

"The House of Assembly may remark on this, that hitherto there has been no excess of the disposable funds of the Colony; and no such public embarrassment as is predicted has arisen, neither, according to all probable and judicious calculation, is there the most distant risk that such should arise; and this House thinks that the remarks of the Council upon improvident expenditure might well have been spared, and is hardly consistent with that decent courtesy of intercourse which once prevailed between the two branches of the Legislature.

"The House of Assembly does not deem it either necessary or compatible with its privileges to enter into any discussion with His Majesty's Council on specific items of expenditure, but would beg leave to remind that Honourable body, that the large Revenue which has been permanently granted by this House to His Majesty, is, in a very great part of it, yet open to its appropriation, and although this House does not deem it expedient under the constitutional administration of the present Lieut. Governor, specifically to appropriate it, yet the period may arrive when the House of Assembly will feel itself called upon to exercise its controul over it.

"This House cannot leave the Message of His Majesty's Council without noticing the singular impropriety of their having remarked individually on a member of the Committee of Conference sent by this House to meet that of the Council, insinuating as if that member had been no regular part of the Committee, which they did know to be quite contrary to the fact, and of which their Committee of Conference was distinctly and fully informed.

"The House of Assembly will now conclude by observing, that it questions not the undoubted right of His Majesty's Council to reject the Bill of Appropriation, or any other bill which may be presented to them by the Assembly, nor can it constitutionally enquire why or wherefore they do so; but as His Majesty's Council have been pleased to assign their reasons for the adoption of so unusual a course as intercepting His Majesty's supplies for the use of the Island, and thereby stopping all the public works so requisite in a young colony, this House cannot but express its entire dissent from a measure so replete with impolicy, and so entirely at variance with the best interests of the Colony.

"On motion, ordered, that the foregoing answer to the Message of His Majesty's Council brought down to this House by their Clerk with the Appropriation Bill, be sent up to the Council.

WILLIAM CULLEN, Clerk H. A.

"Assembly Room, May 1st, 1828."

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Owen: which, on motion, was ordered to be entered on the Journals.

"The House of Assembly regrets that the misconstruction attributed to its Speaker of the unauthorised communication between him and His Honor the President of His Majesty's Council touching the Appropriation Bill should have taken place; and should have induced His Majesty's Council to tax the House of Assembly with making an unfounded statement, a charge which, the House is of opinion, might with more justice be applied to the statement of His Majesty's Council.

"On motion, ordered, that a copy of the above be sent to His Majesty's Council, in reply to their communication, dated May 1st, 1828.

WILLIAM CULLEN, Clerk H. A.

"Assembly Room, May 2d, 1828."

On motion, it was ordered, that a Message be sent to the House of Assembly to acquaint them that His Majesty's Council decline transacting any further business with that House until the Message sent up by Mr. Owen be expunged from their Journals.

On motion, it was ordered, that the President be requested to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and respectfully acquaint him with the determination of this House.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.