

Administrator's Notice.

In the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States: Christiansted Sub-Judicial District.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JENSINE ROSALINE KIRCHOFF, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that A. E. STAKEMANN, Administrator of the above entitled estate, having filed in the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States, his final account of the administration of the said estate, the hearing of the same has been fixed for

SATURDAY

the 2nd day of June A. D. 1923

at 10 o'clock a. m. of that day,

at the Office of the Judge of said Court in the Town of Christiansted, Island of St. Croix, and all persons interested in the said estate are hereby notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed.

Christiansted, St. Croix, May 4th 1923.

A. E. STAKEMANN.
Administrator.

extraordinary meeting before the expiration of the term. Then, should the Government call an extraordinary meeting and 1st discussion remains open you would be in the same position as you are today; whereas if you appoint a committee and they work quickly you can have their report in time for the extraordinary meeting. I believe that's the object of the Honorable 5th Appointed Member in making the motion.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) withdrew his motion.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*). All matters pending on the docket will die with this Council, why then appoint a committee if the bill will have to be reintroduced?

2nd Appointed Member (*Noll*) moved that the House proceed with the next item on the Order of the Day.

The *Chairman* remarked: According to the Rules of Business the Order of the Day can be changed; the first item can become the second and the second item become the first. A motion can come forward that the bill go over on 1st discussion. It was moved by 2nd appointed Member (*Noll*) and carried that the bill go over to the next meeting on 1st discussion.

The *Chairman* remarked: The motion is carried. The matter will go over to

the next meeting on continuation of 1st discussion.

Item 2.

Colonial Council Bill No. 12.

Continuation of 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 12, draft of an ordinance introduced by Government, providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the Municipality of St. Croix with Committee Report.

The Report reads as follows:

The following amendments to Ordinance providing for the Assessment, levy and collection of taxes upon real and personal property for the Municipality of St. Croix are recommended by the Sub-Committee of the whole Council:

Section 1 changed to read as follows: Section 1. For the calendar year beginning the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-three and ending the thirty first day of December, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and for every succeeding calendar year, there shall be assessed, levied and collected by the Municipality, for the purpose of providing municipal revenues, a tax not exceeding one per cent, to be ascertained as hereinafter provided, upon the assessed value of all real property in the Municipality not hereinafter exempted from taxation.

(a) insert the word "two" after the word "twenty" in third line.

(b) after the word "tax" in first line strike out the words "and the taxes upon property heretofore levied under any tax law."

ORIGINAL SECTION 2 to remain the same.

Strike out Section 3.

ORIGINAL SECTIONS 4, 5 and 6 become Sections 3, 4 and 5 respectively, but to remain the same.

ORIGINAL SECTION 7 becomes Section 6 and changed to read as follows: Section 6. There shall be appointed a Tax Commission consisting of 5 members, one from each electoral district, two of whom shall be appointed by the Colonial Council and two by the Governor with the Despatching Secretary as Chairman. The members of this Commission shall be registered electors of this Municipality and shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

ORIGINAL SECTION 8 becomes Section 7 and changed to read as follows: Section 7. This Commission shall upon actual view, list, value, assess and return all property subject to taxation in this municipality. This Commission shall have access to the records of the registrars of properties and shall report on all alienations of property subject to taxation and shall appraise and report on the estates of decedents and secure the

full payment of the inheritance tax on legacies. In assessing real estates, except when special values other than agriculture might be attached to the land, due consideration must be given to the revenues actually produced or which may possibly be produced, and in assessing the rural properties the situation and fertility of the land must be taken into account. The basis of assessment for rural properties shall be as follows:

1. Cultivated lands not to exceed a maximum assessment value of Frs. 250 an acre according to locality and fertility.
2. Pasture land not to exceed a maximum assessment value of Frs. 125 an acre according to locality and fertility.
3. Bush land not to exceed a maximum assessment value of Frs 50 an acre.

Strike out Section 9.

ORIGINAL SECTION 10 becomes Section 8 and changed to read as follows: Section 8. The compensation of the members of this commission shall be such as may be determined by the Colonial Council.

ORIGINAL SECTION 11 becomes Section 9 and changed to read as follows: Section 9. In case the office of any member of the Commission shall become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled as hereinafter provided.

ORIGINAL SECTION 12 becomes Section 10.

(a) after the word "have" in fifth line strike out the words "all the powers conferred upon assessors and", and the word "other" in the sixth line; strike out the word "assessors" in the fourteenth line and insert the words "the Commission."

ORIGINAL SECTIONS 13, 14, 15 and 16 become Section 11, 12, 13 and 14 respectively, but to remain the same.

Strike out Section 17.

ORIGINAL SECTION 18 becomes Section 15. Strike out paragraphs "(a), (c), (d), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l) and (m) of said Section, and "(b)" becomes "(a)", "(e)" becomes "(b)" and "(f)" comes "(c)". Strike out "23" in the seventh line and insert "17".

To be continued.

LOCAL

The s. s. *Marina* is due on schedule time; having 21 tons of cargo for Christiansted and 30 tons for Frederiksted.

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the wharf tomorrow evening.

CORRECTION.

In Colonial Council's Proceedings published in yesterday's Avis, 2nd line to last, please read "some good" instead of "something good."