

liberality of His Majesty's Council in a statement so unfounded as that contained in the Message delivered at the Bar of this House by the Attorney General.

"On motion, ordered, that a copy of the above be sent down to the House of Assembly.  
J. E. CARMICHAEL, C. C.

"Council Chamber, May 1st, 1828."

Adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

## FRIDAY, May 2, 1828.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

### PRESENT.

The Hon. *George Wright*, President;  
Honorables { *William Pleace*,  
                  { *Ambrose Lane*,  
                  { *Thos. H. Haviland*,  
                  { *Charles Worrell*.

### PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

On motion, the bill intituled "an act to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways, and to provide the method of obtaining compensation for those who may thereby be injured, and to cause those who are benefited thereby to contribute towards their formation,"—received the second reading.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Election Bill.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Attorney General: which was ordered to be entered on the Journals.

"The House of Assembly has taken into consideration the Message of His Majesty's Council, containing the grounds and reasons which have induced them to reject a bill appropriating the supplies granted by the House of Assembly to his Majesty, during the present Session.

"The House of Assembly cannot help being struck with the novelty of the practice now adopted by His Majesty's Council, of assigning for the consideration of this House their reasons for either assenting or dissenting to any bill which the Assembly may have sent them; and to express the opinion of the House, that such a practice is of very evil tendency, and is ill calculated to promote the service of His Majesty and of the Colony. Neither the one nor the other can be served by a war of Manifestos.

"The House of Assembly consented to a conference requested by His Majesty's Council on the subject of the Appropriation Bill, hoping that some verbal amendment in the bill might have been all that the Council would have suggested; but instead of this the Committee of the House of Assembly was met by that of the Council with a laboured paper to revive claims of the Council in matters of supply, which this House was willing to hope, and indeed had been led to expect, were now extinct. But the Committee of the Council endeavoured, from the same paper, to convince the Committee of this House, not only that the amount of the appropriations exceeded the revenue that could be raised from the bills of supply, and that the calculations of this House on that subject were quite erroneous, but that various items of the appropriation were themselves unfit. The Committee, however, of this House had previously been instructed to enter into no discussion on this latter subject, as one quite inconsistent with the exclusive rights and privileges of this House in matters of supply. The Committee of this House, very properly, abided by its instructions, and would entertain no discussion on the items of appropriation.

"The Message of His Majesty's Council appears only to be an enlargement of that which its Committee of Conference had been directed to read to the Committee of the House of Assembly, and this House can consider such message in no other light than a deliberate attack on its rights and privileges.

"The Revenue Bills for the year have been very carefully considered by the House of Assembly, in all their bearings and relations, and it is perfectly satisfied that the revenue to be raised is commensurate with the proposed expenditure of the Colony, and of this the House of Assembly takes leave to say that it is the sole judge.

"The House of Assembly cannot help noticing that part of the Message of H. M. Council which intimates that the appropriations of the Assembly may exceed the disposable funds of the Colony, and thereby lead to public embarrassment, and that it is the duty of the Council to prevent, if possible, an improvident expenditure.