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WOODING REPORT REJECTED

The Wooding report studied by the Anguilla Council for 4 days was finally rejected since it failed to provide a solution acceptable to the Anguilla Council and the people of Anguilla.

In rejecting the proposals, the Council called upon H.M.G. to consult with the Anguillan Council to provide for the Government of Anguilla, free and separate from St. Kitts.

The Anguilla Council met on Saturday Nov.7th and passed the resolution rejecting the proposals. The resolution was drafted by the Legal Advisor Mr. Jack Dear Q.C. and presented to the Hon. Henry Hankey who attended a meeting of the Anguillan Council the following day.

Mr. Hankey has undertaken to take our comments on the report back to H.M.G. and added that H.M.G. is determined to have the matter resolved as soon as possible. Mr. Hankey returned to St. Kitts the Sunday afternoon to consult with Mr. Bradshaw before sending his report back to London.

Meanwhile eleven members of the Anguilla Council addressed a mammoth crowd of Anguillans on the park, informing them that the Wooding proposals were rejected. The crowd cheered as they were told so by all the speakers. Questioned as to whether Anguillans wanted to

be back with St. Kitts, the answer was, NO. Then (cont'd on page 3)

MINISTER REPEATS ASSURANCE GIVEN TO ANGUILLANS IN THE HOUSE

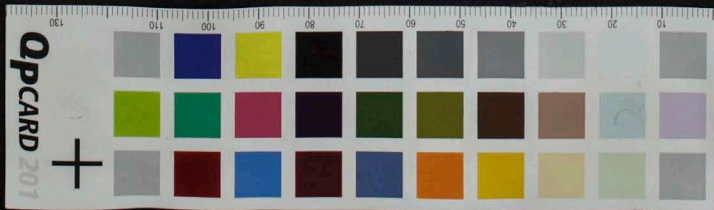
Following the publication of the Wooding Report on Friday last in London, a statement was made in the House of Commons by Mr. Joseph Godber in which he announced the publication and thanked all concerned in its preparation on behalf of Her Majesty's Government. He stated that the British Government will be considering the report in the light of further discussions with the parties principally concerned.

At this point, Mr. Godber was asked by a member "to assure the House that the Government stand by the statement made on 20th July that they will honour the undertaking given by the previous Government in that any settlement of this problem must be acceptable to the Anguillans?"

Mr. Godber replied: "Yes. I am happy to give that assurance. It is our intention to seek to get agreement for the solution of this problem and the undertaking I gave on 20th July which confirmed an undertaking by the previous Government was that we seek to impose a solution in any way, but would seek to get one by agreement."

ANOTHER MOVE TO START BANK OF ANGUILLA

Mr. Jeremiah Gumbs is making another move to start the operation of "The Bank (cont'd on page 2)



LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

The recommendations made by the Wooding Commission came as no surprise to us here in Anguilla. We are not even worried. Most of us are ignorant of the full text of the report. But the mere fact that they recommend that we remain a part of the State is enough reason for us to reject the report.

Just as it is no part of British policy to place us under an administration that we do not want, it is no part of our policy to be forced to accept recommendations that are not favourable to us.

If the British Government want to turn Anguilla into a permanent police state they can attempt to implement and enforce those recommendations against our wishes as a people. They will surely have a very busy police state on their hands, because it is not then that the blood will flow, and not only Anguillans will bleed, the whole Caribbean may bleed. This will be the beginning of the blood bath promised by Bradshaw of St. Kitts.

Let me remind the parties concerned that we will never willingly return to the State. Let me remind them that we will not idly sit by and allow them to destroy us. The pleasure is ours to decide our own destiny - not theirs.

Anguillan Rebel.

BANK OF ANGUILLA

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of Anguilla".

In a cyclostyled letter circulated throughout the island which carries the typewritten name of Mr. Gumbs with 100 signatures is stated that "Bank equipment has already been obtained and personel selected". Att-

ached to the letter is an application form to be completed and returned to The Bank of Anguilla, Anguilla, W.I., by the prospect applicants indicating the number of shares they are willing to purchase at the rate of \$US5.00 per share.

Ed. note:

It is not known who are the organizers of the "Bank of Anguilla" and without proper legislation it is illegal to start the operation of a Bank without permission. Former attempts to start the operation of this Bank failed in its birth because Anguillans were not prepared to take part in such a venture without legal footing.

It is hoped that Anguilla will have some local financial Institution of its own, but this can't only come about, when Anguilla is able to have a proper and legal Government functioning.

Meanwhile our people are advised to deposit their money in ONE of the TWO legally established Banks on the island.

T.V. TEAM TO VISIT ANGUILLA

Mr. Allan Whicker, the well known "Television outside Broadcaster" will be visiting Anguilla next week. He will be accompanied by several assistants. Mr. Whicker has been responsible for many travelogues from many parts of the world.

It is understood that Mr. Whicker will be filming in Anguilla as part of a programme series on the Caribbean Islands, which he is producing for Yorkshire Television. The film will be non political.

POST MASTER K.R. HARRIGAN ON "HOBBIES CORNER" MONDAY OVER RADIO ANGUILLA

The voice of Mr. K. (Robert) Harrigan Anguilla's Postmaster, will be heard over Radio Anguilla on Monday Nov. 16 at 8.30 pm., on the programme "Hobbies Corner" (cont'd on page 3)

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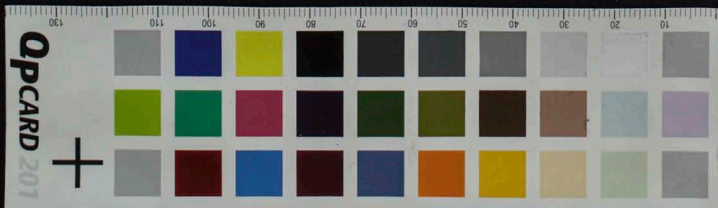
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asked if they wished to seek a status with Britain the crowd replied, YES.

Mr. Jack Dear Q.C. counsel for the Anguilla Council, spoke lengthily on the report giving reasons why it was rejected. Mr. Jerry Gumbs also spoke. Mr. Atlin Harrigan member of the Council was not present at the meeting but had already commented on the report in this paper saying that the report was "a waste", and that the recommendations were neither durable nor lasting.

Following is the full text of the resolution passed by the Anguilla Council and forwarded to H.M.G.

WHEREAS the Commission under the Chairmanship of Sir Hugh Wooding has submitted its report to the Governments of Britain and St. Kitts

AND WHEREAS of the Anguillan Council have given careful consideration to the recommendations of the said Commission

BE IT RESOLVED AND DECIDED as follows:-

1. The Anguillan Council rejects the proposals contained in the said report since they fail to provide for a solution acceptable to the Anguillan Council and the people of Anguilla.
2. The Anguillan Council are conscious of the time and effort that the members of the Commission devoted to their difficult task but are unable to accept that the territorial integrity of the state should take precedence over the wishes of the people strongly held and repeatedly expressed.
3. The Anguillan Council reaffirms its determination not to be associated in any way whatsoever with the unitary state of St. Kitts-

Nevis.

4. The Anguillan Council calls upon Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to consult with the Anguillan Council and in joint agreement provide for the Government of Anguilla free and separate from St. Kitts.

5. The British Government be requested to proceed with all possible speed to commence the negotiations referred to in the preceding paragraph and thus put an end to the present unsatisfactory constitutional position and so to act with despatch that among other things the Courts of Law may be enabled to resume their functions in the island.

POSTMASTER ON "HOBBIES CORNER"

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During the broadcast Mr. Harrigan will tell of his special hobbies and spare time activities.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL

Tenders are invited for bulk supply of the following foodstuffs to the Hospital -

- (1) Fresh Meat
- (2) Fresh Fish
- (3) Vegetables
- (4) Other foodstuffs etc.
- (5) Cleaning materials

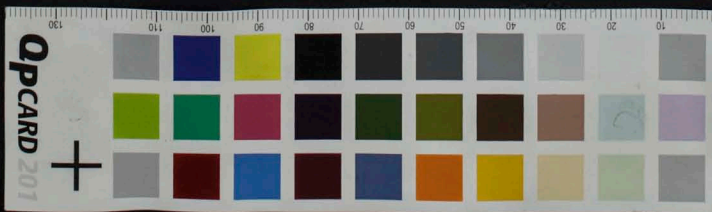
Full particulars on application to Mr. C. Fleming at the Cottage Hospital before 1st December.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

A report on Anguilla says that this little Caribbean island of 6,000 people could not sustain independence without being linked with the neighbouring islands of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Mr. Joseph Godber, Foreign Office Minister of State, assures the House of Commons that no solution will be imposed on Anguilla.

Three years ago (cont'd on P.7)



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EDITORIAL:

The rejection of the "Wooding report recommendations" by the Anguilla Council and the people of Anguilla, so soon after its publication should not be with surprise to anyone. Those recommendations could have been rejected forthwith if it was not for formality. Any recommendation that means a return of Anguilla to the State of St. Kitts - Nevis would only go into effect with the vast majority of Anguillans wiped off the face of this earth. And that can be done only with the help of H.M.G., and we are more confident than ever that the British Government will not tolerate the use of force to impose a solution on us. The assurance repeated by the Minister of State on the publication of the report gives us more assurance than the statement of his predecessor. We recall here that Bradshaw asked the former Minister what he meant by his statement that "it is no part of our purpose to force them (the Anguillans) to live under an administration they do not wish". Mr. Michael Stewart did not answer except to say that he made the statement. Mr. Bradshaw should once again ascertain from Mr. Godber what he means when he says "he honours the statement made by the former Government", and repeats that, "any solution must be acceptable to the people of Anguilla", if he does not understand it as yet.

The Wooding report has proved that the people of Anguilla have an inherent right to self determination.

The fact that it recommended virtual home rule for Anguillans, (though not what we want) leaves much doubt in our minds as to whether Bradshaw himself agreed to the full recommendations. The statement he released "that the recommendations could have formed a basis for a solution" indicates that he was not satisfied with the full recommendations.

The situation now seems to enter a new atmosphere. Bradshaw will be going to London for talks at "Ministerial Level". When asked last week if he will let Anguilla secede he replied "Never". Will the London talks be another deadlock? Will H.M.G. tolerate the situation any longer? Will it be allowed to drag on as it did in the past three and a half years? The Anguillans surely cannot tolerate it any longer. The world is moving ahead and we are left without the apparatus of Government.

We must now call upon H.M.G. to honour her undertaking and find a way out of this impasse so that Anguilla may be normal again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

May I through the Beacon give my sincere thanks to Lt. Col. Bown of the Royal Engineers 52 Airfield Squadron and especially L-CPL David Hines and SPR William Nelson for moving and erecting an ancient cannon into my yard - October 30th, 1970.

I am sure when the children of Anguilla study the history of their island and tour the historical sites, they will again remember the kindness of the 52 Airfield Squadron.

Again I thank you for making my home on Roaches Hill one of the historical sites in Anguilla.

Very truly yours,
Ceciel Gumbs (Miss)
Roaches Hill, Anguilla.

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Vacancies

(1) Cottages for the vacancy will be 1 December 1 January 1 successful able to apply Service Commission post early

(11) Medical

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Salary is \$1752 x 144 - 2616 allowance expected with all other scales, will revision sh

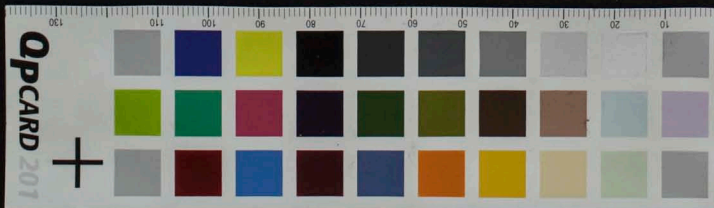
Applicant educational qualifications and must possess equivalent.

Applicant for which the Chairman of the Committee, South Hill, All applications not later than 1970.

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Anguilla Civil ServiceMedical DepartmentVacancies for qualified nurses

(1) Cottage Hospital Two vacancies for temporary staff nurses. One vacancy will be available from 1 December 1970, the other from 1 January 1971. It is expected that successful applicants will be able to apply through the Public Service Committee for a permanent post early in 1971.

(11) Medical Clinic, The Valley One vacancy for a permanent clinic nurse to start work as soon as possible. Experience in Midwifery, family planning and dispensing would be an advantage for this post.

Salary scale for all these posts is \$1752 x 96 - 2232 x 120 - 2472 x 144 - 2616 plus Anguilla living allowance of \$120 per annum. It is expected that this scale in common with all other Civil Service salary scales, will be subject to upward revision shortly.

Applicants should state their educational and nursing qualifications and experience in full, and must possess SRN certificate or equivalent.

Applications stating the post for which the candidate is applying should be addressed to the Chairman of the Public Service Committee, c/o H.M. Commissioner, South Hill, Anguilla. All applications should be received not later than Monday, 23 November, 1970.

REPRINT OF THE WOODING REPORT

(cont'd from last week)

Provided that of the members of each council at least two-thirds shall be elected at elections at

which all persons who are ^{at} the time being registered as voters in the island of Nevis or in the island of Anguilla, as the case may be, for the purpose of elections to the House of Assembly shall be entitled to vote.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (2) of this section until 1 January, 1968, or such earlier date as the Legislature may prescribe:

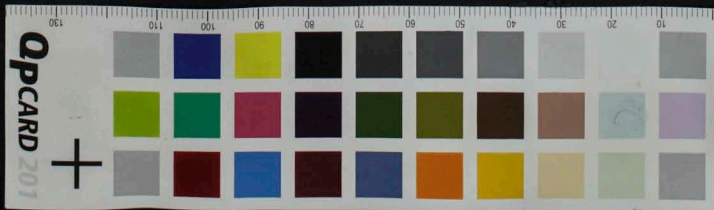
- (a) the Council for Nevis and the Council for Anguilla shall, respectively, consist of such number of members as the Governor may determine;
- (b) those members shall be appointed by the Governor, acting in accordance with the advice of the Premier; and
- (c) before the Premier tenders advice to the Governor for the purposes of paragraph (b) of this subsection the Premier shall, unless no person then holds the office of Leader of the Opposition, consult the Leader of the Opposition."

33. During the course of the conference in London, the British Government undertook to send out a local Government expert to make recommendations for the establishment of a modern system of local government in Nevis and in Anguilla. This was considered essential because of the lack of any experience of local government within the territory.

Visit of local government expert and opposition to Statehood

34. In anticipation of the visit of the local government expert, the Government appointed a committee on 22 October, 1966, to prepare proposals for his consideration. The committee comprised the Administrator, the Chief Minister (now Mr. Bradshaw), the Attorney-General, Messrs. E. Walwyn and P. Adams, mem-

bers of the Legislative Council for Nevis (cont'd on page 8)



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One lot of Poad Front land situated in Stoney Ground, approximately 1 1/2 acres for sale, contact Jane Richardson of Stoney Ground.

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE (cont'd from P.3)

the people of Anguilla made no bones about their dislike of being put in yoke with St. Kitts under a despotic Premier, Robert Bradshaw. They chased out his police, hoisted the Union Jack, and proclaimed their

wish to remain (cont'd on P.8)

WINAIR - The first Airline that flew to Anguilla announces their schedule effective Dec. 1st, 1970.

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

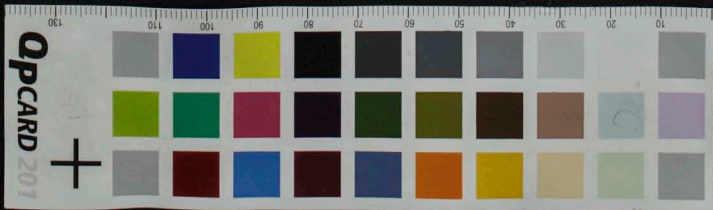
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under British rule.

As long as that is their wish it should be accepted.

(Comment by Daily Express of London, Nov.7th, 1970.)

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and Anguilla respectively, the Permanent Secretary to the Chief Minister, and the Chief Establishment Officer as members.

35. No meeting of the committee having been convened for some time, Mr. Adams enquired of the Chief Minister about the establishment of local government in Nevis and in Anguilla. Later, when it became known that the local government expert would be arriving in January the committee was summoned to meet on 23rd December, 1966. We were told in evidence that the meeting was called in short notice and, because Mr. Adams was then in Anguilla, he was not notified. Subsequently, however, he was sent a copy of the minutes under cover of a letter dated 7 January, 1967, explaining why he had not been invited and asking for his comments on the proposals minuted. Thereafter Mr. Adams had copies of the minutes cyclostyled and circulated in Anguilla. A copy was subsequently published in 'The Democrat', an opposition paper published in St. Kitts.

36. In his evidence before the Commission, Dr. Herbert said that, following the publication of the minutes, a group from Anguilla including Mr. Peter Adams, Atlin Harrigan and Ronald Webster attended a meeting at PAM's headquarters in St. Kitts and urged that, unless the powers contemplated for local

government were substantially more than those set out in the minutes,

they would have nothing further to do with St. Kitts.

37. Mr. Peter Johnston, the local government expert, did not arrive in St. Kitts until the end of the third week in January 1967. On the eve of his visit to Anguilla meetings were held under the leadership of Messrs. Atlin Harrigan, Ronald Webster and John Rogers at Blowing Point and The Valley in Anguilla. From accounts of these meetings available to us, the main complaints as expressed by the speakers were:

- (1) Between 1948 and 1967 membership of the Legislative Council had increased from 3 to 7 for St. Kitts, from 1 to 2 for Nevis, but for Anguilla it had remained at 1;
 - (2) St. Kitts had made progress she had a radio station, a cigarette factory and a "beer factory", but Anguilla still had one doctor and a Warden-Magistrate;
 - (3) Kittians did not like Anguillans, so affiliation with them would be to invite oppression and bloodshed;
 - (4) The Government in St. Kitts was restricting the free entry of foreigners, and this was already affecting Anguillans abroad;
 - (5) Anguilla was ignored generally her name did not even appear on the number plates of vehicles; by contrast the term "Electricity Department of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla" was a misnomer, since there was no public electricity in Anguilla;
 - (6) Mr. Bradshaw the Chief Minister had threatened that Anguillans would have to eat one another's bones and that he would turn Anguilla into a desert;
- (to be continued)

