30th June 1928. One may safely say that there will be a surplus of about Frs 30.000.- to Frs 40.000.-, which means that less will be given for our upkeep.

The 1st member for St John (Carl E. Francis) remarked that the Government Secretary had promised to see that the reparation of the roads be divided up between the different parties. And he would be very glad if this project was taken up as soon as possible.

The 7th elected member (L Roberts) remarked that the Acting Chairman of the Municipal Committee had impressed him very much by his arguments, and that he endorsed the speech of the said member, in full. He said that he was pretty sure a census of the islands taken now would reveal the fact that there were less than 23.000 persons in the three islands, inclusive of all classes and conditions. The Council, by a legislative act had brought the District Court into existence, and should be able to put it away. The Council had enough facts bearing on the subject, but the question is, have the Colonial Councils of the Virgin Islands sufficient courage to take joint action and eliminate the District Court? Should we lose the Federal Appropriation tomorrow, who is going to pay the Judge $7.500.- ? Where will it come from? It is really a sad thing, the Congress contains 515 members, and not even 15 of them know anything about the Virgin Islands. It has treated our Colonial Law, which it sustained in the Organic Act of March, 1917, as a scrap of paper.

Do they know that not only in population, but in the commerce and other things we are dwindling?

Can you not reply to this, by getting together and putting away the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

The Government Secretary (Van Patten) remarked that this is the second part of the action of Congress about Federal Judges. Those in the States having been promoted in Salaries sometime ago. Many were much underpaid. There

is one thing. Congress in passing the law, says. Mr French, Chairman of the House Committee on Naval Appropriation, is expected to visit the islands shortly, and the matter will be gone over with him. I do not think that Congress will ever take away the Federal Appropriation.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) expressed the hope that the salary of the Judge of the District Court will be paid by the Treasury Department; as he understood all Federal Judges are paid from that Department.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) alluded to the anxiety experienced each year as the time approached for submitting the Budget Estimates, and which again, as we know, have been curtailed owing to a cut in the Federal Appropriation, and this at a time when the unprecedented prosperity of the United States has caused banks all over the country to be literally bursting with money, and hundreds of millions excess payments returned to taxpayers. He called attention to the prompt and earnest request of the Governor to the authorities in Washington not to decrease the regular sum allowed, in spite of which however the amount had been reduced, though not as much as at first intimated. He said His Excellency's strong and almost pathetic appeal on behalf of the islands, as conveyed in his special message, was worthy of the Council's deepest appreciation, and hoped that the Congressmen chosen to visit the islands at the Governor's request to investigate the economic status, may learn sufficient of the actual condition and needs as will enable them to put before the finance committees facts that should be known to the various commissions that have visited the islands and others as to the necessity of continuing the full appropriation for their upkeep.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that he had paused to allow other members to voice their sentiments. Resuming, he was pleased to say that the salaries of some of the messengers had been attended to.

News from the Telegraph Co. The amount is for 3 months' service. His Excellency said he would try and he felt reasonably sure he would get a radio service that could replace what we now obtain and more up-to-date news. He proposed that the members rise, as a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor for the interest he has taken in the Municipality by his action in having the "cut" reduced.

The Chairman (Kuntz) invited the members to rise.

The members rose from their seats.

The Chairman (Kuntz) requested the Government Secretary

to convey the Council's expression of thanks to His Excellency.
The Government Secretary (Van Patten) Thanks.

The 3rd appointed member (Nolle) was sorry to hear that the furnishing by the W. I. & P. Co. of general cable news would be discontinued.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) considered the cable despatches more satisfactory than the Press News, which carried mostly sport news.

The Budget was then proceeded with, item by item.

Revenues, estimated at ..... Fs 611.450.00

Expenditures:

Colonial Council	Fs	13.725.—
Judiciary Department,		
Judge of the District Court Fs 13.000.— eliminated.		
Clerk of the Police Court, increased by Fs 600.—		
Total	Fs	37.850.—
Police and Prison Department	Fs	93.000.—
Fire Department	Fs	11.400.—
Department of Health, Maintenance	Fs	1.200.—
Under 10. Salaries:		
1 Messenger, from Fs 600. to Fs 900.—		
1 Gatekeeper, from Fs 360. to Fs 600.—		
After these changes	Fs	238.050.—
Sanitation Service:		
Under 13. Salaries:		
1 Messenger, from Fs 900. to Fs 1.000.—		
After this change	Fs	60.549.—
Electoral Board	Fs	200.—
Department of Public Welfare;		
Under 17. Maintenance:		
(a) In aid of Poor, St Thomas, from Fs 21.600.— to Fs 22.500.—		
(c) In aid of Poor, St John, from Fs 2.400.— to Fs 2.500		
After these changes	Fs	43.500.—
Department of Education	Fs	259.491.—
Public Works Department:		
21. Salaries:		
1 Labor Foreman (3 months) Fs 1.500.—		
Strike out 3 months, and instead of Fs 1.500.— insert Fs 4.500.— After these changes	Fs	288.485.—
Forward	Fs	1.046.650.—

Forward Fcs.	1.046.650.—
St. Thomas Municipal Telephone Service	41.000.—
Miscellaneous	6.000.—
Pensions and Allowances	7.040.—

General Contingent

37. For purchase of daily news service from The West India and Panama Telegraph Company, instead of Fcs 10.000.— enter Fcs. 2.500.— After this change. 12.500.—

Fcs 1.113.190.—

General Provisions:

The 4th appointed member (Corneiro) moved that the wording should be: "Salaries herein authorized cannot be exceeded; lesser amounts may be paid in the discretion of the Governor, except when a specific salary is fixed by law." He said, he thought it better to vest such discretionary power in the Governor, than in the Heads of Departments as heretofore.

This was unanimously voted.

The Governor of the Virgin Islands may, in his discretion, transfer between the Equipment and Maintenance items under each department such amounts as public exigency might require.

Total Expenditure	Fcs.	1.113.190.—
Total Revenues		611.450.—
Total Deficit	Fcs.	501.740.—

which deficit if the Municipal Revenues are not sufficient therefor is expected to be covered by the Federal Appropriation, failing which the Budget will have to be reduced to accord with the revenues received.

The Budget was passed unanimously; and there being nothing further on the Order of the Day, the Chairman closed the meeting.

St. Thomas, 7th June, 1928.

Chairman

Secretary

An ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John was held Thursday, the

9th August, 1928,

at 2.00 p.m.

The following members were present:- J. E. Huntz, Chairman; Carl A Anduze, Secretary; Conrad Correiro, George A. Moorhead, Benito Smith, Lionel Roberts, Theodore Boschulte, Abram E. Smith and Carl E. Francis.

The Governor was represented by the Government Secretary, Captain Van Patten.

The Chairman (Huntz) made a verbal excuse for the absence of members Nolte and Soufront.

The Proceedings of the meeting held the 7th June, 1928, were adopted.

The Chairman (Huntz) referred to the death of Mr J. E. Lindqvist, D.M. on the 16th July; Mr. Lindqvist had served 16 years as member of the Council under the former nationality, and had always taken a great interest in the well-being of the municipality; being distinctly active in all things which tended to the betterment of conditions.

He requested the members to rise from their seats as a tribute to his memory. They did so.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) requested permission to make a few remarks before beginning with the day's work. The Chairman (Huntz) acquiesced.

The 4th appointed member (Correiro) remarked that it gave him much pleasure to inform the Council that this morning the Harbor Board, comprised of his Excellency the Governor as chairman, Captain Van Patten, Messrs Emile A Berne and H. O. Creque and himself accompanied by Commander Pollard, Public Works Officer, and the Harbormaster, Captain W. O. Simmonds examined the dredge that is to do the work of widening and deepening the "Haulover". The dredge was a first class instrument, and the workmen are now being trained for this special class of work. And he could assure the council that in a short while the work referred to would be in full swing. The Department in charge of the "dredge" are to be complimented on the fine work done.

Item 1. Introduction of, and 1st discus-

sion on Draft of Additional Money Bill No. 1, to the Budget for the municipality of St Thomas and St John, for the fiscal year July 1, 1928 to June 30, 1929.

To Item 37. General Contingent, for purchase of daily news service from the West India and Panama Telegraph Company, Add Fls 3.750.—

(Proposed by the Governor.)

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) remarked that when the Budget for the current year was passed, an amount was entered to purchase the news for 3 months only. This Additional Money Bill provides for the purchase of the news beginning from October at one-half the former cost. When we take into account the news furnished by the Navy Press, it will be seen that the community will be in possession of news more than the average newspaper in the West Indies.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 1st discussion be closed and the 2nd discussion opened.

The Chairman (Kuntz) enquired if there were any further remarks.

There were none. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous; and the Government and Council concurring, the 2nd discussion was declared open.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the 2nd discussion be closed, and the Money Bill adopted.

The chairman took the vote, and the Money Bill No. I was passed unanimously.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) requested the chair's permission to make some remarks before continuing with the Order of the Day.

The Chairman (Kuntz) Yes.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) Mr. Chairman and Hon. members of the Council:-

As one of the Auditors elected and re-elected by the Council for the past three years, I come again before you with a report of accounts of the last fiscal year, as budgetted from July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928.

In bringing before you the accounts and comments thereon, I am obliged also to deal with two letters from His Excellency the Governor, dated July 30th and 31st to the Colonial Council for St Thomas and St John, through its Chairman.

For the year 1927-1928 our estimated budget revenues was fixed at Fls. 621.500.—; we collected however Fls 698.602.52½

or an amount of Fcs. 77.102. 52½ that was not obligated. ——
Amount for deficit budgetted from Federal Appropriation Fcs 549.538.—, amount expended Fcs 448.811.12½. Let us handle these figures or ~~or~~ amounts in dollars and cents for easier arguments. Our budget for 1927-28 on estimated revenues was fixed at $124.300.-, we collected $139.720.50 or $15.420.50 more, The Governor after consultation and conferences with his department heads, estimated the total amount of Expenditures to be $234.207.60, and he therefore allocated to the Budget from Federal Appropriation $109.907.60, against our $124.300. making the total. However the Balance Sheet shows that $229.482.90 was disbursed in a way that $139.720.50 was of the Municipality for St Thomas and St John, and $89.762.43 was from the Governor's allocation from Federal Appropriation. ——
My dear colleagues: whatever might be the meaning of the conditions stipulated in the last Federal Appropriation Act, the fact only remains that, not only has our $15.420.50 "gone to graft", but $20.145.20 has again passed from the control of the Municipality for St Thomas and St John to be used in a manner for which they are not responsible. Undisputably a recurrence repugnant to American Government prior to 1776, "taxation without representation"!
In the Governor's letters dated July 30th and 31st, 1928, addressed to the Honorable Chairman of our Colonial Council, he expresses an opinion in which he thinks that "from time to time it appears that there is some misunderstanding on the part of certain Councilmen as to the manner in which the Federal monies appropriated annually by Congress for the Virgin Islands are apportioned". The Governor goes on to show that the Naval Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1929, approved by the President on 21st May, 1928, carries a condition under (a) "Temporary Government for West Indian Islands" with which I believe the members of our Colonial Council are pretty well familiar. There is a part however, following after (a) in this said Act that His Excellency — in all his good intention of which I have no doubt — has in no shape or form tried to explain in his letters, it says among other things: "to be applied under the direction of the President, $260.000.-, and in addition thereto such an amount (not in excess of $20.000.-) as may be equivalent to (a) the total of the unobligated balances of the revenues collected and paid into the treasuries of such islands during the fiscal year, 1928, and of the appropriation "Temporary Government for the West Indian Islands 1928". ——

I do not believe the language set forth in this Act relating to "unobligated balances" could be twisted to mean otherwise than what plainly is written. Therefore, the amount of $15.420.50 is an unobligated balance and as such should be paid

in the treasury of such island (St Thomas) and an amount equivalent to $15.420.50 be demanded from Congress; we having fulfilled the conditions under (a) besides, whatever unobligated balances there may be of Federal Appropriation as concerns the islands should also be paid into the treasuries of such islands.

It would be of interest to the entire Virgin Islands to have the Governor seek an explanation that should attempt to change the text of the last Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1929, under (a) Temporary Government for the West Indian Islands".

It is of interest to us, that we note this last Appropriation Act, as the text differs from the past ones, in so far that it particularly treats on "unobligated balances" that shall be paid into the treasuries of such islands during the fiscal year 1928. It is my belief that we should make representation to His Excellency the Governor through the Municipal Committee to have this condition adhered to, and put in effect; in a way that Petition be made to the President of the United States and the Congress (Colonial Law, paragraph 43) through the Governor, requesting that which we have merited through the conditions stipulated in said Act. I further ask that the Colonial Council move in this direction in order that the Congress of the United States realize that despite our low economic condition, we are desirous of not only contributing our quota in the function of Government over which we have no control, but that our desire is to put aside for cases of emergency an annual saving as a "Reserve Fund" any small amount of unobligated revenues, rather than each year to find ourselves "beggars of the world" whenever we are struck by our tropical hurricanes or other unforseen phenomena.

There can be only one alternative to the Governor's letter of 31st July, 1928, and that is: if after he has allocated the Federal Appropriation between the Virgin Islands, there remains a balance that is un-obligated, either that balance according to the last Appropriation Act becomes Municipal property to be taken care of by them, or, that the Act means nothing to the Virgin Islands of the United States and should not be misleading enough to have them taxed to the utmost to raise revenues while holding out Federal Appropriation with no other meaning than as a bait on a fish-hook.

During the month of May and June this year, the Municipal Committee had in mind to approach Congress then in session asking for further elucidation on the said Appropriation Act, and I would therefore hope that the Committee will now consider the issue to be of grave im-

portance and take it up in due course.

Finally the Governor has informed us of $48.485.80 as a net surplus in a way however, not showing how the surplus came about, but only how it will be spent. Thirty thousand Dollars U.S. Currency he has requested the President to give him for use of "specific public works projects" to be used at his discretion, and to which the President has consented. What about our $15.420.50 that should be met by a like amount by the Congress of the United States as a proviso laid down by law? I pause for a reply.

The Government Secretary (Van Putten) remarked that there was one or two statements made by the last speaker he would like to clarify. It would be difficult to discuss the two letters of the Governor referred to, in a few words or in the time at our disposal here today. He would be glad to go into details and explain the action of Congress in the Federal Appropriation of $280.000.-, to any member of the Council, or to the council as a body. He recognized the advisability of putting something aside for a rainy day. On the other hand, in case of a hurricane or similar calamity, as American citizens, ample afsistance would be given here as elsewhere. The fact is that Congress, knowing that you have money, would not give you money to carry on the yearly expenses. It is the fact that you can not cover your expenses of running the government which makes the Congress vote the Federal Appropriation. The two long letters of the Governor explain that he has done nothing unfair. Everything had been done in strict accordance with the law, and provisions of Congress.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that it was an unfortunate thing that the Government Secretary had altogether misunderstood him. We are not in the least concerned over the Governor's letter, but we are altogether concerned over the Temporary Act by the Congress for 1928. The Governor is not to be held responsible for the Federal Appropriation Act. In the way we are going on, we will never have any money on hand, raise as much as we may. The Governor fought a good fight that the appropriation did not receive the intended cut. The fact is we have raised more than expected, and we have not received the "addition" promised. It might take the Supreme Court of the U.S. to clarify the situation. And about the hurricane assistance, the 1924 experience is not encouraging. It seemed to him, that the Act was specially made to provide for a rainy day.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that the 7th.

elected member had the benefit of a lot of light on the subject, as and dor. But each and every member of the Council should be equipped with a copy of the two letters of the Governor so as to come here prepared. He could he said hardly discuss the matter. He had understood both the 7th elected member and the Government Secretary. He firmly believed that we should have a Reserve Fund. About reciving help, it was our experience that help is extended to some people, but to others the manner was different. If we can show them that through being taxed to the limit we have a Reserve Fund, they ought to be satisfied.

The Chairman (Hunty) remarked that the 7th elected member did not inform him that he intended taking up the matter today, if he had, then copies of the two letters of the Governor would have been printed and circulated. If it is the desire of the members to have each a copy he will print them for circulation.

Item 2. Introduction of, and 1st discussion on Draft of a Resolution to authorize the acceptance of Mr. Arthur S. Fairchild's gift of certain property to the Municipality.

The Government Secretary (VanPatten) remarked that he was sure that the gift from Mr. Fairchild will be a benefit to the island. The spring gives a never failing supply of water, and it is the intention to encase the spring's surroundings in concrete and lead it to the lower road. As far as records show, this spring has never failed. The people of the northern side have used it continually, and there is no intention to deprive any of the people of that side of the use of it. The spot was visited by me accompanied by the chairmen of the Council and the Municipal Committee, and we expressed our thanks to Mr. Fairchild.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that he knew that spring when he was a boy of tender age, and could conceive of no better gift to the Municipality. He moved that the Resolution be adopted.

The 4th elected member (B. Smith) remarked that the hon. the Government Secretary in introducing the Resolution had given a clear elucidation of the matter, and he, the speaker, considered a gift of this kind very important, especially in the rural district. Some years ago he

was a squatter on the estate Lerkelund, and would point out that the spring in question supplies drinking water to the squatters of six or seven estates. The running of pipes, and the erection of a trough, would make it very convenient, as the admittance thereto is through private property.

The 4th appointed member (Comeiro) remarked that it was a pleasure to him to heartily endorse the remarks about the gift now before the Council. He was among those who visited the spot along with the hon. the Government Secretary, and expressed his thanks to Mr. Fairchild. In this gift Mr. Fairchild solves an important problem. Had he sold the lots to any one, what then, the use could have been denied the public. He took pleasure in seconding the motion that the Resolution be adopted.

The Chairman (Hunty) put the Resolution to the vote and it was adopted unanimously.

The Chairman (Hunty) referred to the correspondence which had been circulated among the members relative to the resignation of member Holst.

The Secretary (Anduze) read the correspondence.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) remarked that we did not find it convenient to accept the resignation of member Holst. He has only two years to complete the term for which he had been elected.

The 1st member for St John (Earle Francis) endorsed the remarks of member Roberts.

The Chairman (Hunty) said that speaking with member Holst, he member Holst, had said that he hoped the Council would accept his resignation).

The 4th elected member (Benito Smith) remarked that he had been a member of this Council for about two years, and for the first time during his membership a case of this kind had arisen. He would vote against the letter of resignation as he believed the services of the 2nd elected member too valuable to lose.

The 1st elected member (Moorehead) remarked that he was going to ask the Council not to accept the resignation— let it remain on the table.

The 7th elected member (L. Roberts) moved that the resignation of member Holst be not accepted.

The members voted unanimously against accepting the resignation of member Holst.

The Chairman (Hunty) announced that the following members time of service in the Council would expire

the 27th September 1928, when they would withdraw in accordance with Colonial Law (No. 124-1906) section 17.

The 2nd appointed member, Cyril E. Daniel;
the 3rd appointed member, Leroy Nolle;
the 1st elected member, George A. Moorehead;
the 5th elected member, Carl A. Anduze;
the 6th elected member, D. Victor Bornn;
the 7th elected member, Lionel Roberts;
the member for the Country District, Theodore Boschulte;
the 2nd elected member for St John, Abram E. Smith.

The chairman then closed the meeting.

St Thomas, 9th August 1928

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Chairman.

Secretary.

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