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THE CASE OF THE PEOPLE AGAINSTDEPUTY MILTON PETERS.

Deputy Milton Peters of Cole Bay would like to have people believe that he is interested in the people of Cole Bay in particular and those of St. Maarten in general. His actions as Deputy however tell a far different story.

As a public service we consider it our duty to call the attention of the people of Cole Bay in ~~particular~~ particular and that of all our readers in general to some of the things which he has done, as well as some of the things which he has failed to do as Deputy.

First we would like to point out to our readers; that everything which is done by the Island-government on this island has to be approved by the Executive Council of St. Maarten - This Executive Council consists of: Deputy Milton Peters, Deputy Claude Wathey and Lt. Governor J.J. Beaujon. Each member of the Executive Council

has equal authority (even though Claude Wathey would have people believe that he is the boss and that Milton Peters is "second-deputy") - And for any proposal to be accepted, it must be approved by at least two of the three members.

We would now like to bring to light some of the things approved by Deputy Milton Peters:

1:- He has closed the Government-workshop, thereby depriving many of our youths of an opportunity to learn a trade, and putting many people out of work, among whom was his own son, and only child by his wife.

2:- He has allowed a police station to be built at Cole Bay instead of having the school-house ~~there~~ repaired and reopened so that small children from that District would not have to come to Philipsburg by bus to attend school.

3:- He has reduced the Agricultural Experiment Station to nothing (he has even stopped the agriculturist from ordering seeds, which were formerly sold to the planters here at cost price) - And if one would take a look at the Station today all one would see is two bulls, and a few young coconut plants. Things have become so hopeless and bad, that according to reports, the agriculturist has decided to leave the island soon, because, he is afraid if he should stay here, where he is expected to do nothing, he will soon forget all which he has learned about agriculture.

4:- He has misinformed the people of Cole Bay; telling them that the Carty's Estate was not the property of Mr. Frank Brown, and that the Government had a case concerning this estate - and that the government would give it to the people of the village. This has caused the people of Cole Bay to make many trips to Philipsburg whenever the judge visited the island for the past year - and every time they have had to go back to their homes disappointed because there was no case. It has also caused some of the people of Cole Bay to trespass on