

"The House of Assembly, however, thinks it right to afford an explanation how any message so new in its nature should have been sent to His Majesty's Council. There were four items of appropriation in the bill alluded to, which in the opinion of the House were irregular, inasmuch as they had not received, before being inserted in the Bill of Appropriation, the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor. These items are as follow:

"A sum of £20 in aid of the building a School House at Montague River, in St. Andrew's Parish, Lot 53.

"A sum of £10 to Robert Robertson, in aid of the bounty now received by him as School-master of Montague River.

"A sum of £10 to John Shaw, in aid of the bounty now received by him as the School-master of Brudenell.

"A sum of 10 guineas each, to the Commissioners appointed by his Excellency the Lieut. Governor to issue Treasury Notes.

"Whenever these were discovered, a desire was manifested by this House either to withdraw them altogether, or to obtain the sanction of his Excellency's recommendation, of which this House could entertain no doubt, from the fitness and propriety of the items appropriated.

"The House, however, has the satisfaction of knowing that although these items of appropriation had not received the recommendation of the Lieut. Governor prior to their insertion in the bill, yet that during the pendency of the bill in Council, his Excellency was pleased to express his readiness to this House to concur in the fitness of all these items.

"The President of His Majesty's Council and the Speaker of this House had a communication together, in which it was understood and agreed that the Bill of Appropriation should be returned to the Assembly privately, and without any notice of the transaction, in order that the objectionable articles might either be omitted or obtain the requisite recommendation of the Lieut. Governor; but after this understanding, it was intimated by the President of the Council to the Speaker, that that body required from the House of Assembly a message to them to deliver the bill, and it was in consequence of this recommendation that the Message above alluded to was sent to His Majesty's Council.

"The House of Assembly was much divided in opinion as to the constitutional propriety of any such message being sent, but the opinion of the majority was, that as the House had expressed itself very desirous to cultivate a good correspondence with the Council, and had in several of their money bills evinced a strong disposition that way, it was thought that the House might so far yield to the suggestion of the President of His Majesty's Council as to send the message, which it did accordingly.

"The message was an invited message, and was one which this House had little reason to expect would have met such a return as that which has been given it by the Report of the Committee of Privileges of the Council. It was done with no view to introduce new practices in the intercourse of the two branches of the Legislature, but solely with the view to promote the public service, and to cultivate a good understanding with the Council, which was so strongly recommended by the Lieutenant Governor in his speech at the opening of the Session. How this disposition has been met by His Majesty's Council, the report in question will sufficiently shew. The Council have, through their President, sought a communication from the House of Assembly, and when that communication is received, the Council treat it as an irregular and unparliamentary course.

"The House of Assembly has only to lament, that in its eager desire to transact the business of the public it should have been thus met, and that its departure from the common usages of intercourse between the two branches of the Legislature, so confidentially invited, should be converted into an instrument wherewith to charge the House of Assembly with irregular and unparliamentary practices."

"On motion, Ordered, that the foregoing answer to the Message of His Majesty's Council, with the Report of their Committee of Privileges, bearing date the 26th April, 1828, be sent up to His Majesty's Council.

WILLIAM CULLEN, Clerk, H. A.

"Assembly Room, April 30, 1828."

The following Message was sent down to the House of Assembly:

"His Majesty's Council having taken into consideration the Message of the House of Assembly on the Report of the Committee of Privileges of His Majesty's Council, delivered at the bar of that House: and having conferred with his Honor the President on the subject of the conversation alleged in the above message to have taken place between the Speaker of the House of Assembly and the President of his Majesty's Council on the appropriation bill:

"His Honor stated to the House, that he at no time intimated to the Speaker of the House of Assembly that His Majesty's Council required from that House a message to them to deliver the Appropriation Bill, neither did he make any communication the import of which would bear any such interpretation.

"His Majesty's Council therefore, regret that the Speaker should have so misconstrued any unauthorised conversation, as to have caused the House of Assembly to reflect on the