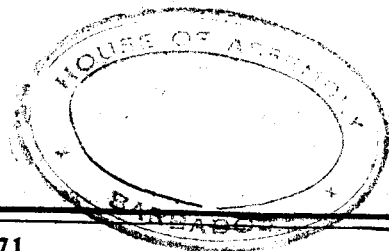


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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 13th June, 1967.

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 2.30 o'clock today.

PRESENT

His Honour J. E. T. BRANCKER, Q.C., F.Z.S., (Speaker); Mr. L. E. SMITH, J.P.; Hon. C. E. TALMA, (Minister of Health and Community Development); Hon. J. C. TUDOR, M.A., (Minister of Education); Mr. J. W. CORBIN; Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, (Minister of Trade, Tourism, Co-operatives and Fisheries); Mr. R. ST. C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE; Hon. N. W. BOXILL, (Minister of Communications and Works); Mr. J. B. YEARMWOOD, (Chairman of Committees); Sir G. H. ADAMS, C.M.G., Q.C., B.A., D.C.L. (Hon.), (Leader of the Opposition); Mr. C. A. E. HOPPIN, J.P.; Mr. J. B. SPRINGER; Mr. H. B. ST. JOHN, L.L.B., and Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS, M.A.

Prayers were read.

Mr. HINDS and Mr. MOTTLEY entered the House and took their seats. Members cheered Mr. MOTTLEY on his entering the House.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that the Minutes of the Meetings of the 28th February and 7th March this year have been circulated, and unless there is any objection, each of these Minutes will be confirmed (A PAUSE.)

Hearing no objection, I declare the Minutes of the Meetings of 28th February and 7th March this year duly to be confirmed.

WELCOME BACK TO HOUSE FROM SICK LEAVE OF THE HON. SENIOR MEMBER FOR THE CITY

Mr. SPEAKER: I also join in welcoming back to this House the hon. senior member for the City of Bridgetown from his sick leave. I hope the hon. member is fully restored to health and will be able to help the Chair.

Mr. MOTTLEY: If this is an occasion of great pleasure to Your Honour, I know it would be of great disappointment and regret to certain people that I have been restored to health to come back into this Chamber but those who wish me well, I also wish them well.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ASKED FOR Mr. CHAPMAN

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a letter from Mr. R. C. Chapman, Solicitor, and it reads as follows:-

2nd June, 1967.

The Clerk,
The House of Assembly,
Bridgetown.

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad if you will place this my application before the Honourable House for a grant of leave of absence from my duties as a member of the Sugar Industry Agricultural Bank for a period of two months as from 1st July, next.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) R. C. CHAPMAN

ACTING CLERK GRANTED THREE WEEKS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mr. SPEAKER: I also have to inform the House that I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. H. Lisle Thomas, Acting Clerk of this Chamber, dated 13th June, 1967. It reads as follows:-

His Honour the Speaker,
House of Assembly,
Bridgetown.

Sir,

I hereby make application for three weeks leave of absence from my duties as Acting Clerk of the House of Assembly with effect from the 17th instant.

Mr. M. E. S. Hewitt, Solicitor, who has acted on several occasions as Deputy Clerk, has kindly consented to act during my absence subject to the approval of the Honourable House.

I sincerely hope my request will be granted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sgd.) H. LISLE THOMAS,
Acting Clerk, House of Assembly.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the Acting Clerk be granted three weeks leave of absence from his duties as from the 17th of this month.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Mr. M. E. S. HEWITT TO ACT AS ACTING CLERK OF THE HOUSE

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Mr. M. E. S. Hewitt be appointed to act as Clerk of this House for a period of three weeks as from the 17th June, 1967.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Mr. R. C. CHAPMAN GRANTED TWO MONTHS LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Mr. R. C. Chapman be granted two months' leave of absence as from 1st July, 1967, from his duties as a member of the Sugar Industry Agricultural Bank.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

PAPERS LAID

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, and Minister of External Affairs, I am commanded to lay:-

The Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order, 1967.

Statement showing Net Customs and Excise Receipts for one month ended 30th April, 1967.

Report of the Standing Insurance Committee and Statement of Accounts of the General Insurance Fund for the year 1963-64.

Report of the Standing Insurance Committee and Statement of Accounts of the General Insurance Fund for the year 1964.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Statement showing the sums advanced to the Postmaster General for the payment of Money Orders, the amounts repaid to the Accountant General and the amounts due by the various Post Offices to 31st January, 1967.

Statement showing the sums advanced to the Postmaster General for the payment of money Orders, the amounts repaid to the Accountant General and the amounts due by the various Post Offices to 28th February, 1967.

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order, 1967, 2.55 p.m.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of External Affairs, I beg to give notice of the following Resolutions:-

A Resolution to give effect to the Civil Establishment (General) (Amendment) (No. 8) Order, 1967.

A Resolution to place the sum of \$5,310 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates,

1967-68 Part 1 - Current as shown in the Supplementary Estimate, 1967-68 No. 3 which forms the Schedule to the Resolution.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, again on behalf of the Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of External Affairs, I beg to give notice of a Bill to confer immunities, powers and privileges on diplomatic and consular representatives and representatives of international organisations and certain other persons; and for purposes ancillary to or connected with matters aforesaid.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on my own behalf I beg to give notice of a Bill to provide for the acquisition, deprivation and renunciation of citizenship of Barbados and for purposes incidental to or connected therewith.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, Labour and National Insurance, I beg to give notice of the following:-

A Bill to amend the Sugar Industry (Rehabilitation) Price Stabilization and Labour Welfare) Act, 1947.

A Bill to amend the Sugar Factory Workers Severance Payment Act, 1965.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of my intention to move the House into Committee of Supply at its next meeting in order to consider the money Resolution of which notice has just been given.

REPLIES TO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS LAID

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of External Affairs, I beg to give notice that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 47 asked by the hon. senior member for St. Joseph is now ready.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that the Oral Replies to the following Parliamentary Questions are now ready:-

The Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 20, asked by the hon. senior member for St. James.

The Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 26, asked by the same hon. member.

The Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 41 asked by the hon. senior member for St. Thomas.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice that the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 25, asked by the hon. senior member for St. James is now ready.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of a Bill intituled and Act to repeal the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited Act, 1964.

QUESTIONS

Mr. SPEAKER: Question standing in the name of the hon. junior member for St. Peter re the Housing Authority.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

1. Has a directive been sent from the Chief Executive Officer of the Housing Authority to the Chief Works Officer, effective 12th June, 1967, concerning the entire works programme of the said Authority?

2. Is the Minister aware that the said directive holds out a threat to hourly-paid workers by stipulating they should work 44 hours per week inclusive of Saturdays failing which they run the risk of being dismissed?

3. Is this threat at dismissal any part of Government's policy in dealing with hourly-paid workers?

Mr. SPEAKER: Question standing in the name of the same hon. member re suspension of a site foreman at the Housing Authority.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

Is Government aware that a site Foreman employed by the Authority was suspended for 4 weeks, but only reinstated last week?

Mr. SPEAKER: Question standing in the name of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph, re the refusal of a permit to Mr. Batchelor.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the Prime Minister:-

1. Is the Prime Minister aware of the fact that Mr. Batchelor the W.I., representative of Reuter's Agency, recently refused a permit to reside in this island, was prevented by Immigration and Police Officials from leaving Seawell Airport on June last?

2. Is it a fact that Mr. Batchelor made it clear to these Officials that he was merely on a visit to Barbados in the course of his business activities?

3. Is Mr. Batchelor a prohibited immigrant?

4. Was the Prime Minister informed at the arrival at Seawell Airport of Mr. Batchelor before he was prevented from leaving the Airport?

5. Is the Prime Minister aware of the fact that Mr. Batchelor was in effect in the custody of the police until he could obtain a plane flight back to Trinidad from where he had come?

Mr. SPEAKER: Question standing in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Thomas re tenants of the Housing Authority.

Mr. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the Minister of Housing:-

1. How many levies have been carried out on the goods of tenants of the Housing Authority during 1967 to date?

2. Is the statutory fee for carrying out such levies being paid to the Bailiff or Bailiffs concerned, or is some other form of remuneration being employed?

3. Are any of the Bailiffs concerned themselves tenants of the Housing Authority?

4. What is the total cost of the levies to date?
3.05 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: Questions standing in the name of the Hon. junior member for St. Peter.

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

1. Are the services of members of the Royal Barbados Police available to the general public for performing duties as baby-sitting?

2. If the answer to the above is in the negative, would the Minister state whether or not a member of the Royal Barbados Police Force performed such duties on the night of 7th April, 1967, at a house situated at Gibbes in the parish of Saint Peter?

3. Who detailed the policeman to undertake such duties?

4. Was compensation paid to any member of the Royal Barbados Police Force or paid into the Police Reward Fund for the rendering of such services?

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

1. What quantities of cement, if any, have been reported stolen or illegally taken from the Lodge Hill site?

2. Is it a fact that a sum of \$700.00 or thereabout has been the cause for some enquiry at the Housing Authority because it was found that giving and recording of wrong measurements of wells was being indulged in at Thorpes Site, St. James?

3. Will Government institute an investigation into the working of the Housing Authority, especially with regard to the disposal of building materials, and such matters as are at No.3 above?

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the Appropriate Minister:-

To what extent have the unfinished buildings at Alexandra School, St. Peter suffered as a result of rainfall, since the work on the project was halted?

2. Will the Minister state when work on the project will be recommended.

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

1. At how many secondary and primary schools, if any, in this island is the game, Judo, played?

2. Are there any Judo Clubs attached to any of the Government-owned or aided secondary schools in this island?

3. Does the Ministry of Education encourage Judo in schools?

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

Has the Minister any evidence of the presence of the vice of homo-sexuality and its evil tendencies amongst the school population?

Mr. HINDS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

1. Is it a fact that some 300 children receive instruction under the trees at Springer Memorial School?

2. If the answer to No.1 above is in the affirmative, why is it so; and how does the Minister propose dealing with this matter?

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, is there a further question on the Notice Paper under my name?

(After a pause.)

Mr. SPEAKER: I am advised that there was an omission on my Notice Paper of this question supplied by the hon. senior member for St. Thomas. The hon. member can ask the question now.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: To enquire of the Minister of Education:-

1. Is the Minister aware that question addressed to him in connection with outbreaks of sickness among school children have been on the Order Paper of this Honourable House since March 14th 1967?

2. Does the Minister intend to answer these and subsequent questions on the same subject in this parliamentary session and if so when?

BILLS READ A FIRST TIME

On motion of Mr. MOTTLEY, seconded by Mr. ST JOHN, a Bill to repeal the West Indies Hospital Funds Limited Act, 1964, was read a first time.

On motion of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA, the Bill to confer immunities, powers and

privileges on diplomatic and consular representatives and representatives of international organisations and certain other persons; and for purposes ancillary to or connected with matter aforesaid was read a first time.

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3.15 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Standing Orders Nos. 5, 14, 16, 18, 19, 40 and 45 be suspended for the remainder of today's sitting.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I take it that with the suspension of these Standing Orders, you will also be suspending Private Members' Business. You will note, Sir, that under Private Members' Business I have one item which will be expiring tomorrow according to the Standing Orders. As you know, Sir, you will have the authority to strike that item off the Order Paper, therefore, I am appealing to the hon. member who is about to have these Standing Orders suspended. I do not want to fight him on the matter, but I am appealing to him to see if he will give the assurance that after doing Government Business he will revert to Private Members' Business before we adjourn so that I will be able to discuss my item on the Order Paper, or I will have to ask the leave of the House to keep it on the Order Paper. I was giving the Government my co-operation in agreeing to the suspension of the Standing Orders and now at the last moment my item will have to come off the Order Paper. I am not objecting to the suspension of the Standing Orders, but I am asking the hon. member to give the assurance that after the consideration of Government Business he will let us deal with Private Members' Business.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the hon. member on that point. All of us on this side of the House are hoping that the whole House will agree to give serious consideration to a revision of the Standing Orders of the House. It is rather preposterous that Private Members' Business cannot be taken after the Government, with their majority, agree to move the suspension of the Standing Orders which, in effect, prevents Private Members' Business from being dealt with. Even the fixing of the meetings at 2.30 o'clock p.m. blocks out the time for considering Private Members' Business. I am appealing to the Government to see that Private Members' Business is just as essential a part of the running of the country as Government Business is and they should co-operate with the Opposition and the Opposition will co-operate with them and settle these matters effectively without destroying the value of Private Members' Business.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, just let me deal firstly with one point which has been made by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the point which he made about the possibility of revising the Standing Orders of the House. That is a matter for the entire House and when that time comes and it is thought desirable, proper steps will be made at the

instance of both sides of the House in that direction. With regard to Private Members' Business, there is no need to appeal to me on that score, because there is nothing to appeal about. Hon. members on the Other side of the House know that for as long as I have been the Leader of the House both in this session and in the last session, I have always made it clear that at any time when it is indicated to me that it is the desire of hon. members to deal with Private Members' Business, that business has been done save and except when there is a top priority to rule out Private Members' Business.

The reason why I ask for the suspension of the Standing Orders has nothing at all to do with preventing hon. members from dealing with their business. The position is that if you do not suspend the Standing Orders early, at 8.30 p.m., of the clock, members of the Opposition can say that any matter with which we are dealing at that time is controversial and Government Business will be at an end. It would not be sensible tactics on my part to expose Government Business to that sort of situation, therefore I moved the suspension of the Standing Orders not to prevent Private Members from doing their business, because members of the House are all glad to facilitate Private Members if they want to do their business. It is not fair therefore for any hon. member to suggest that there is some way of preventing Private Members from doing their business. On the last occasion we dealt with Private Members' Business. Today I think that the speech of the hon. senior member for St. Joseph was an indication that he desires to deal with Private Members' Business and, as he says, after Government Business has been concluded, certainly the House will without any opposition from this side revert to Private Members' Business. I may only say this, that we may have to move that the further consideration of any matter under Private Members' Business be postponed because the Government will not be in a position to reply to the matters which are raised in the debate; but there could be no objection now to Private Members' Business being done.

The question that Standing Orders 5, 14, 16, 18, 19, 40, and 45 be now suspended for the remainder of today's sitting was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

3.25 p.m.

QUESTION TIME

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Question Time be now taken.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

APPOINTMENT OF MORE ATHLETIC COACHES

Mr. SPEAKER: I am advised that the Reply to Question No. 20, standing in the name of the hon. senior member for St. James, is ready.

Mr. CRAIG: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will the Minister, now that the number of schools to be coached in the field of athletics by the Government Coach has risen to approximately 150, consider the appointment of two more Athletic Coaches?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, the Reply is as follows:-

"Consideration is being given to the provision of additional assistance in the coaching of athletics."

Mr. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a supplementary question. What is the type of assistance that the Hon. Minister envisages to Question No. 20, and if the assistance is that asked in this question, how many?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: As far as I understand the question, it is what assistance the Government will be giving? As the reply states: Consideration is being given to the provision of additional assistance in the coaching of athletics in the immediate foreseeable future.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the Hon. Minister can say whether the hon. junior member for St. Thomas has had anything to do with this question of getting additional coaches?

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not deem that to be a supplementary question.

Mr. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, will the Hon. Minister say whether the additional assistance will be provided by the same coaches or in addition there will be more coaches as the question originally asked?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: The Government fully recognized the fact that more than one athletic coach is needed for the number of people who need coaching in athletics and for that reason, consideration is being given to the provision of additional athletic coaches. We attach great importance to teaching of athletics.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: When will that be done?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: If the hon. member is asking for a date, I cannot tell him, I said in the immediate foreseeable future.

UNSTABLE CONDITION OF BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AT WESTON

Mr. SPEAKER: The next is Question No. 25 standing in the name of the same hon. member.

Mr. CRAIG: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Is the Minister aware of the risk of life and limb and the danger of damage to property because of the unstable condition of the bridge and tunnel at Weston, St. James since the recent heavy rainfall?

2. Will the Minister remedy the situation complained of at the earliest opportunity?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, the reply is as follows:-

"1. A careful search by the Highways Authorities carried out with the assistance of the Honourable Member has failed to reveal the existence of any bridge or tunnel at Weston St. James.

2. Does not arise.

Mr. CRAIG: Sir, I wonder if the Hon. Minister and his assistance have any idea or where Weston, St. James, is?

This is what I would like to find out?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Sir, that question does not really need an answer but I see here that a careful search by officers of the Department of Highways along with the assistance of the hon. member who asked the question, has failed to reveal the question of any bridge in Westmoreland, St. James.

Mr. CRAIG: Sir, if the Hon. Minister can give any idea of the date that I visited Weston in the company of technicians of the Highways Department I would be glad to hear?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, I have said before, and I say again, if members on the opposite side think they can bully us in here, ...

Mr. SPEAKER: Let the Hon. Minister reply to the question.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I see here and this was written on the 7th/4/67. The number "four" refers to the month.

It refers to a careful search carried out by the Officer of Maintenance of the Highway Department failing to reveal the existence of any bridge or tunnel at Weston, St. James.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Sir, why did the Hon. Minister imply that the hon. senior member for St. James went along with the Deputy Director of Maintenance of the Department of Highways and Transport? What he has read out does not support it?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Sir, I am not willing to bandy any words with any member on the opposite side. I never said anything of "went along". I said "with the assistance of the hon. senior member for St. James. 3.35 p.m.

Mr. ADAMS: Is the Minister satisfied that there is something at some location in St. James which could be described as a culvert?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: If the hon. member would like to ask that question, I would advise him to table it. That is not a supplementary question.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL STAFF AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

Mr. SPEAKER: The next question to which the Oral Reply has been laid is Question No. 26 standing in the name of the same hon. member the Oral Reply to which Question has also this day been laid.

Mr. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will the Minister, in view of the importance of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital as (a) a Teaching Hospital within the framework of the University of the West Indies, and (b) a Hospital with Specialist Services catering to the needs of other islands in the Eastern Caribbean, consider the appointment of the following additional staff:-

1 Neuro-Surgeon, 1 Heart Specialist, 1 Dermatologist, at least 2 Surgeon Specialists, 1 Physician Specialist, 1 Gynaecologist and Obstetrician Specialist, 1 E.N.T. Specialist, and at least 2 Ophthalmic Surgeons?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, the Reply to the hon. member's Question is as follows:-

"In connection with the Scheme for teaching of medical students at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the University of the West Indies has already provided for four additional posts in the Specialist fields of Surgery, Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Pathology."

Mr. ST. JOHN: As a supplementary question, I would like to ask this: Is the Minister satisfied that any of the Specialist will be qualified as a Neuro-Surgeon?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Our Hospital is geared along these lines. If there are a sufficient number of cases to be dealt with, we provide the necessary services. Failing that, we provide for services in Canada and elsewhere; but the Hospital is in co-operation with the University of the West Indies. We have all the Specialist needed to provide the necessary treatment at the earliest possible time.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, perhaps the Hon. Minister did not understand the question. I am asking if he is satisfied that the Specialists who are appointed at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital are qualified in the field of Neuro-Surgery.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, the answer which I gave is "No". I said that people will be sent to Canada and other places for these services, if necessary.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Now that the Minister has said that he is not satisfied that any of these people will be qualified in the field of Neuro-Surgery, is he satisfied that there is the need for a Neuro-Surgeon at the Hospital at the present moment?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Owing to the paucity of cases, the answer is "No".

Mr. MOTTLEY: Is the Minister satisfied that, with the care taken by the University in appointment Specialist, we will have at the Hospital a greater number of Specialists in Internal medicine?

Mr. SPEAKER: Would the hon. member be so good as to repeat the question?

Mr. MOTTLEY: I asked this: Is the Minister satisfied in view of his answer that the University of the West Indies will take care of the Specialists, that they should be appointing additional physician Specialist or a Specialist in International Medicine?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I thought I made it clear that the Queen Elizabeth Hospital would be a teaching Hospital and would be appointing a Specialist in each particular field of surgery, Medicine and so on.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Is the Minister satisfied that there is the need for an E.N.T. Specialist at the Hospital?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: As far as my advice goes, we are functioning very effectively right now, but it may be that the hon. member can ask a substantive question. I am not aware of any immediate need for an additional Specialist. I think that the Specialist there is coping very well with the work at the present time.
3.45 p.m.

NEED OF PUBLIC BATH IN ST. THOMAS

Mr. SPEAKER: The next is Question No. 41 standing in the name of the Hon. and Learned senior member for St. Thomas.

Mr. ADAMS: To enquire of the appropriate Minister:-

1. Is the Government aware that residents of Dunscombe, Spring Farm, Barkers Corner, Porey Spring, Fortress Hill, and Dr. Moore's Woods, in the parish of St. Thomas are in great need of a public bath?

2. If the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will the Government take the earliest possible steps to provide such a bath at a central position on or near the Porey's Spring Road?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, the reply is as follows:-

"Porey Spring is one of the district selected for a communal bath.

Investigations of the area for a suitable site have been going on for the past three years."

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, will the Hon. Minister say what has been the difficulty that entailed a three-year delay?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, it well may be with the full assistance and co-operation of both hon. members for St. Thomas - if they can assist me - that I can probably be able to bring this matter of getting a site at Porey Spring to an early conclusion.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Will the Hon. Minister say whether he approached the hon. senior member for St. Thomas on the matter?

(ASIDE)

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Will you ask the Hon. Minister to refrain from making those rude interruptive remarks.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Will the Hon. Minister give consideration to see whether or not you can find a site close to Porey Spring so that the drainage of the bath and the quarry can get it together.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: As I said, the Ministry over the last year or so was engaged in trying to secure a suitable site for a bath but the hon. member may with me pay a visit to the particular juncture - that is at Porey Spring proper.

Investigations have been made by certain officials of the Ministry of Health and Community Development over the last year or year and a half and I suggest that the whole of this question be gone into with the co-operation of the Minister of Communications and Works, so I suggest the hon. member would probably be able to help in this direction.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I understood the Hon. Minister to say that they were engaged in trying to find a proper site for the past three years. Is it that the Department concerned is understaffed or incapable? If so, any request for more staff would be considered favourably by members over on this side. Obviously, if the Department is fully staffed, some people must not have been doing their work.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: It is not a question of understaffed; it is a question of inability physically to find a suitable site. Those sites which we have visited are all unsuitable because of one thing or the other.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Has the Government considered before the question of the compulsory acquisition of a site in an area near Porey Spring?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: If the hon. member can assist us in getting a site near Porey Spring, we would be glad.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Sir, when the Hon. Minister says that it is a question of being unable physically, what does he mean?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I said that the site has not yet been secured or selected.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, before you move on to another question, the truth about the matter is --

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the Hon. Minister now replying to supplementary question being asked? This question was addressed to the "appropriate Minister". The Hon. Minister of Health has replied but if the Minister of Communications and Works wishes to reply also, he may do so. The question was not addressed to a particular Minister.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker, in replying to the supplementary question, the truth of the matter is this -

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, when the Hon. Minister of Health has replied to the supplementary and has given full explanation, I would just ask you to ask the Minister of Communications to take his seat as he is not in order to assist the Hon. Minister.
3.55 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not regard it as that. The Minister is not out of order in adding a reply to a supplementary question if the original question is merely addressed to an appropriate Minister as distinct from a specified Minister so named.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Again on a point of order, every single Minister on that side is not entitled to get up and add to the supplementary replies. If one Minister, then all.

Mr. SPEAKER: Only if I so rule. Let there be no misunderstanding as to that. May I point out for the benefit

of hon. members that the most appropriate way to ask a question is - as is generally done - Question No. 38 by the Hon. member for St. James which states to enquire of the Minister of Education so and so or by the same hon. member to enquire of the Minister of Health and so long as the question is so addressed, I will not allow a reply to be given by any other Minister but the one who is so addressed.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Some time ago, Mr. Speaker, the present Minister of Agriculture and myself went into Porey Spring looking

Mr. SMITH: That is a speech.

Mr. SPEAKER: I do not so rule.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: And we went and asked one of the estate owners if they could clear off the site to put a bath there but after the site was cleared, we discovered that it was up hill and it was not a suitable site. We then went to Dr. Moore's place and we decided that it was too wet. Since then we went to Rock Hall and the lady said she could not sell us the land so we are still looking for a suitable site.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Did the Minister hear what was suggested that the bath could be located at the site on Porey Spring which is the self same site off Dr. Moore's woods which the second Minister made reference to. Can the bath not be put there and the land drained at the same time?

Mr. SPEAKER: Is the Hon. Member answering his own question? The last question in respect of which I am advised an oral reply is available, is No. 47 which stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Joseph.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the Appropriate Minister:

1. Is Government aware of the inconvenience and embarrassment caused to some of the invitees at the Garrison Pasture on the occasion of the official celebration of the Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen on the 24th day of April, 1967, by causing them to sit on the very cold and cemented seats without something to sit on by way of a cushion to cushion the cold?

2. Does Government know that such cushions were provided and placed on the said cemented seats for the convenience of Senators and other dignitaries, and not for Members of the Honourable House of Assembly or others?

3. If the answers to the above are in the affirmative will Government state the reason for such discriminatory and unfair treatment.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, the reply is as follows:

1. No, Sir! The concrete stand which was used to accommodate guests to the parade on the morning of 24th April was the same stand used on the occasion of the flag Raising Ceremony during the Independence celebrations on the night of the 29th November, 1966. No reports of inconvenience or embarrassment were received on that former occasion.

2. There was not enough matting to cover more than the first two rows of seats of the Central block of the stand. No discrimination between dignitaries who were seated in accordance with the Table of Precedence and hon. members of the House were intended.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, will the hon. Minister state why cushions were provided for a Senator or Senators and none for His Honour the Speaker, nor the hon. Leader of the Opposition and his Lady?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: When the hon. member puts the question that way he makes it appear as if there was discrimination intended. I have said that there was not enough matting to cover more than the first two rows of the seats of the central block. It is not as if there was and it was not used; there was just no more than what was there, and I repeat that no discrimination was intended.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Sir, is the Minister suggesting that the Hon. Speaker does not have precedence over any Senator?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: No, I am not suggesting that at all. I do not at the moment know where it was Mr. Speaker was put to sit, but it is obvious from the hon. member's question that he could not have been in the central block where the matting was. If this is what actually happened, it is regretted, but no discrimination was intended.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I would like to ask the hon. Minister this. What is the order of precedence? Has the Government any order of precedence?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I think the hon. Leader of the Opposition knows the answer to that question, because he himself remembers as recently as a month ago on the occasion of the swearing-in of the Governor-General

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I am sorry I asked the Minister this. I am sorry I have to say it, because I was personally concerned. If there is no precedence - I presume the members who come within that calibre that the hon. Minister tells us there is a list of those who have certain precedence. A list should be given to those who are in charge of the actual seating of other arrangements. Is the hon. member aware, having referred to the swearing-in ceremony, that my motor car was put outside although I was among those who were to leave early for Government House?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: No, I am not aware of that. In answer, I said, Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of what the hon. member refers to. In answer to the other question as to whether a list of the order of precedence was put in the hands of persons who were to arrange the seating, I am certain the answer is yes, otherwise, it would not be properly arranged. There can be oversights or mistakes, but the point of the hon. member's question was that there was discrimination, and the reply states that none was intended. There may have been an inconvenience and this is regretted, but certainly no discrimination was intended, 4.05 p.m.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Since the Minister has referred to the occasion when the Governor-General was sworn in and when a certain precedence was observed on that occasion, will he agree that on that occasion Your Honour and the Hon. Leader of the Opposition and his Lady were all accorded a superior position of precedence to ordinary Senators and members of the House in that they were received in the Court Yard while the others were received up here? Was the same precedence in use at the Queen's Birthday Parade as the ceremony of the swearing in of the Governor General?

Mr. ST. JOHN: I should like to enquire as to who was in charge of arrangements, such as the arrangements for the seating at the Queen's Birthday Parade.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: That is usually done by the Cabinet Office.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Is the Minister satisfied that the Cabinet Office uses some order of precedence on these occasions?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I am sure that that will be so.

Mr. SMITH: Is the Minister satisfied that the office of the Cabinet has disregarded His Honour the Speaker and the Hon. Leader of the Opposition by putting them on the very cold seats without cushions, and putting ordinary people on seats with cushions? Is he satisfied that it is the fault of the Cabinet or the Officers of the Cabinet?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I do not accept that. It would be so if we had to defend ourselves against the charge of discrimination. This charge cannot stand on the facts of the question asked by the hon. member. We have pointed out why some people sat on cushions and why other people did not sit on cushions. We made it quite clear that no discrimination was intended. Whether you are in the Government or in the Opposition, there is bound to be some disturbance or discrimination or disagreement about precedence from time to time. We try as far as we can, to avoid all occasions of disagreement or disturbance and certainly to avoid making it appear as if there is some discrimination practised. A lot of people asked the Minister immediately after the flag-raising ceremony why the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition sat in the enclosure and the Ministers did not. He said that that is because they represented the two leading political parties. The Constitution recognizes the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and therefore it was quite proper for the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to be inside the enclosure while other Ministers were not there. We did not complain that there was any slighting of us or that precedence has been broken in any way, although normally the Hon. Leader of the Opposition ranks lower than the Ministers. On that occasion it was quite proper for the Hon. Leader of the Opposition to have that position.

The point I want to make is this: No discrimination was intended. We are certain that whereas some people might have felt aggrieved, that was not justified because there was no idea of making them feel uncomfortable. It just happened that this was how the seating was, in accordance with what was conceivable. No deliberate act was done to exclude or to insult anybody. Hon. members must believe this because those are the facts.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Does the Minister suggest that? I can think of half-dozen cases. When the hon. member refers to the State Ball, is he aware of the fact that I got my invitation on my plate when I sat down placed in the enclosure? Why was the invitation not made out earlier? Because somebody asked how can you leave out the Leader of the Opposition and the hon. member says that they do these things at the Cabinet Office?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I sympathize with the hon. member. With respect to the State Ball he was away ahead of me, because I got my invitation when I returned from it.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I was speaking about the State Dinner and then we went to the enclosure. That is what I am speaking of.

EMPLOYMENT OF FOOTBALL AND LAWN TENNIS COACHES

Mr. SPEAKER: I would like to remind the House that at our last meeting the Oral Reply to Parliamentary Question No. 21, asked by the hon. senior member for St. James was ready, and, in fact, so far as I recall, it was duly laid on the Table of the House. I deferred the Reply because the hon. member was not in his place. The hon. member is now present and he may put the question if he so desires.

Mr. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, to enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will the Government state if and when Government will employ Football and Lawn Tennis Coaches so as to improve the standard of these games in Barbados?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, the Reply to the hon. member's question is as follows:-

"Consideration has been given to the need for coaching in Football and in this connection the Government, in conjunction with the Barbados Football Association and the mercantile community, is endeavouring to obtain the services of an overseas coach.

The services of a tennis coach have been sought as a Technical Assistance Scheme in which case the emphasis

will be laid not so much on the coaching of local players, but on the training of suitable teachers and others in the coaching of the games.

Mr. CRAIG: I thank the Hon. Minister for his Reply.

Mr. SPEAKER: That concludes the consideration of Questions to which Replies have been laid.
4.15 p.m.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Government Business be now taken.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

ORDER NO. 2 TAKEN

Mr. SPEAKER: The first Order under Government Business stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned Prime Minister -

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that Order No. 2 be taken as the first order of the day.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: I beg to move that Your Honour do now leave the Chair and the House go into Committee of Supply.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair and the House went into Committee of Supply, Mr. YEARWOOD on the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE 1967-68 No. 1

SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION EQUIPMENT

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, this Resolution is for the sum of \$14,225 and as the addendum states, this sum represents the cost, including freight, insurance, etc., of a wired communication system for simultaneous interpretation in three foreign languages, designed to serve 300 persons, and includes the cost of construction of interpreters' booths.

Hon. members would probably remember that mention has been made of a conference for the Caribbean Mental Health Association which will be held sometime later this year, either in July or August and arrangements are being made to accommodate the various number of nationalities who would be taking part in that conference. It would be a question of our having simultaneous interpretative equipment in order to provide for the successful holding of this conference here. The only place that we can get this sort of equipment is at the Hilton Hotel and we cannot secure it on rent for less than \$2,000 (U.S.) a day. In other words, the sum of \$7,200 (W.L.) as was done by the I.C.F.T. U.

In view of that cost, it was decided that it would be very much more economical to secure a portable set of equipment. Dr. Schafner has represented that this sort of equipment would cost about \$8,000 (U.S.) and we have come down with this Resolution in order to secure this equipment.

We have already given consent to the obtaining of this equipment because we have passed in the Estimates a token sum for its acquirement. Hon. members can therefore see that the approval of acquiring this equipment has already been granted, so therefore we have come now for the sum of \$14,225 in order to obtain this equipment. The equip-

ment would be very useful to this Island in that Barbados is becoming the venue of the holding of international conferences.

Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: I beg to second that.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: We all well remember the debate which took place when this item was discussed during the debate on the Estimate, therefore, the Hon. Minister is not unaware of the contribution made by the hon. junior member for the City of Bridgetown who spoke of the illicit use of this equipment. We were listening for the Hon. Minister to make some mention of that but we did not hear him say anything on that aspect. On that occasion, there were a number of unanswered questions.

First of all, I would like to ask the Hon. Minister if this amount which is set down here will include the paying of interpreters. I doubt whether interpreters can be acquired for less than \$100.00 (U. S.) a day. I was told that it was necessary to bring along the interpreters from abroad.

We have heard that this is for the purpose of the Caribbean Mental Health Conference. I would like to know if the Barbados Government is standing the total cost of this conference because if the Hon. Minister talks of the hiring of equipment would cost \$200.00 (U.S.) a day, I think that the expense which the Minister talked about would have been met by all the Governments concerned.
4.25 p.m.

Presumably the Minister intends that this equipment will fall into general use for conferences in Barbados, and we would only like to know what hotels or other conferences would have occasion to use this equipment, who would use it and pay rent for it. It is portable equipment, and whether it is portable or not, it is not going to be the sort of equipment that has to remain in the Hilton Hotel, because we would not like to know that this is in any way free to the Hilton Hotel.

If there are additional costs involved in hiring interpreters, I hope the Government is going to give the same attention to the hiring of these interpreters, or in some way persuade Barbadians who may be trained in any languages to do the interpretation. I hope the Government is going to encourage such persons to make their services available to Barbados in future. If my information is correct, and interpreters are going to be brought from abroad, we would be making a joke if we have equipment but have not got the personnel to use it. I presume the three languages to be used are French, Spanish and Dutch, but again the Minister has not told us what exactly the languages are.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thought I had made myself clear in some respects. I want to make it clear now and I hope I succeed. At one time the Mental Health Association, which is distinct from the Government, were negotiating with the Manager of the Hilton Hotel to see whether they could provide the necessary equipment in connection with this conference. The Government is giving a grant to assist the Association. The Manager of the Hilton Hotel at one time said that the cost would be \$200, and then he eventually said he could not provide the equipment. The Government came to the assistance of the Mental Health and other organisations by making provision in the Estimates for buying this equipment. I mentioned that on Dr. Schafner's advice we got a portable set which would cost about \$800 U.S., it would be Government property, available for all future conferences.

I hope that is clear. Apart from the three foreign languages, French, Spanish and Dutch, and the expenditure of the interpreters, they are not provided here. The conference is being held by the Mental Health Association, they will have to find the money to pay for the interpreters. We are helping as much as we can and we are going all out to assist them in making the conference a success.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, the Minister made himself perfectly clear on the first occasion, and indeed on the second, almost as clear. Perhaps I did not make myself altogether clear. I would be glad to hear that the equipment is not on permanent loan to the Hilton Hotel for free for all conferences to be held in the future. All I want to know is not that it is portable but it will be transported, it will be moved from the Hilton to wherever it is needed. The Minister has not told us that yet.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, probably this may set the hon. member's mind at rest. The conference, in the first instance, is not being held any longer at the Hilton Hotel, it is transferred to the Marine Hotel, so that the portable system will be installed at the Marine Hotel, which is the venue for this conference. It is the property of the Government and not the property of the Marine Hotel and it will be available to all, whether it be in Queen's Park, in Holy Innocent's School or any school. It is portable and will be available provided, of course, the Government is willing to rent it or hire or whatever it thinks fit. It is Government property and not the property of the Hilton Hotel as such.

Mr. ST. JOHN: The Hon. Minister, even on the second occasion, seems to disclose that the Government at this stage, although they are buying this equipment, have not yet made up their minds as to the policy in respect of this equipment. We can see, as far as the Mental Health Conference is concerned, that the Government will allow the use of the equipment at this conference, but we want to know if the Government has a policy as to whether this equipment will be rented with a view to recovering the capital cost which the taxpayers of this country have had to bear, whether the Ministry of the Government has a policy in its mind, having incurred the expenditure of \$14,225 and if there is a policy, what will be the rental basis.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I will go further than the hon. member for Christ Church. Just as the Government is not entitled to spend any money unless voted by the House, so it is not entitled to give away or lend away Government property without informing the House and getting its sanction. Is the hon. Minister telling us that already the Mental Health Association have been told that they will be getting the free use of this equipment? I am not now questioning whether it is right or wrong, I am questioning whether things of this sort are not irregular, that Government property is being loaned out free. What will happen to us if the Government says "we are the Cabinet and any property that we have anybody can have free"?
4.35 p.m.

Of course I am saying again that none of us on this side of the House would say that you should not help the Mental Health Association and more especially that the Government has a concern for mental cases. There are certain cases which only a Surgical Operation could really cure. I have risen again because I want to support very strongly what the hon. senior member for Christ Church has said. There must be a policy with respect to this Government-owned apparatus and that is the policy with regard to the use of it. You will not loan it out free without the prior approval of the House. I feel as if I am teaching the Alphabet to young children when I am addressing the Government. (ASIDES) Some day when we have a zoo, the hon. junior member for St. Thomas will have his rightful place in it. He is interrupting the House. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the difficulty which you find in keeping the hon. member in order.

I did not quite catch what the Hon. Minister said about the interpreters whether the interpreters are being paid and by whom.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I thought that I had made myself clear when I said that the Mental Health Association is holding this Conference and that the expense of interpreting will fall on them and not on the Government.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, we do not always hear hon. members on the other side and, doubtless,

the same thing applies over here. English would be a foreign language to some members of this House. *(Laughter)* I know that there was one who went to learn German; within a very short time he went to Germany and addressed German Students in German. I do not think that the ability of such a person should be lost to the Mental Health Association. I wonder whether there will be simultaneous interpretation when papers will be read. Again I ask whether there is any danger in the Mental Health Association not observing in the speeches that will be made, the possibility of the system breaking down if anything other than the type-written document is put before the Association Conference.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, hon. members are becoming blurred in their questions. The Mental Health Association is holding this Conference, not the Government. We are trying to accommodate the Mental Health Association by giving them a substantial grant. They have made out a case that unless they have this equipment, the Conference will not be successful. You have representatives from Surinam, Guadeloupe, the Antilles and so on. We are trying to buy this equipment which will be the property of the Barbados Government, and it will be placed under the control of the Government Electrical Engineer. If it is free then it will be free; if we have to pay, then we will have to pay.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Who will judge whether this will be beneficial? If the Barbados Labour Party wants to have the use of this equipment will we get it even if we offer payment for it? What about the "pep" meetings which the Government is holding? You have to put down money and if any thing happens, the money will still be there. All Barbadians deal with discrimination.
4.45 p.m.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The hon. member thinks that he can come in here and behave as if he is in Welchmanhall Gully. He is mistaken. The hon. member thinks that he can come in here and insult hon. members. Let him dare repeat it outside. Some hon. members are trying to make in here a place for abusing other people.

Sir, I can quite appreciate the statement of the Hon. Minister who has moved the passing of this Resolution but I regret that nothing has been told us of the Government's policy in a matter of this sort with regard to paying for the use of it or not.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Sir, now that the Hon. Minister has replied, his reply has disclosed the complete indifference of the Cabinet and the Ministers in this country as to the use of the taxpayers' money. How can the hon. member state in here that the Cabinet will from time to time decide whether it would be loaned out free or whether it should be paid for when the taxpayers are asked to pay \$14,255 for this equipment and when a conference was held at the Hilton Hotel at which this sort of equipment was used, the cost of rental was \$200.00 (U.S.) a day?

It is complete indifference that this equipment can be loaned out and it is up to the Government to say what is the cost of using it. This is no joke; the public has got to know about it. This is the public's property; it is not owned by the Government.

I saw that "Eyre" was bought out of the public's money and yet you find the Ministers going up there and cutting grass for their horses. We do not want it to be known that this equipment can be used by any Minister to lend to his friends. That is why we say that you must have a policy. Already, we hear that the sum of \$14,000 was taken up by the Chairman of the Marketing Board. There has not been any intimation of any interest being paid.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member is trying to make an issue out of something which is not the subject of this Resolution. The hon. member is out of order. I object on a point of order.

Mr. ST. JOHN: How can I be out of order when I am pointing out to the Honourable House the discrimination in the use of this equipment?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: The Government owns all sorts of equipment. On this occasion, the Government is trying to accommodate the Caribbean Mental Health Association. That association is doing good work. To such association, the Family Planning Organization and Organizations like that; it would be loaned free. To some organizations that can pay, they will be loaned this equipment but they will have to pay \$200.00 a day for it. You cannot sit down there and dictate the policy of the Government. We have a policy.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Sir, I am only asking the policy as regards the rental of this piece of equipment. Let the Hon. Minister tell us if the Government is considering the rental of this equipment and the cost of rental per day. I do not want this piece of equipment to be loaned all around without people having to pay for it. "Eyre" has been bought out of public money and Ministers go up there and get grass to feed their horses. The sum of \$14,000 has been had from the Marketing Board. I would like to see the Government and the Cabinet and all hon. member over their conduct themselves with scrupulous honesty.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: The hon. member would not be allowed to get away with that at all. The hon. member has said in a sinister manner -

Mr. ST. JOHN: Sir, the hon. Minister has said quite plainly that I have said something in a sinister manner. I ask the Hon. Minister to withdraw that remark.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: They are sinister in this respect.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. The hon. member seems to think he can make those remarks. I object to the words "sinister manner".

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, if they are unparliamentary, I withdraw them. It is not for him to say that they are unparliamentary. If the remark is unparliamentary, I would withdraw it.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Mr. Chairman, I object to the remarks that the hon. member has used. When he said that I have a sinister manner.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Objection is taken to the words, "sinister manner". Is the hon. member willing to withdraw the remark?

(A VOICE: Oh no, Sir.)

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, in order to make yourself easier, I withdraw them but I do not regard them as unparliamentary.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Sir, I take objection to that because I regard that as an insult to Your Honour.

The question that the Resolution do now pass, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

4.55 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1967-68 No. 2

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, supplementary provision is required under Item 14 of this Head. This amount is required to make an ex-gratia payment to Postman W. O. Layne to assist him in raising \$11,330 which is the balance of a judgment debt of \$16,130, some time in 1961 while engaged in his duties as a Postman attached to the Post Office. This matter has been pending quite a long time and it is felt that Mr. Layne should receive this payment. In the circumstances, I beg to move that Head 16 stand part.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am very much in sympathy with this Resolution, but I wish the hon. Leader of the House would give us some further information. It says here that this amount is required to make an ex-gratia payment to Layne to assist him in raising \$11,330. \$16,000 was

obtained against him by a cyclist with whom he was involved in an accident whilst riding his motor cycle on the 6th May, 1961 in the course of his duties as postman attached to the Christ Church Post Office.

Now if you are coming here to say that you are going to find \$5,000 out of \$11,000, I am wondering whether you should not be finding the entire \$16,000 in view of the fact that the Addendum sets out "while riding his motor cycle in the course of his duties". If in the course of his duties he got involved in an accident, I should like a further explanation, why are you not paying the entire judgment debt, or why are you paying any at all. I would be very much in favour of paying the entire amount. This gentleman has lost his entire property, he has nothing now. They actually levied on him. Judgment was obtained against him, he was in the course of his duties, and you come for \$5,000. You are not lending him, why come for an ex gratia payment when you are saying that he was carrying out his duties? I would like the Minister in charge of this to let us know why they are not giving him the entire amount of money if the man was called upon to do his duty, and if he got into an accident in doing his duty. What is the difference between this and the Fire Officer in his duty driving a van? Are you going to pay some of the damages for the Fire Officer? I am really in favour of paying all the money for the man.

Mr. ST. JOHN: The hon. senior member for the City has raised a question. The Addendum is possibly a little misleading. My understanding is that the Postman was in the course of his work, and he was riding a vehicle which is the property of the Governor-in-Executive Committee. He was loaned the money to buy this motor cycle, there is no doubt about that. It was regarded that the possession of a vehicle was necessary for performing the duty of a Postman, so that the Crown was considered as the owner and Layne in the course of his duty was a servant or agent of the Crown. The Crown was not sued, and that illustrates a point that we have been making for a period of time, that this gentleman has a compulsory Third Party Insurance - the limitation of this insurance case will draw forcibly to the attention of the Government the need to change the compulsory Third Party limit for motor vehicles in respect of personal injury.

The Judgment in this case was \$16,130. As the compulsory insurance only covers \$4,800, the debt seems to be the difference between the \$4,800 and the \$16,130, and the Government has agreed to pay half and make Layne stand the other half. As I understand it, a levy has been placed on the Postman's house and the sale has been advertised and is due to come off some time very soon.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I would suggest to the Government that the Opposition is clearly in favour of paying the whole debt. I would suggest to the Government to postpone consideration of this and come back next Tuesday. Perhaps the hon. member could say why they are doing it this way. If he were guilty of negligence I suppose we will have to be satisfied, but if he is doing his duty, why should the extent of insurance which was spoken of by the member for Christ Church penalise him? Do what is fair to the man, pay everything.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, I think I can throw some light on this case. This case took place in 1961 in May, this Government came into power in December 1961; however, this does not absolve this Government or any other Government from blame. What really happened, according to the evidence, Layne was at a major stop, somebody came down and ran into his cycle. They went to the Court, Layne lost the case and was ordered to pay damages. He was acting for the Government, and as a result the Government should have been prosecuted along with him, but because they have some unscrupulous people living in this society, they deliberately prosecuted Mr. Layne alone and not the Government. If they had prosecuted the Government, the Government would have sent proper lawyers to represent this man's case. As a matter of fact, the man would not have been found guilty at all.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Do you know that Asquith was the lawyer in the case? Jack Dear was representing the Insurance Company.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: It was Mr. Phillips' duty to win the case for the man, and it was Mr. Dear's duty to decide that the Government should have been charged too. He knew

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I would like to remind hon. member of Standing Order No. 29 (5) which states that while a member is speaking all other members shall be silent and shall confer only in undertones.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: They knew, Mr. Chairman, that if the Government had to represent the man, the Crown Law Officers would have been sent to represent Mr. Layne and would have brought out these facts. What has happened in Mr. Layne's case is that this was never brought to the attention of the Government until some time early this year on late last year.

What had happened was this. Mr. Layne went back to the Postmistress in Christ Church and told her casually that he had an accident with a man. The Postmistress in turn also took it casually and did not report the matter as she should have. As a result Mr. Layne had legal action taken against him and judgment was given in the sum of \$16,600; the insurance company that Mr. Layne was insured with paid out \$4,800, leaving a balance of \$11,000 and some. If this was brought to the attention of this Government, Mr. Layne would have been - the Ministry of Education wanted to buy 1/8 of the land from Mr. Layne for school purposes, that is how we came to find out about the accident with this gentleman whose property had been sold out. 5.05 p.m.

On the last occasion Mr. Layne bid on the house himself and the house was sold to him. It takes this amount to make the debt right. The Government has decided to pay off the difference that Mr. Layne covered and that is how this whole thing has come to light. We have issued instructions to all departments that no matter how small an accident might appear to be, it is the duty of the Head of the Department to report the matter to the Minister and he will, in turn, report it to the Crown Law Officer and the proper representation will be given.

Mr. ST. JOHN: The Hon. Minister says that Mr. Layne found himself in this position as a result of unscrupulous lawyers. He says that the lawyer for the Insurance Company defended.....

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, I never said that Mr. Layne found himself in that position because of unscrupulous lawyers. I said because of unscrupulous people, not lawyers.

Mr. ST. JOHN: Well, unscrupulous people. This is a little piece of information for the hon. member. It is for the plaintiff to choose his adviser. The plaintiff's duty was to sue the Crown. The hon. member should look and see who appears for the plaintiff. I think it is a most unfortunate and regrettable expression to use with respect to any person in the conduct of litigation, even although he is a colleague of the hon. member. He is trying to mislead this House. The point is that judgment was not delivered until 1963. The writ was issued in 1962. What has happened is that the Government has decided to pay \$5,665 for one-eighth of an acre of land. The Minister has said that the Government has decided that it will split the difference between \$11,330 and Mr. Layne has agreed to give the Government in exchange for that money, one-eighth of an acre of land. The Government has said that it is buying Mr. Layne's piece of land. I know the whole history of the case. It is not true to say that the Government only knew about this matter in this year. Mr. Layne went to the Minister of Health repeatedly.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, that is not true.

Mr. St. JOHN: Anyhow, Sir, the suggestion was made that since the man owns land next to the Christ Church Girls' School and the Ministry of Education was looking to expand the playing fields there, the Government was interested in acquiring a piece of land. The Government and the man could not agree exactly as to the area of the land. What I object to, and this is what we must get to the people who are responsible for these matters, these matters are not being dealt with by insignificant and inconsequential people. We are entitled to honesty in the presentation of the facts surrounding this Resolution. When you say that this amount of \$5,665 is required to make an *ex-gratia* payment to this man, this is not an *ex-gratia* payment at all. This is the purchase price for an eighth of an acre of land (A MEMBER: Shame!) The Minister said that the Government has agreed to pass this sum of money and Mr. Layne has agreed to give the Government one-eighth of an acre of land. This is not any *ex-gratia* payment.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. I have never said that this is an *ex-gratia* payment. I said that we discovered this through the Ministry of Education trying to negotiate for a piece of land. The man intended selling the land.

Mr. St. JOHN: There is a fundamental discrepancy between the facts as presented in the Resolution and the explanation which has been given. We are now hearing that this is one-eighth of an acre of land which is somewhere in the vicinity of 5,000 sq. ft. and at sixty or seventy or eighty cents a foot. Calculate that and you will see what you will get.

5.15 p.m.

The Minister said that the man would give the Government an acre of land. In exchange for what would he give it? Is he giving what is known as a deed of gift?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Prior to this, the Government was asked about purchasing this land. After they could not agree and after a lot of rigmarole taking place, the truth is that Mr. Layne came and asked the Government to grant him the remainder of the money so as to make up the full amount.

(LOUD ASIDES)

Mr. CHAIRMAN: If hon. members want to speak, let them please address the Chair?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: This money which the Government is granting to Mr. Layne is not for his land.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I am appealing to the Government. Do not let us squeeze Mr. Layne. Let us pay the total judgment which Mr. Layne was asked to pay because he was carrying out his duty at the time.

Mr. Chairman, I am therefore going to move that the Resolution be deferred so that the Government can consider the matter. I now formally beg to move that consideration of this Resolution be postponed.

Mr. St. JOHN: Sir, the Hon. Minister said that a lot of rigmarole took place. Now, Sir, a former Chief Justice gave justice to the injured person in this litigation. The then Chief Justice granted the lady full damages. The difficulty is that Mr. Layne in order to satisfy the judgment offered to sell a portion of his land. The Government and Mr. Layne could not agree as to the price for this land.

Now that this matter has been taken up, the Government is expected to get one-eighth acre of land. That is the position. The Hon. Minister said so out of his own mouth.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: The point about this matter is that there is no secret deal. This question of this land is that the matter would have to pass through the Registrar's office.

Mr. St. JOHN: Sir, what I said is that the Government is expecting Mr. Layne to give one-eighth acre of land and in respect of that is the passage of this Resolution. In other words, Mr. Layne is selling his land to the Government in consideration of this. The Government is not giving him an *ex-gratia* payment. The Government is getting one-eighth acre of land for doing this.

What I object to is how they have concealed this matter from the House. If we were not pressing this, we would think that this is done through some kindness of heart. I deplore a situation like this. This is a Resolution which is based upon a misstatement of facts. This is coming out of the taxpayers' money. This addendum is a dishonest statement. It falsifies matters of fact. This House is being misled. Instead of Government giving an *ex-gratia* payment to Mr. Layne, they are buying this man's land for \$5,665.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: I am glad that I came into this House when this matter was being debated because I had intended to say very little on this passage of this Resolution but now that I have listened to the speeches of the hon. junior member for St. Thomas and the hon. senior for Christ Church, a disgraceful state of affairs has been revealed.

What has happened? A Government servant is sued for something that happened in the course of his work. This is a matter which went on in court for quite a number of months. I have never heard expressed any difficulty about the Government paying the whole judgment. Sometime ago a boy was killed by a driver of Department of Highways and Transport while the driver was driving a motor vehicle belonging to the Department in the course of his duties. The matter went before the court and the Government paid the damages. Therefore, on the face of that and many other cases which I can think of, it seems as if there is discrimination against the person mentioned in this Resolution, Mr. Layne. I think it is hard on Mr. Layne. It is clear that if Mr. Layne had been sued along with the Attorney General, the Government would have accepted full payment.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I am going to accept the suggestion for the postponement of this Resolution. The point is that I myself do not like the interpretation of something which has arisen in this debate.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Sir, that of course, cut short a great deal of what I was going to say and I am very much obliged to the Hon. Leader of the House.

However, Sir, before I sit down I just want to say this. There are two members of the legal profession which have been pilloried by the Hon. Minister. One is Senator Phillips and the other is Mr. Jack Dear a former Senator. Mr. Dear has been abused for the stand he took in this matter. If this matter goes outside of here as it is and without any objection Mr. Dear would have no chance of defending himself.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Sir, I have never said anything about someone being pilloried. I would be willing to do it to the hon. member. I did not know that I had pilloried Mr. Jack Dear, a former member of the Other Place. I said because of unscrupulous people. I did not talk about going outside and making a statement.

5.25 p.m.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: I would just remind hon. members to use the word "competent" in connection with bringing a case against the Government. That was an indictment of Senator Phillips, because he is the only person who can do it. The Government could not be joined by the Defendant in this matter, it is a matter of law. Mr. Dear cannot be blamed, the intricacies of the law of Master and Servant, are such, nobody expects a layman to understand these things, but when a layman does not understand and uses the shelter of this House to put his misunderstanding into these forms a

very serious thing has been done. The capability of former Senator Dear as a lawyer has been questioned, and all that happened was that Mr. Layne was sued and not the Government, and that is the end of the matter.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I do not intend to say much on this, but first I want to second the motion of the hon. senior member for the City. I would merely add this. It was suggested to the Leader of the House that this Addendum be rewritten. After what has been said here, it is clear that this is a deliberate untruth and the Addendum should be rewritten and the truth set out. I am not a practising lawyer and I cannot be accused of trying to get legal work, but I would really like to know one or two things. From the debate it is clear that if there is anything in writing, Mr. Layne can compel the Government to pay him for 1/8 of an acre, and will get, as he should get, this so-called *ex gratia* payment. If the Government made a contract with Layne to buy his land from him, he should be paid for the land, and this payment is not *ex gratia* anyhow, because if Layne is guilty the Crown is guilty, if Layne is liable for damages in this accident, the Crown is liable. The Crown was not made a defendant, therefore, I would appeal to the Leader of the House to set out in the Addendum that this is not an *ex-gratia* payment, but payment that the Crown is liable for by reason of the fact that Layne was acting in the course of his duties. As long as this appears as an *ex gratia* payment, everybody will be misled except those of us who have made this point clear. I therefore suggest again, even if there is nothing in writing binding the sale of any land that Layne wishes to sell, if he still wants to sell the land the Government should buy it for the price he asked for it, and also come down here and ask us to vote this money; everybody on this side will support that.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I am afraid we have been put under many illusions here this afternoon, and although I agree with the hon. Leader of the House and the hon. senior member for the City as far as the postponement of this Resolution is concerned, I will try to explain this matter.

I think it is perfectly clear what the position is. The position is that the Government is jointly liable with Layne, and as such the Postman Layne received from the Insurance Company the legal limit of \$4,800. Mr. Best then levied upon Mr. Layne's property, valued it at \$18,780 for the balance of the judgment debt of \$11,330 on a Writ of Execution. The property was not sold when first put up for sale in December 1965 because there were no bidders; however, on the date of the second sale in April of this year, the balance of the judgment debt, together with interest and cost, amounted to \$11,789.03. Mr. Layne was paid for the property \$12,500 and \$3,000 was paid as a deposit. There was then a balance left of \$9,500 due. Mr. Layne was not done any injustice, he has not suffered by the Government, although the action arose during the regime of the Government in 1961. Half of \$11,330, which is this judgment debt, amount to \$5,665 and that is the amount which we are asking to be voted for as an *ex-gratia* sum to assist Mr. Layne in the purchase of his property. The hon. senior member for Christ Church has some information, but he has not got it in the right perspective. The purchase price of Mr. Layne's land is 20 cents per square foot, \$2,178 and it makes a total of \$7,843. It would then be left for Mr. Layne to raise the remainder of \$1,647 which he has agreed to do.

5.35 p.m.

The Government is giving him one-half of the money, one-half as an *ex-gratia* grant and acquiring one-quarter of an acre of land for the school and the balance of the money Mr. Layne is putting up and the property is vested in Mr. Layne. This matter could be postponed because there is no necessity to come down with all this confusion, delusion and mistakes all down the line. The Government has come to the assistance of Mr. Layne. This has come down from the last Government from 1961 and the property is now vested in Mr. Layne.

Mr. St. JOHN: I am not surprised in any way despite the many efforts which the hon. member has made, because he is not a Solicitor. How can the hon. member, without a scintilla of the knowledge of the law, say that the cause of action in the last Government could be responsible for this? If the hon. member were to make a check he will find out that the writ was issued the year after 1961. I will sit and let him give me the date.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: When the writ was issued. (ASIDES)

Mr. St. JOHN: The hon. member again displays a certain fundamental lack of knowledge of sound law. If you do not sue the Crown within a year, the Statute of Limitations applies and that is the explanation for the benefit of the hon. member.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: The Crown has not yet been sued.

Mr. St. JOHN: The more the hon. member interrupts me, the more I will point out his lack of fundamental law. When the writ was issued, a year had expired, Judgment was obtained against Mr. Layne for the sum of \$16,000. The Minister says that the Government is jointly liable. The Hon. Minister remembers a few things about the law; if he knows the implication of a joint tortfeasor, the servant has the right of indemnity against his joint tortfeasor to the extent of 100 per cent. The Government should give 100 per cent, because the Court would give the man 100 per cent indemnity because he was acting in its interest. I fail to understand the position from the other side. Two Ministers were speaking, one of them said that this is one-eighth of an acre of land and the other Minister now says that it is one-quarter of an acre of land at 20 cents a sq. ft. If you are in trouble as this man was when the Provost Marshall levied and at the nearest appraisal the land would be sold without reserve, you would offer to sell it at any price. Would the Minister sell his land, which is situated in a built-up area, at twenty cents per square foot?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Assuming that the hon. member is referring to me, I have not had any say in these negotiations.

Mr. St. JOHN: I am saying that on the facts we have delusions and quite clearly the only person who is suffering from these delusions is the Hon. Minister himself. The position is that Mr. Layne was in a squeeze and he should not have had to pay one cent of this money. I do not want to cast any aspersions on any of my legal brethren but the Government should have been sued and the situation would have been different. What we are protesting about is that the Addendum in this case is misleading and dishonest because it seeks to conceal the facts before the House. The Civil Servant or whoever is responsible must know that we are not any nincompoops in here. We are responsible people in here and we are entitled to facts being presented to us. Let them stop talking with two voices.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, I began with an appeal to withdraw this altogether and set out the true facts with an honest Addendum. The hon. senior member for Christ Church differs from the Hon. Leader of the House. I suppose that their hatred of me is such that they do not want to listen to me. The hon. member who is a well-known practising lawyer, tells the Government free of charge that the Crown was as much liable as Mr. Layne. The Minister tells you that and then they talk about an *ex-gratia* payment! In my time I can tell the hon. member that although you cannot sue the Crown, if a policeman were to knock down a man you can sue the policeman but the Crown paid the policeman to put the money into the Court. This is not a question of establishing any precedent; even when the Crown is not liable, the Government pays. We are glad to see that there is one who does not always agree with his colleagues. This Addendum should be withdrawn and a fresh one put in setting out the facts that the Crown was liable, but the Crown was not sued because a year had passed; but because the Crown could have been liable, the Crown feels a moral obligation, if not an en-

forceable legal obligation. Which of us waits until six years have passed and then says you owe me but you allow ten years to pass. (ASIDES) Some of us do not pay until after six years. (Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Some of us do not pay at all.) The hon. member speaks for himself. 5.45 p.m.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Sir, for the last time I am going to ask the Hon. Leader of this House to withdraw this Resolution now and come down with another Resolution in its place.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Sir, after listening to the Hon. Minister of Social Services, you are bound to come to the conclusion that this addendum is misleading. As the Hon. Leader of the House has said, now that we have brought this matter to his attention, there are somethings which he does not like.

This addendum is rather misleading and I would ask again that this Resolution be postponed.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: After the Hon. Minister has spoken there seems to be some confusion. The Hon. Minister of Health has forgotten the statute of limitations. It is invariably the case for the Crown to pay damages arising out of tort when the Crown gets involved in an action for damages arising out of the action of one of its servants. As I have said, I know the case of a driver of one of the Government vehicles and this man did not have to pay damages out of his own pocket. Therefore, we are looking forward to the fact that the Government would pay the amount of damages which were imposed in this case, except the \$4,000 which the Insurance Company paid.

There are numerous regulations about the Crown having to pay but we do not even want the Crown to do that.

There was the suggestion that this matter could have been dealt with by the old Government.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I never suggested anything of the sort.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: I never said that it was dealt with by the old Government. The hon. junior member for St. Thomas said that the first time the Government had anything to do with it was this year.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: No, no; I never said that. I never said it was this year or last year.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, I accept the Hon. Minister's correction. However, what the Hon. Minister of Health is suggesting is that the old Government could have dealt with this matter.

How could I know what the result would be.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. I have already given the intimation that we are accepting the motion for the postponement of this Resolution. The longer this debate goes on I would be forced to defend the Government in the interest of clarifying the various things which were said by the hon. members. I have already said that there are somethings which are not satisfactory to me. The proper thing to do now, therefore, is to ask Your Honour to report progress and ask for leave to sit again.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I suggest getting the advice of the Attorney General.

The question that the CHAIRMAN report progress and ask for leave for the Committee to sit again, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, the motion which I propose to move now is this. We have already passed one Resolution in Committee of Supply. I propose that

Your Honour report the passing of one Resolution in Committee and ask for leave for the Committee to sit again.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Sir, this Resolution before us is in two parts. One is under Head 16 - Prime Minister's Office 1 - 1 for the sum of \$5,665. The other is under Head 23 - Ministry of Home Affairs 1 - 1 for the sum of \$855. We have dealt with the item under Head 14 and that is what we are asking to postpone.

It is now our intention to postpone the next item under this Resolution which deals with Fees to Reporters. 5.55 p.m.

Mr. MOTTLEY: If we postpone the whole thing it will take the Government some time and the Reporters will be held up. There must be some advice to be given in this respect.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Suppose this Resolution had 40 items in it, one of which could not be dealt with, would you have to postpone the other 39? Nonsense! We are only postponing consideration of Layne's affair. I think the proper thing has been done in moving the postponement of this item and act on the rest of the Resolution. Even if hon. members did not know Parliamentary procedure, it is purely nonsense to postpone the whole Resolution for one item.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, surely it is possible to amend the Resolution, we can always reduce it to \$865 and request the rest as shown in the Supplementary Estimate No. 2 Item 34 of the Schedule appended.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I really regret that I cannot accommodate hon. members. I do not know even if it would be right. I do not amend Resolutions on the floor of this House, when I accepted the suggestion from the other side for postponement I thought it was the whole Resolution I was agreeing to. Indeed, even if he did not understand, this is certainly what I wanted to do. I give the assurance that we can deal with this next week, but the point is, Mr. Chairman, I certainly could not amend a Resolution just like this.

Mr. MOTTLEY: I have seen the hon. member amend Resolutions in here but not increasing them, because if an increase is involved he would have to go to the Cabinet to get an increase. If I move that this Resolution which is for \$6,520 be reduced by \$5,665, that is in order and I submit that it is in order if I move that this Resolution be reduced by that. We would not like to hold up the money which the Reporters have worked for, and this is the other part of the Resolution, so if I move that the Resolution for this \$6,000 be delayed - this has been done several times by all Governments in here. This is a matter of policy, if he wants to postpone the entire Resolution, that is a matter for him.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: This has happened before. In a single Resolution you have half dozen items, you agree with one, you do not agree with the other, you come to an agreement to postpone the others, do you mean to tell me that you cannot delete one and in the report to the Speaker you cannot tell him that you deleted one item, postponed consideration of the other and accepted the others and make the report to the House "I beg to report that in Committee the House decided on the deletion of Item 1, the passing of Item 2 and so on"? Cannot that be done?

I would ask hon. members to forget that it has been done and put it as a matter of pure common sense. Why not consider something on which we are likely to agree? I can understand the Leader of the House is not very pleased with the turn the House has taken. Suppose there were 40 items, could you tell me because you cannot agree on one you will postpone the other 39?

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Chairman, we have made a motion over here and it has been seconded and the Minister has accepted.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, I must rise again. Let us not write ourselves down as idiots. We have various committees of the House for dealing with various things. The committee meets and debates and considers and arrives and does not arrive at decisions and then reports to the House what has been done. We could agree on 10 things, we could not agree on six things when reporting back to the House. You tell me that cannot be done? It is very material to me that we stick to Parliamentary procedure and not let the world think that we are a bunch of nitwits.

The question that the Resolution for \$14,225 do pass was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

6.05 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN reported and Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Resolution be now read a first time.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

Mr. SPEAKER: Will the Hon. Leader of the House report which Resolution was passed? The Chairman did not mention which Resolution was passed.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: That Resolution was the Resolution for the sum of \$14,225, Supplementary Estimate No. 1.

The question that this Resolution be now read a first time was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

On motions of Hon. J. C. TUDOR, seconded by Hon. C. E. TALMA in each case, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have not received any report from the Chairman with respect to the other Resolution.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Some of us were put in a rather peculiar position.

Mr. SPEAKER: On what matter is the hon. member speaking?

Mr. MOTTLEY: On the same Resolution.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have merely announced that I did not receive any information about the second Resolution and therefore I presume that that Resolution was not dealt with.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Did not the Government accept the postponement of it?

Mr. SPEAKER: I am not anything to do with what happened in Committee.

Mr. MOTTLEY: If they are going wrong, are we to sit here and say nothing?

Mr. SPEAKER: One Resolution was passed in the House and the only other matter on the Order Paper stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned Prime Minister.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I do not propose to know what was reported to Your Honour except what Your Honour said was reported to you. Your Honour said that it was reported to you that one Resolution had been passed

in Committee and that is true. The report was, however, incomplete in that while one Resolution had been passed the second one had been postponed and it should have been so reported.

Mr. SPEAKER: I expect that the further consideration of the other Resolution was postponed.

ORDER POSTPONED

Mr. SPEAKER: The only remaining Order of the Day under Government Business is Order No. 1 on the Order Paper for today. That Order stands in the name of the Hon. and Learned Prime Minister and it is to move the Second Reading of a Bill to provide for the establishment of a fund out of which the loss of, and damage to, certain liabilities incurred by the Crown in right of its Government of this island, and by certain statutory bodies are to be satisfied and insurance premiums on certain public property are to be paid.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I should just like to find out from hon. members if they are in possession of this Bill.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Some hon. members are in possession of it, not all.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition that he has not received a copy of this Bill.

Mr. St. JOHN: It is not among the papers that I received.

Mr. SPEAKER: Were those papers received at the recognized address?

Mr. St. JOHN: They were received at the usual address.

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: This Bill has not been circulated. What have been circulated are certain Reports. In any case, we are asking Your Honour to ask the Government not to proceed with this Bill at this stage.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has assured me that this Bill has not been circulated by the Government.
6.15 p.m.

We on this side are going to say right away, Your Honour, that we are going to ask the Government not to proceed with this matter today.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand the hon. member as saying that this Bill has not been circulated by the Government. This Bill has not been circulated by the Government because the Government does not circulate these things. Is the hon. member still dealing with that?

Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS: I ask whether that Bill was circulated to this House. When I used the word "circulated", two hon. members close to me told me that they did not know.

Mr. SPEAKER: Has this Bill been circulated to hon. members?

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, this Bill was circulated earlier. As a matter of fact, I did not proceed with this Bill last week for the simple reason that I wish to give hon. members a little more time to study it.

Mr. MOTTLEY: Mr. Speaker, whether it is right or wrong, I have not got a copy of the Bill yet.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, this concludes Government Business. I beg to move that Private Members' Business be now taken.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

PLAYING FIELD AND SOCIAL CENTRE IN ST. JOSEPH

Mr. SPEAKER: The first Order under Private Members' Business stands in the name of the hon. junior member for the City of Bridgetown. I observe that the hon. member is not now in his place.

The second Order under Private Member's Business stands in the name of the hon. senior member for St. Joseph. It is to move the passing of a Resolution relating to the urgent necessity for the establishment of a Playing Field and Social Centre in the parish of St. Joseph.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, this Resolution reads as follows:-

"WHEREAS there is an urgent necessity for the establishment of a playing field and Social Centre in the Parish of St. Joseph for the children and people in the entire Parish;

AND WHEREAS due to the hilly terrain in the said parish, some difficulty might be experienced in obtaining a suitable spot of land for the above purposes;

BE IT RESOLVED that this House request the Government to purchase a parcel of land from Blackmans Plantation butting and bounding on lands of Blackmans West Secondary School, north of the School, for the purpose of establishing a social centre and playing field."

Mr. Speaker, this Resolution explains itself fully. We in St. Joseph are not asking the Government to do something which has not been done for the other parishes. In my opinion, I think there are only two parishes in this Island that are without a social centre and playing field. They are St. Joseph and St. Peter. There are other parishes which only have a building and may not have a playing field. When I say "building" I mean a place suitable for a social centre. We had one at Bathsheba but this building is entirely out of order. The termites have got full possession of it and it is no longer suitable as a place to entertain the public.

The land which this Resolution is seeking to get is land adjacent to lands which the Government holds at Blackmans West Secondary School and it is an ideal spot for the establishment of a playing field and also a social centre. Apart from Blackmans West Secondary School, you have Blackmans School and not far away you have St. Joseph Church Boys' and Girls' School. Not far away you also have St. Anns' Junior School. Then you have St. Bernards' School which is not very far. The children at this school can take a bus and go to the site which I am talking about. The land adjoins a public road, I think on two sides.

West Secondary School is badly in need of a playing field. People from the parish of St. Joseph have to go all over the island when they want to hold an entertainment. If you put a social centre there, the people of St. Joseph will have somewhere where they can go, they would also have somewhere where they can play games.

Mr. Speaker, I would not take up the time of the House to explain anything more because the majority of hon. members know St. Joseph well and they know that it is very hard to get land to make a playing field. A school is already there and the land is already there, all that is needed is the wherewithall so far as the building is concerned.

When the people in the parish of St. Joseph want to hold their dances, they have to go as far down as Friend-

ship or to Queen's Park. If not, they have to go to St. Thomas' Social Centre. I feel that the time has come when we should do something along these lines. Let it not appear that we are only looking out for the needs of one parish and forgetting the others.

As I have said already, as far as I know, there are only two parishes which are in need of a Social Centre and Playing Field. There are St. Peter and St. Joseph. We have a nice spot at Blackmans which is suitable for this purpose and it would be well for the Government to acquire it and build on some building so as to accommodate the people. I may also mention that it is not far from Bathsheba.
6.25 p.m.

Some of them have to go up to St. John to hold their dances, only because they have no building whatsoever in the parish to help them out. I respectfully move that this Resolution do now pass.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: There is nothing I can add to what the hon. member said. I think I can say that hon. members know the parish, because if there is one good parish it is St. Joseph, for more reasons than one. It did not take people in St. Joseph long to find out its good side, and as the hon. member said he is not asking for anything that should not be given to the parish because of discrimination. I would like to think that St. Peter were as energetic and that they also would get a community centre. Because of disrepair and the fact that there were unfortunately some incidents of misuse of the building, I do not mean by the people who kept dances, but you will get some wayward person in every parish who likes to see what damage they can do to a building because it is not occupied. I beg to second this Resolution.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question of providing the parish of St. Joseph with an additional playing field and community centre is a policy with which the Government is in agreement. We feel that the facilities afforded by the St. Elizabeth's School, in other words, the St. Elizabeth's school playing field do not provide sufficient facilities for the entire parish owing to the topographical layout of the parish, how the population is disseminated, so again on the 19th August last year before this request was tabled, I gave specific instructions along these lines. I am not reading as a lawyer, I am reading what is actually here. It was on 19/8/66 I read to this Assembly and gave a directive that having St. Elizabeth school does not solve the problem for the parish of St. Joseph, the urgent need of a better playing field still exists, etc. Can you draw this to the attention of the Town and Country Planning Officer and have something done about it very soon. That was on the 19th August, 1966 so that the hon. members who have been representing St. Joseph - in the case of the hon. Leader of the Opposition for about 25 years if my memory serves me correctly, and in the case of the present senior member for St. Joseph from 1940 up to now - very experienced politicians and maybe statesmen today. They have represented St. Joseph for a long number of years, and this Government has not always been in office to look for playing fields as such. It is only within recent times we have assumed the rôle so like that it is a joint liability. It would seem we are jointly responsible, but be that as it may, without being sarcastic the Government is quite willing to support the passing of this Resolution as such, only that we feel it is the policy of Government not to sort of advertise before hand where the playing field may be because on some grounds the prices may be more economical.

Well, I agree with the passing of the Resolution as such. We could not agree with the Resolution in its entirety. "Be it resolved that the House request the Government to purchase a parcel of land" For the purpose of this Resolution we leave out the words "from Lammings Plantation abutting and bounding on lands..... secondary school". We leave out these words and the Resolution would read "Be it resolved that this House request the Government to purchase a parcel of land for the purpose

of establishing a secondary school and playing field, I think if we agree to that, and if the hon. mover of the Resolution would accept it, it may be that a visit to some of these sites we have in mind, a suitable site may be found and we would have not only a playing field, but a community centre. We recognise the need for establishing a central playing field and community centre in the parish of St. Joseph that the children of St. Joseph would not be denied the facilities.

Mr. SPEAKER: Do I understand the hon. member for Christ Church, the Minister of Health and Community Development to move that in the last paragraph the words be deleted in line 2 starting from "Blackman's plantation" to line 3 to "the School"?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Yes, Sir.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, the hon. Minister.....

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member who is now about to speak, is he exercising his right to a final reply?

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, I know that the hon. Minister began by saying an additional playing field in St. Joseph and referred to St. Elizabeth, but I take it that St. Elizabeth would only accommodate the children at St. Elizabeth's school, that would only accommodate St. Elizabeth school children. I am dealing now - I am asking for one that will accommodate the other school children and the public.
6.35 p.m.

We tried again because we came up against a snag and we turned over to Retreat. That again would have taken up a large area of agricultural land which produces well. As to the last resort, there is a particular spot which I was keeping my eyes upon; but before I could get to it, the owners had it planted in canes which are growing very well. Now as to the particular spot by the St. Joseph school, you would not have to build any roads; you would just have to pay the owners and do a little bit of levelling, and it is particularly a central spot in the parish. It is on the road leading to Bathsheba and it is on the bus route. There is nowhere at the moment that you can think of putting up a Community Centre and a playing field in St. Joseph except at that spot, so if you intend to rob people or to deprive them of their agricultural land to make a playing field, you would not miss it too much.

As I have said, Sir, this spot is next to the School and it would practically pay for itself in being let out for holding dances and things of that sort. The Minister will be surprised to know that on festivals they have walking races up there and they start from the lower end of the place and stop at this site. If we have a Social Centre and a playing field there, the walking races would end up there and they would start fresh by drinking and dancing and we will be doing a very good job. If the Hon. Minister is thinking of putting this playing field anywhere else in the parish, I can afford to say that there is no where else in the parish which is suitable for the establishment of a proper playing field and a site for a Social Centre than at Blackman's. The same watchman who is engaged at Blackman's School could be the watchman for the Social Centre. I do not see where you would then be requiring two caretakers. I repeat, that this site would be an ideal one for a Social Centre and playing field. I am quite willing to accompany the Minister or Ministers to this spot at any time that they wish to go through the parish, and I will convince them that there is nowhere else in the parish where we could acquire a suitable site other than the particular site which I am talking of now. That particular area could also accommodate the lower part of St. John so that we would not have to be butting about the parish if the Government is willing to purchase that portion of land.

Mr. SPEAKER: Do I understand that the hon. senior member for St. Joseph does not accept the amendment?

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, if I do not accept the amendment, the Government may think that I do not want to be willing and to be co-operative or that I want to bully them into buying this particular site. I will accept the amendment. I am willing to accept whatever they do because we want to have a playing field and Social Centre in St. Joseph. However, Sir, I am sure that when they go into the matter they will be convinced that this particular area will be the best area for this purpose. I will accept the amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand that the hon. senior member for St. Joseph has accepted the amendment which has been proposed by the hon. junior member for Christ Church, namely, that the words in the third paragraph of the Resolution "from Blackman's Plantation butting and bounding on lands of Blackman's West Secondary School, north of the School," be deleted. I gather that the hon. junior member for St. Joseph, who has seconded the motion for the passing of the Resolution, agrees with the acceptance of the amendment.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I would suggest to the hon. member and the Minister that the Resolution be accepted with the additional words "or other suitable site", and that would not confine them to accept Blackman's Plantation.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid that the hon. member is getting beyond answering my question.
6.45 p.m.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I think that I can give hon. members the assurance.

Mr. SPEAKER: What is the Hon. Minister speaking on?

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I am asking for leave to give the assurance.

Mr. SPEAKER: If the hon. junior member for Christ Church is asking leave of the House to give an assurance, he can speak again with the leave of the House.

There being no objection, leave was granted the hon. member.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I made a motion for an amendment to this Resolution which is being discussed. There is no reason why we should be tied down to only discussing this piece of land at Blackmans, we should be able to discuss any other land that is suitable.

We, therefore, can leave out the words "from Blackmans Plantation butting and bounding on lands of Blackmans West Secondary School, north of the School."

By doing that, if there are any other suitable areas, they can be considered. We do not need to specify any particular area of land. We would be able to go all over St. Joseph if we agree to that amendment.

That last paragraph will now read: "BE IT RESOLVED that this House request the Government to purchase a parcel of land for the purpose of establishing a social centre and playing field."

I do not think they should be any objection to that. I think that amendment will cover everything.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, all that I was saying is that this particular piece of land was suitable. I accept the amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment has been accepted.

The question is that this Resolution as amended do now pass.

Hon. members in favour will please say "Aye" and hon. members who are of the contrary opinion will please say "No". Methinks the "Ayes" have it.

ORDER No. 3 OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS
NOT PROCEEDED WITH

Mr. SPEAKER: The next Order stands in the name of the hon. and learned senior member for Christ Church: Third reading of a Bill to incorporate the Barbados Family Planning Association.

On the 30th May, 1967, this Bill was read a second time and referred to a Select Committee. That Committee has not yet reported as I was made to understand.

THE ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now stand adjourn until Tuesday next 20th June, 1967 at 2.30 p.m.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: I beg to second that.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, again, I must point out that the Opposition is entitled to time to discuss its business. I am very glad for the opportunity we were given today to discuss some of our business.

I suggest to the Leader of the House that all that is needed is that we stick to the time for the commencement of this House which is at 12.00 o'clock (noon). There would be no need to suspend Standing Orders of this House and

Private Members would be able to discuss their business at the usual time which is allotted at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move an amendment and it is that 2.30 p.m. be deleted and "12.00 o'clock (noon)" be inserted.

Mr. SMITH: I beg to second that.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: If the Hon. Leader of the Opposition will not insist on that time for next Tuesday, I will be much obliged. I leave it to him. I will give some thought on the matter. So far as that is concerned, if the hon. members withdraws that motion I will be much obliged.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I cannot agree with him.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question now is that this House now stands adjourned until Tuesday, 20th June, 1967 at 12.00 o'clock (noon). Hon. members who are of that opinion will please say "Aye" and those who are not of that opinion will please say "No". I think the "Noes" have it.

The question now is that this House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 20th June, 1967, at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

Hon. members who are of that opinion will please say "Aye", and those who are of the contrary opinion will please say "No". I think the "Ayes" have it.

The House was accordingly adjourned.

6.55 p.m.

