

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council fixed for Monday the 18th inst., is, by request of Government postponed to **Monday February 25, 1924**, at one o'clock p. m.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

AT

Friedenfeld Church (Midland).

ON

SUNDAY the 17th of February.

Service at the usual hour 11.30 a. m.

Rev. H. Asboe of Frederiksted will preach.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COLONIAL COUNCIL

FOR ST. CROIX.

AT 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday, February 7, 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. Kuntz (Vice Chairman), Leroy Nolte (Secretary), Herbert E. Lockhart, Carl A. Anduze, Philip Gomez, George A. Moorehead, Axel Holst, C. Corneiro, Knud-Hansen, Carl E. Francis and Abram E. Smith.

Absent: Luther Stakemann and J. H. 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. Canegata, D. H. Jackson, Thos. Ramsay, Jos. Alexander, Holger Jessen, W. S. Abramson and W. H. Fleming.

D. Noll absent from the Island and A. R. McIntosh absent from illness.

Government Secretary (Zane) and Despatching Secretary (Barrett) were present at the meeting.

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.

" Cornelius R. Richardson, Attorney-

at-Law, Richmond, Indiana, Vice-Chairman.

Hon. Charles E. Mitchell, Institute West Virginia, Secretary.

" Jefferson S. Coage, **Wellington**, Delaware.

" W. H. C. Brown, Newport News, Va., Disbursing Officer.

" 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 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,

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.

2. Letter from His Excellency, the Governor reading:

5 February, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Chairman of the Colonial Council, Municipality of Saint 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 7, 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 gratification 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 coordination and co-operation of effort between the two Municipalities which I consider so essential 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 as-