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### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

3rd Member for Christiansted Town [Alexander] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. With reference to the J. T. Smothergill's Loan, Frs. 1,556 50. May I ask whether Government is willing to sustain such a loss? Is it possible that Government would have granted a loan on a sugar crop only and not on the property itself?

The Vice-Chairman in reply to the last speaker said,—A certain amount was given out yearly as Bureau Loan security for those loans was taken in the growing crop and in every case the loans have been repaid with that one exception. That shows a good record. Such an infinitesimal loss should not be considered.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander): Subsequent to this loan were there not some small loans made to land holders? If so, I would like to know on what condition.

The Vice-Chairman: On similar conditions.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town Alexander: I understand on different conditions.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I think the information the Honorable 3rd Member for Christiansted Town is asking is this:—Each year a certain amount is voted by this Council to be loaned out as Bureau Loan, and in each case security was taken on the crop, but not on the estate.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Regarding the question raised by the Honorable 4th Appointed Member I can state that the recommendation of the Municipal Committee was that the amount for the Motor Plough be written off the books, because the Colonial Treasury has never guaranteed the loan. When the Agricultural Station was to start, a loan of \$20,000 was raised from the Immigration Fund and a certain amount was given yearly by the Municipality towards its support. That continued until 1917. The balance of this loan is a part of the \$20,000 which the Council voted as a loan towards the establishment of the Station.

As regards the title to the estate, while the Station has been transferred to the Federal Department of Agriculture the title still rests with the Municipality; no transfer was made by this Council by which the Estate was transferred to the Federal Department of Agriculture in the States. It is only the operation of the Station has been transferred over.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen): This is a very important matter. The Federal Government never allows buildings to be erected on land which they do not own. I propose that a thorough investigation be made.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I sympathize with the views of the last speaker. His proposal is an exceedingly good one.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. With regard to remark by the Honorable 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District, if the Federal Government owns buildings at the Station it is prima facie evidence that the Federal Government owns property there. As regards the land if the Municipality still holds title to that it would appear necessary to sell it to the Federal Government which will require legislation by Congress. If the question is taken up they may ask if you want to sell or may abandon the Station.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Vice-Chairman. Does the Department of Agriculture really need the whole of Anna's Hope? This is a similar question to Fort Louis Agusta which the Federal Government purchased from the Municipality for \$1.00. If the Department of Agriculture desires to purchase we can sell a certain part of the estate for agricultural purposes.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. The Experiment Station only asked for twenty acres of land to begin with and later took charge of the whole estate. I believe this was done at the suggestion of the man in charge at the time. I do not think the Experiment Station is operating more than a small part of the estate.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Right here we had a big meeting to formulate plans for the working of the Station. The arrangement made then were for twenty acres of land, a loan from the Immigration Fund and an increase of one percent on Import Duty to go towards the establishing and operating of the Station; and that the Station should be owned by the Municipality. That was the original plan. I believe that Dr. Longfield Smith did some work in St. Thomas and St. John; how much work was done I do not know. When it was agreed upon to turn the Station over to the Department of Agriculture in the United States the question of title did not come up. I think the question of who owns the Station should be settled.

The (Vice-Chairman) remarked: We have gone as far as we can go. I think the best thing to do is to appoint a committee to investigate this matter.

1st Appointed Member (Coulter) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. In view of the fact that no definite information can be furnished by Government or the Members of this Council as to the transfer of the Experiment Station to the Department of Agriculture I propose that the Municipal Committee go into the matter and report to the Council.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) seconded the member's motion.

The motion was put to the vote.

10 members voted for; none against. A recess of 15 minutes was given.