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LAND.

of 3,000*l.* or more if the Assembly desire it, for the poor; and that they will, contrary indeed to their own sentiments, agree to the members receiving 42*l.* each for their attendance during the Session; but this will not suffice; the Assembly insist upon several further sums very nearly approaching 1,000*l.* being given to themselves under various pretences, and to considerable sums being paid to persons selected by the Assembly, whose services the Council are not informed of; and it is thus that the poor are to be left to misery and starvation, because the members of the Assembly are not permitted by the Council to appropriate to themselves and their adherents, so much of the public money as they think proper to take.

The sums appropriated by the present Bill to be paid to the 14 members themselves, who have taken their seats, amount in the aggregate to upwards of 1,500*l.*; last year they were contented with one-fifth of that sum.

Last year the contingencies, including printing and the stipends to every officer and servant connected with the Assembly, amounted to 984*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.*, whilst this year their contingencies amount to 2,178*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*, exclusive of 500*l.* appropriated by the Bill to defray the expense of three of their own body, as delegates, to treat with Her Majesty's Government on the subject of the administration of justice and other matters, and also exclusive of 215*l.* to the officers and servants of the Assembly appointed by the Crown, whose services the Assembly have refused to receive, whilst they propose to pay other persons for performing their functions, and so increase the charge upon the public by paying two sets of officers instead of one.

Thus it will be seen that the Assembly propose to increase the public expenditure this year over any preceding year, with reference to themselves and their officers, by the addition of the large sum of 1,908*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.*, and with what advantage to the colony the Committee are at a loss to perceive.

Upon a careful review of the whole subject, the Committee are opinion that since the Assembly have, notwithstanding their knowledge of the Council's determination, persisted in comprising in the same Bill appropriations for every description of expenditure; there is no course left for the Council to adopt, consistent with their sense of a just application of the public money, and of their repeated declarations of the principles upon which they must be governed; than to amend the Bill, by rejecting all such portions of it as they cannot, without further information, conscientiously concur in.

APPENDIX.

(No. 1.)

OFFICE.	PLACE.	Present Salary.	Salaries reduced or Augmented, withheld or originated, by the Assembly.	Number of Inhabitants.	No. of Males from 14 to 60 years of Age.
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.		
Constable -	Ferryland -	25 - -	12 - -	507	
Gaoler -	Ditto -	25 - -	20 - -	—	
Constable -	Bay Bulls -	25 - -	12 - -	609	
Ditto -	Renewse -	20 - -	12 - -	601	
Ditto -	Greenspond -	15 - -	12 - -	734	
Ditto -	St. Mary's -	12 - -	25 - -	441	
Ditto -	Catalina -	12 - -	24 - -	523	
Ditto -	Bonavista -	12 10 -	25 - -	1553	
Ditto -	Ditto -	12 10 -	- - -	- - -	
Ditto -	Trinity -	12 - -	- - -	1253	3564
Ditto -	Torbay * -	18 - -	- - -	758	
Ditto -	Cape Broyle† -	- - -	12 - -	210	
Ditto -	Caplin Bay ‡ -	- - -	12 - -	193	530
Ditto -	Aquaforte § -	- - -	12 - -	127	
Ditto -	St. Lawrence -	- - -	12 - -	232	
Gaol barber -	St. Jchn's -	12 - -	15 - -	—	34

* 9 miles from St. John's. ‡ Under 3 miles from Ferryland.
† 6 miles from Ferryland. § 3 ½ miles from ditto.