

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
OF THE UNITED STATES, CHRISTIANSTED SUB-
JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM LEE PENTHENY, DE-
CEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-
signed has been appointed administra-
tor of the estate of WILLIAM LEE
PENTHENY, Deceased.

All persons having claims against said
estate are hereby notified to present same
to the undersigned at his office, No. 59
King Street in Christiansted, with the
necessary proofs, within 6 months from
the date of this notice.

Parties indebted to the said estate are
requested to make payment to said A. E.
STAKEMANN.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. U. S.,
this 25th day of January 1924

A. E. STAKEMANN,
Administrator.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COLONIAL COUNCIL
FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town
(Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chair-
man and Honorable Gentlemen. As a
representative of Christiansted Town
and suburbs I have great interest in see-
ing this ordinance passed. You all
know that we have budgetted \$6,000 for
a public cistern for this town. This or-
dinance is to give realization to the
scheme. In looking for a site with the
Public Works Officer upon which to build
the cistern we found a plot about four
acres at the foot of a water course at
Recovery Hill which drains about 408
acres, and we have decided to use the
drainage from this water course. This
land is located at the head of King's
Cross Street. The Municipal Committee
feels that if such a cistern is to be built
Government should acquire title to the
land instead of having a lease or rental,
as many of us have seen what has taken
place with Parade Ground. With that in
view we have decided to give in ex-
change a portion of a plot of land owned
by the Municipality and located in Old
Hospital Ground or Divi Divi for a por-
tion of Recovery Hill. The arrangement
made is to give one and one half acre for
each of the four acres. We think this is
fairly satisfactory. After an examina-
tion was made and negotiations had
started we thought it might be possible
to acquire the entire water course, but
not wanting to delay the progress of the

work we decided to allow the matter to
proceed in its present form.

It is to the public interest to get pure
and clean water. If cattle or stock are
penned close to the water shed it will
pollute the water. With that in view I
urge that negotiations be begun for the
purchasing of the balance of the land.
Since coming here I understand that the
owners of Recovery Hill are willing to
sell for about \$25.00 an acre. There is
another consideration, the house at Re-
covery Hill is said to be worth about
\$2,000, the details of that I am not pre-
pared to discuss. A committee could be
appointed to investigate that.

I do not think there is very much more
to be said. This Council, I am sure, will
realize that this is of paramount import-
ance to Christiansted. We all are anx-
ious to have water and should therefore
hasten what I consider the most con-
structive piece of legislation that has ever
been introduced in this Council.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town
(Alexander): Do I understand the last
Speaker to say that after this land is
purchased we will have to purchase
more?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town
(Canegata) in reply to the last Speaker
said:—What I meant to convey is this,—
All the four acres will not be required to
build the cistern on, but the water from
different directions will drain down in
this four acres, so it is proposed to buy
the entire water course to avoid pollution.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town
(Alexander): Where is this plot of land
located?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town
(Canegata): I have said at the head of
King's Cross Street. At the head of the
street leading up from Armstrong's
store.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country
District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Vice-
Chairman. I would like to ask the Chair-
man of the Municipal Committee if the
108 acres which is proposed to be ac-
quired later is to be paved also or whether
it will be acquired merely to keep the
water course clean. I dare say a wall
could be built to shed the water.

I will not attempt to criticize the plan,
but the scheme on the whole is one that
needs careful consideration and I hope that
this impounding of water will take on a
larger aspect in the future. I just want
to ask if the land to be exchanged for
the portion of land at Recovery Hill is
not the piece formerly used as a shooting
ground? If it is, may I be informed of
the acreage.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town
(Canegata): Six acres. Let me explain
if I may. The reason why the present
site is chosen is this—The Public Works
Officer in conference with the Municipal
Committee agrees that the money should
be spent where there is a possibility
of enlarging the system if it is deemed
necessary to do so later. If \$6,000 is

spent on the scheme now, later we might
save a little more from the Budget and
increase the water system. We have
proposed to exchange six acres of the
plot of land located at Old Hospital
Ground, the balance will be reserved for
growing grass for fodder for the differ-
ent institutions.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country
District (Curry) entered the meeting at
this stage of the proceedings.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country
District (M. M. Skroch) remarked: Mr.
Vice-Chairman. All the information given
us is valuable and interesting, but it
seems that Christiansted is not only to be
furnished with a cistern but contemplat-
ed buying 108 acres of land so as to have
a water shed. If you have \$6,000 to
build a cistern and have the land to build
it on the other end of the island should
be considered before more land is pur-
chased to increase the quantity of water
that is to be impounded. I feel that
whatever money is left over from the
amount appropriated should go toward
building a cistern in Frederiksted before
additional land is purchased.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I know
there will be a little jealousy. This is
only a commencement. The new budget
will be coming on in the near future, the
building of a cistern in Frederiksted can
be considered then. If a project is un-
dertaken it is better to put it through be-
fore taking up another. If any member
is desirous of having any technical ex-
planation on this matter or would like to
see the plan for the cistern the Public
Works Officer is prepared to lay the plan
on the table for the perusal of members
and to give any explanation in connection
with it.

2nd Member for Christiansted Country
District (Berg) remarked: Mr. Vice-
Chairman. I have always been against
going into technical matters that legisla-
tors are not acquainted with as it leads
to unnecessary complications. I would,
however, like to have elucidations on this
matter so as to avoid any misunder-
standing. I have seen in St. Thomas
a little device from impounding water,
it is closed in in such a way that the
water is always kept clean. It was built
for the purpose of supplying water to
ships calling at that port. It is a good
idea to have a cistern for this town.
Many persons were enquiring why work
upon it has not yet been started, particu-
larly as the money has been appropri-
ated months ago. I hope Frederiksted
will, in time, be given the same consid-
eration. We can only do one thing at a
time.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country
District (Andersen): Do I understand
that the Honorable 2nd Member for
Christiansted Country District is criti-
cising the plan?

The Vice-Chairman: I understand
him to say that he did not care to see the
plan, and again he said it is the only