Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that according to the scheme of Amortization for St. Thomas Harbor 4% Loan of 1910, the drawing by the Notary Public, St. Thomas, of twelve bonds at Francs 1,000 has taken place, resulting in the drawing of the following bonds.

Numbers
7
47
132
264
310
318
323
326
330
353
358
433

These twelve bonds are hereby called in for redemption on 11 June, 1923, after which date the bonds will cease to bear interest.

St. Thomas Harbor Board, 9 May, 1923.

J. J. GAFFNEY,
Acting Chairman of the Harbor Board.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDED May 12, 1923.

Mrs. Mary Adams, Water Gut,
Miss Annesta Andrew,
27 Market St., Water Gut,
Miss Anieal Brown,
Mrs. Catherine Bryan,
Miss Ann Francis.
Mrs. Aliveder E. Giddenes,
Miss Emmie Harvy: Water Gut,
Mr. James Martin.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands. May 14, 1923.

B. R. LARSEN, *Postmaster.*

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COLONIAL COUNCIL
FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Appointed Member *(Noll)* asked permission to make a few remarks outside the Order of Day. The Chairman granted the request and the Member remarked: Mr. Chairman. Concerning the discussion this afternoon on this tax law, on the face of it, there seems to rest some dissatisfaction. The indication, so far as we have gone, from all that would appear in the record, would be, that the Council and the Government representative are at a dead lock. The matter has been before the Council since December 22, 1921, so far as the record shows, and that it was before the Council (may be less official) before that date in 1921; and that from then down to the present meeting it has been continuously before the Council and no action has been taken upon it.

If this Council dies with this meeting, and if this draft of ordinance dies with this Council, and if this draft of ordinance is not reintroduced, for all that has transpired here today, it would appear that this Council was adverse to the passage of this bill.

Now, that is not the fact. Members on the floor have stated that if it comes to a vote they would vote for the ordinance. I can state that I am of the same state of mind, if it comes to a vote I will vote for it.

Now, the statement is made by the Government Secretary that it would become the duty of the Government to report to the mandating power which is the Congress of the United States, and if this bill dies with this Council, why, gentletlemen, the record would put us in a fallacious light. I have a personal belief that if this matter is continued upon the calendar of the Council and is eventually brought to vote, it will be passed, possibly with amendments not satisfactory to Government, but in some form in the best judgment of this Council. It might be that the members of this Council may see fit to pass the ordinance, eliminating the tax on personal property, but still they will have passed an ordinance taxing almost all properties in St. Croix on a principle which has worked well in the States. Then it would be for the Governor to decide whether he desires to veto the draft as passed and report to the President; and if it is passed according to the best judgment of the Council, when the record goes up if Congress sees fit to take action they would then have record of what we as members of this Council saw fit to do.

That I have not spoken on this matter before is because it was under first discussion Generally I approve the measure, as an American I approve it, and I know it has been successful in the States. Under first discussion, on the merits of it there was nothing to make a speech about so I reserved what I had to say until it came up for dicussion paragraph by paragraph. I can state that some further changes are necessary under second discussion.

I think gentlemen by all means you should make up your minds that this is not a dead lock although the record indicates that, and we should be open minded to the question of passing this measure; and I have no doubt if it is carried on the calendar it will in some form be passed.

In regard to the remarks that the matter will be reported to Congress, I hope our Governor will not be too hasty in reporting until this Council has taken final action.

Government Secretary *(Gaffney)* remarked: Mr. Chairman. In view of the remarks of the Honorable 2nd Appointed Member and to show that Government is desirous of doing anything in its power to further some action in the matter it is requested that 2nd Discussion come on today.

The *Chairman* remarked: It requires a three-quarter vote of the Council for 2nd Discussion to come up today.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town *Canegata:* Mr. Chairman. It is now quarter past five o'clock, and the ordinance consists of eighty or more paragraphs. Do you think we can go through it to-night?

2nd Appointed Member *(Noll)* in reply to the last speaker said,—It is not necessary to close 2nd Discussion today.

4th Appointed Member *(Blackwood):* Mr. Chairman. I would like to see the Rules of Business complied with, so do not force the matter through today. It is already five o'clock.

2nd Appointed Member *(Noll)* remarked: Mr. Chairman. I don't like to take issue with the Honorable 4th Appointed Member but I cannot see anything to prevent 2nd discussion coming up today and closed at some other time. I do not think the Government Secretary expects us to close 2nd Discussion today.

Government Secretary *(Gaffney)* remarked: Mr. Chairman. Government is willing to have the ordinance discussed section by section until it is passed, whether it be today or any other time.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town *(Canegata)* remarked: Mr. Chairman. I would like to know where we stand. There are two items on the Order of the Day and they have been discussed. You have to ask whether the Council is going to give its consent to bring this matter up again for discussion.

The *Chairman* remarked: According to Par. 29 of the Rules of Business the