

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

At one o'clock p. m., Monday July 11th, 1921, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held an extraordinary meeting in the Council Hall in Christiansted, convened by request of Government.

The following members were present: The Vice-Chairman (Coulter), D. C. Canegata, Thos. Ramsay, R. W. Skeoch, K. Henderson, D. S. Armstrong, F. Andersen, G. B. Fleming, M. M. Skeoch, J. Alexander, A. J. Blackwood, W. S. Abramson and D. Noll.

Absent were: The Chairman (Merwin), F. Lunney, A. E. Stakemann, G. Nordby. Furthermore the seat for the 2nd Member for Christiansted Country District was vacant.

Government Secretary (Timmons) and Despatching Secretary (Fox) attended the meeting.

After prayers had been said the Chairman remarked: Honorable Members, since the last meeting of the Council I have received the following communications. From Government.

11 July 1921.

Sir:—

I am directed by the Governor to request that you convene an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix, on Monday, 18th July 1921, at 1 o'clock p. m.

Respectfully,

C. W. FOX

Despatching Secretary.

Mr. F. Coulter,

Vice-Chairman, Colonial Council,  
Municipality of St. Croix, V. I.

The following communication addressed to the legislature of St. Croix, V. I., U. S. A.

To the Legislature of St. Croix, Virgin Island of U. S. A.

To the Honorable members of the Colonial Council, and the house of Representatives of St. Croix, Virgin Island of the United States of America in assembly convened.

The resolutions of the subscribers, citizens of the jurisdiction of Frederiksted, Town, suburb, and country district, S. Croix, Virgin Island, respectfully sheweth that the erection of a school house on the part and parcel allotted for such a school at Estate Annaly is absolutely necessary, and that all assistance be given in its procuration thereof.

And your petitioners feel confidentially sure that such action of the members collectively will be appreciated.

Yours for Educational Improvement.

Committee and Working Rules

MORRIS E. DAVIS,

Chairman

also  
To the Vice-Chairman of the Council:  
**RESOLUTION.**

Whereas: It is self evident that education is necessary for proper social, physical, intellectual, and industrial condition among the children and

Whereas: The protection necessary for the betterment of their social, physical, intellectual, and industrial conditions can only be achieved thru unification of purpose in every department, as experience has demonstrated beyond doubt that the children can only progress to any appreciable standard only by those conditions above mentioned also cooperated, efficient and conscientious directorship.

And whereas the betterment of the social conditions of the said "children" is exclusively dependent upon Education, Protection, Intercourse and good scholarship,

Further strenuous efforts have been made in the past from time to time to achieve such ends in order to have good school houses and its appurtenances but without the desired effect.

Be It Therefore Resolved, that a school house at the spot allotted for it at estate Annaly is absolutely necessary and we firmly believe that the sentiment of every Council Member will harmoniously accord in the passing of the Bill of Fifteen Thousand Francs for the erection of a suitable school house in the vicinity above mentioned which will bring about the materialization of, and the demonstration and the benefits derived thru the acquisitions and promulgation and the regulations and principles that have been laid down by the Department of Education to improve the above mentioned principles, viz, Education, Protection, Social, and Industrial betterment for the children residing around any "vicinity" Be procured

And Be It Further Resolved, that at a mass meeting convened on Friday, July 7th, at the Hall of Federal Labor Union, No. 17515q A. F. of L. No. 10 Queen Street, Frederiksted St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the United States, was held for the specific purpose and with the object of obtaining by your Legislative aid collectively direction of a school house at Estate Annaly was unanimously agreed by those assembled and that a resolution be sent to the council for their support and the passing of the bill of Frcs. 15,000 for the procuration of said school

Signed SPECIAL COMMITTEE

p. p. MORRIS E. DAVIS.

The Chairman further remarked: We have the minutes of two meetings to be read, one for June 20, and the other for July 2; they are very extensive. I will ask the Assistant to the Council to read the minutes.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) pro-

posed that the reading of the minutes be waived.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) would like to know why the minutes for the last two meetings have not been published.

The Chairman in reply said: The last part of the minutes for the Meeting for June 20 is printed in the "Avis" today. The minutes are very voluminous; it takes a long time to print them.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): Mr. Chairman, May I ask—is it the rule of the Council to publish bills that are withdrawn?

The Chairman in reply said: It has been the custom. And may I ask, if they are not printed, how will the community acquaint themselves with matters that are brought forward for legislation?

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Andersen): The Code of Laws was not printed.

The Chairman: No, the Code of Laws was not printed, but was placed at various points where the public had access to it.

It was put to the vote and carried that the minutes of June 20, be read.

Accordingly the Assistant to the Council read the minutes for June 20, and there being no objection to same, the Chairman declared the minutes as read tacitly adopted.

The Chairman remarked: With regard to copies of the Rules of Business and the Colonial Law, I have placed an order with a printer in St. Thomas, and as soon as they are printed, copies will be distributed to members.

The Chairman further remarked: I have also received copies of the Code of Laws for distribution, and members who have not yet received copies can apply to the Assistant to the Council during the recess. Copies are also available for members who have not been re-elected.

It was proposed by 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) that the reading of the minutes for July 2, be waived.

(To be continued.)

## LOCAL.

The motor vessel Atrato which brought the mail to Frederiksted on Saturday morning is 153 tons gross, and has good cargo and passenger accommodations. This trip was made for demonstration to the Antilles Trading Co., which holds a contract for the mail service between San Juan and Frederiksted and it is expected that she will be bought by the company and placed in this service. The manager of the Antilles Trading Co., Mr. A. D. Boardman, made the trip on the Atrato and appeared to be satisfied with her. This boat made the run from San Juan to St. Thomas in 11 hours. There is,