

(Further Extending the Establishment of Adequate Shipping Service In, And Deferring Extension of the Coastwise Laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands.)

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS, an act of Congress, entitled the "Merchant Marine Act of 1920", approved June 5, 1921, contains the following provisions:

"Sec. 21. That from and after February 1, 1922, the coastwise laws of the United States shall extend to the island Territories and possessions of the United States not now covered thereby, and the board is directed prior to the expiration of such year to have established adequate steamship service at reasonable rates to accommodate the commerce and the passenger travel of said islands and to maintain and operate such service until it can be taken over and operated and maintained upon satisfactory terms by private capital and enterprises: Provided, That if adequate shipping service is not established by February 1, 1922, the President shall extend the period herein allowed for the establishment of such service in the case of any island Territory or possession for such time as may be necessary for the establishment of adequate shipping facilities therefor: Provided further, That until Congress shall have authorized the registry as vessels of the United States of vessels owned in the Philippine Islands, the Government of the Philippine Islands is hereby authorized to adopt, from time to time, and enforce regulations governing the transportation of merchandise and passengers between ports or places in the Philippine Archipelago: And provided further, That the foregoing provisions of this section shall not take effect with reference to the Philippine Islands until the President of the United States after a full investigation of the local needs and conditions shall, by Proclamation, declare that an adequate shipping service has been established as herein provided and fix a date for the going into effect of the same."

AND WHEREAS, an adequate shipping service to accommodate the commerce and passenger travel of the Virgin Islands has not yet been established as provided by Section 21 of the "Merchant Marine Act of 1920":

NOW THEREFORE, I, Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America, acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred on me by Section 21 of said act of Congress, having

issued a proclamation on February 1, 1922, declaring that the period for the establishment of adequate shipping service of the aforesaid Virgin Islands be extended from February 1, 1922 to May 1, 1922, and that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the aforesaid Virgin Islands be deferred from February 1, 1922 to May 1, 1922; and having issued a second proclamation on May 18, 1922, declaring that the period for the establishment of adequate shipping service of the aforesaid Virgin Islands be extended from May 1, 1922 to November 1, 1922, and that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the aforesaid Virgin Islands be deferred from May 1, 1922 to November 1, 1922, do hereby declare and proclaim that the period for the establishment of adequate shipping service of the aforesaid Virgin Islands be further extended from November 1st 1922 to November 1, 1923.

AND INASMUCH as the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the aforesaid Virgin Islands, as provided in Section 21 of the aforesaid act, is dependent upon the establishment of an adequate shipping service to such island possession, I do hereby further proclaim and declare that the extension of the coastwise laws of the United States to the Virgin Islands is deferred from November 1, 1922 to November 1, 1923.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord, (SEAL.) One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

WARREN G. HARDING.

By the President:

CHARLES E. HUGHES
Secretary of State.
(No. 1642).

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Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, December 4, 1922.

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