

SATURDAY, April 11th, 1829.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT.

The Hon. *The Chief Justice*, President;

Honorables { *George Wright,*
Ambrose Lane,
T. H. Haviland,
Charles Worrell.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

On motion, the bill intituled "An act for appropriating certain monies therein mentioned,"—was read a third time, and on the Question being put whether the said bill do pass, the House divided :

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The Chief Justice,
G. Wright,
A. Lane,
C. Worrell.

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T. H. Haviland.

And so the bill passed in the affirmative, and was ordered to be sent down to the House of Assembly with the following Message, viz.

His Majesty's Council in giving their assent to the present Appropriation Bill, wish the House of Assembly to understand, that in doing so, they by no means approve of all the items of expenditure therein contained. Although his Majesty's Council are disposed to sanction a reasonable remuneration to the Members of the House of Assembly for their services in General Assembly, yet they conceive that a sum of £50 to the Speaker and £25 to each of the Members for their services in the present Session, is an exorbitant allowance, wholly unprecedented, and in no manner warranted by the present state of the annual Revenue of this Island. But his Majesty's Council taking into consideration, that by rejecting these items, a total loss of the Appropriation Bill would follow, have been induced to give their assent to the present bill, protesting, however, against this grant being drawn into any precedent for the future.

The Honorable *T. H. Haviland* entered his protest against the above bill for the reasons undermentioned.

"I conceive that the system adopted by the present House of Assembly of embodying separate and distinct items of appropriation in the same Bill, without their having previously received the assent of the Council, is an innovation upon the established and wholesome usage of His Majesty's Colonies.

"That it tends to deprive His Majesty's Council of that controlling power in the expenditure of the Revenue, which their relative situation as the intermediate branch of the Legislature intitles them to; inasmuch as they are prevented from dissenting to appropriations which they may deem improvident, or otherwise objectionable, without at the same time rejecting supplies which may prove indispensable to the exigencies of the Government; thus relinquishing to the popular branch the sole and undivided expenditure of the Revenue of the Colony, a principle which, if persevered in, will render His Majesty's Council a blank in the Constitution.

"That in the Bill of Appropriation, which has just passed this Honourable House, the Expenditure exceeds the Revenue contemplated to be realised by the two Supply Bills which have passed this Session, by one half; that but of such Revenue the House of Assembly have appropriated to their own private and individual uses, a sum equal to one third of its gross amount; and that a deficiency of £700, upon the last Appropriation Bill, remains unprovided for.

(Signed,)

"T. H. HAVILAND.

"Council Chamber, April 11, 1829."