

J. G. LEMARCHANT.

Message in reference to the appointment of a Land Surveyor.

Previously to the departure of Captain Spearman, late Collector of Her Majesty's Customs in this Island, from the Colony, he addressed a communication to the Governor, expressing in strong terms his opinion of the necessity of the situations of Landing Surveyor and Tide Surveyor which, in the Customs Bill of the previous Session had been combined, being filled by two persons.

Although the Governor attached considerable value to the opinions of an officer of so much talent and experience as Captain Spearman, he abstained from making the appointment so recommended, wishing that the system introduced in the last Session should be tested in the interval between the coming into operation of that Act and the meeting of the Legislature.

The Governor now submits to the House of Assembly, together with Captain Spearman's letter, a communication from the gentleman who has filled the two offices, and should the House, on consideration of these documents, concur in opinion with the Governor that the important duties now imposed on this officer are more than can be efficiently performed by one person, the Governor recommends that provision be made to an amount not exceeding two hundred-and-fifty pounds per annum for the separate office of Landing Surveyor.

J. G. LE M.

Government House, }
11th February, 1850. }

For Documents accompanying said Message,

(See Appendix.)

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Message in reference to the defalcation of the late Colonial Treasurer.

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly the Copy of a Report of an examination and audit of the Books and Accounts of the late Colonial Treasurer, which took place immediately on the decease of that gentleman, and before the appointment of his successor ; and laments to state that upon this investigation it was ascertained that the Treasurer (of whose fidelity and integrity no previous suspicion had been entertained) was a Defaulter, in his joint capacity of Treasurer and Cashier of the Savings' Bank, to the very large amount of £6,610 19s. 5d. sterling—a deficiency which, in our financial condition, is the occasion of considerable present inconvenience.