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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Friday, 9th August, 1968.

Pursuant to the adjournment, the House of Assembly met at 4.45 p.m. 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., *(Leader of the House)*; Mr. J. W. CORBIN, J.P.; Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, *(Minister of Trade, Tourism, Co-operatives and Fisheries)*; Mr. R. St.C. WEEKES, J.P.; Mr. W. R. LOWE, J.P.; Hon. N. W. BOXILL, *(Minister of Communications and Works)*; Mr. J. B. YEARWOOD, J.P., *(Chairman of Committees)*; Sir GL H. ADAMS, C.M.G., Q.C., B.A., D.C.L. (Hon.), *(Leader of the Opposition)*; His Honour G. E. SARGEANT, *(Deputy Speaker)*; Mr. C. A. E. HOPPIN, J.P., Mr. J. B. SPRINGER; and Mr. H. B. *ST.* JOHN, LL.B.

Prayers were read.

Messrs. HINDS and CRAIG entered the Chamber and took their seats.

MINUTES

Mr. SPEAKER: There are no Minutes available for confirmation. I express my regret to hon. members.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

A Resolution to place the sum of $18,448 at the disposal of the Government to supplement the Estimates 1968-69, Part I — Current, as shown in the Supplementary Estimates 1968-69 No. 20 which form the Schedule to the Resolution.

I also beg to give notice of my intention to move the House into Committee of Supply at its next sitting to deal with this Resolution in all its stages.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following:

A Bill to amend the Medical Registration Act, 1911.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Mr. SPRINGER: Mr. Speaker, I beg to give notice of the following Resolution:-

WHEREAS the establishment of the Community College is designed to provide further education for pupils of secondary school age, including pupils of the approved independent secondary schools; and

WHEREAS a large section of the secondary school population already receive tuition at these schools; and

WHEREAS Government already awards bursaries tenable at these schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that Government substantially increase the number of these awards as from the beginning of the school year in September, 1968.

QUESTIONS

Mr. SPEAKER: There are Questions in the name of the Hon. and Learned member for St. Thomas. Is any member requesting permission to proceed to give notice of these Questions?

Mr. CRAIG: Mr. Speaker, I am asking leave on behalf of the hon. senior member for St. Thomas to give notice of the following Questions:-

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

1. Is the Minister aware that on the 1st June, 1968, the VIP room at Seawell Airport was made available to His Lordship the Bishop of Barbados, but not to the Senior member for St. Thomas, who was travelling on the same flight to London, while at London Airport the welcoming facilities of the Barbados High Commission were made available to the senior member for St. Thomas, but not to His Lordship the Bishop?

2. What is the Government's policy in respect to the use of (a) the VIP room at Seawell Airport, and (b) the welcoming facilities afforded by the Barbados diplomatic mission overseas.

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

Will the Minister state what rent is paid by West Indies Hospital Sweepstake Limited for the use of a booth at Seawell Airport, and when last was this rent paid?

To enquire of the Minister of Finance:

Will the Minister give figures for the last two completed financial years of collectings of Inland Revenue broken down into payments made by Companies, by individuals subject to PAYE deductions, and by all other individuals and sources of Inland Revenue?

To enquire of the Minister responsible for Development:

Will the Minister take steps to have the accounts of expenditure incurred in respect of the Barbados contribution to the Barbados-Guyana Pavillion at Expo '67 published as soon as possible?

To enquire of the appropriate Minister:

1. What is the Government's policy with respect to employment of non-Barbadian nationals in the High Commission for Barbados in London?

2. Excluding the High Commissioner, how many non-Barbadian nationals are employed in the High Commission and in what positions?

3. Is it considered that there are no Barbadians resident in the United Kingdom or otherwise suitable for employment in the positions referred to in paragraph (ii)?

To enquire of the Minister for External Affairs:

What is the number, if any, of temporary staff employed in the London High Commission?

2. Is any difficulty being experienced by the Government in filling the posts referred to in paragraph (i)?

To enquire of the Minister for External Affairs:

1. What rent is paid by the Students' and Nurses' Department of the High Commission for Guyana for their use of part of the premises of the High Commission for Barbados in London?

2. Is the students and Nurses Section of the High Commission for Guyana using the telephone and reception facilities of the High Commission for Barbados in London, and if so is any allowance being made to members of the staff of the Barbados High Commission for any additional duties thereby involved?

To enquire of the Minister responsible for Development:

What residential accommodation was rented by the Government of Barbados and Guyana in connection with Expo '67 where, for how long; at what rent or rents; for how long was it occupied; by whom; and at what dates?

4.55 p.m.

To enquire of the Minister of External Affairs:

Will the Minister make arrangements for a proper display of the flag of Barbados at the premises of the High Commission in London, so that it may be seen from the street in front of the High Commission?

To enquire of the Minister of Communications and Works:

1. Is the Minister aware that during the morning of Monday 28th July, 1968, a guard wall, the property of the Government, near Bennetts Road, in the parish of St. Thomas, was demolished following a collision involving a motor car and a bicycle?

2. Will the Minister state the names of the car driver and the bicycle rider respectively?

3. Will the Minister take steps, through the Courts if necessary, to recover from those concerned the cost of replacing the said guard wall.

To enquire of the Minister of Communications and Works:

1. Is the Minister aware that since question No. 143, referring to parking spaces in the Courtyard of the Law Courts, was asked in the Honourable House, a number of "No Parking" signs have been painted in the said courtyard?

2. Were these signs placed there by the Minister's direction, and if so, why?

To enquire of the Prime Minister:

Will the Prime Minister investigate the circumstances under which, although no complaint was received by any member of the staff of the Department concerned, on the initiative of the Minister of Communications and Works, the Acting Postmaster General invited certain members of the public to make complaints against a St. Thomas postman relevant to the performance of his duties, and pursued this course of action even after the members of the public concerned had refused to attend the G.P.O. to make any such complaint?

To enquire of the Minister of Communications and Works:

Will the Minister take steps to provide shelter and sanitary facilities for members of the public waiting for buses at the Princess Alice bus stand?

To enquire of the Minister of Community Development:

For what reason are members of the public sometimes required to give their names before using certain sanitary conveniences in Bridgetown and St. Michael?

BILL READ A FIRST TIME

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that a Bill to amend the Medical Registration Act, 1911, be now read a first time.

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

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

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Mr. SPEAKER: The first Order of the Day stands in the name of the Hon. Leader of the House:-

To move the House into Committee of Supply to consider the grant of sums of money for the service of the Island.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that you 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 in the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 1967-68 No. 18

TRAINING DIVISION – FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

A Resolution for the sum of $990 was called.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Committee will recall that some little time ago, the House gave approval to a Civil Establishment Order, the purpose of which was to provide extra Staff in the Training Unit. This Resolution now seeks to provide the furniture for that additional staff, to wit; Four desks, four swivel chairs, two typist desks and two typist chairs, for which the sum of $990 is estimated. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE 1968-69 No. 19

MENTAL HOSPITAL

A Resolution for the sum of $10,660 was called.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, in moving the passing of this Resolution, hon. members will remember that in the Estimates of Expenditure this year, 1968-69, provision was made in the sum of $30,000, under Capital Head 103, Item 4, for the construction of quarters for the Assistant Medical Superintendent of the Mental Hospital. This amount has already been voted. Since then, on the 15th March this year, the plans in connection with this building were again examined and the Chief Technical Director has advised that the quarters, as designed, could not be constructed for $30,000. Tenders were accordingly invited, and the Tenders Committee has recommended the acceptance of the tender of a certain firm of architects in the sum of $40,660, which is the lowest tender that was submitted. Since then, it was agreed that that tender should be accepted by the Cabinet. However, in order for the tender to be accepted, we need a supplementary provision of $10,660 to enable us to award this contract.

I may mention these facts, that between 1965-66 the Public Works Department constructed six quarters in the form of maisonettes for Medical Staff of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at a cost of $192,897, and the average cost of each of these quarters was therefore $32,150 approximately. It therefore appeared to be reasonable for a detached house with similar accommodation to be constructed two years after, and owing to the general increase in wages and the devaluation of the pound, that that house would cost at least $7,000 more. The Chief Technical Director considers the recommended tender as being a reasonable one, and the Quantity Surveyor attached to the Ministry of Communications and Works estimated the project at $39,148. It is therefore considered that the tender for $40,660 is a reasonable one. All of our advisers have advised us that way, and we are constructing this house for the Assistant Medical Superintendent at the Mental Hospital. By so doing, "Fernihurst", which occupied about five acres of land could be utilised for other purposes, whether for housing or otherwise; in fact, "Fernihurst" was originally intended for a Children's Home. 5.05 p.m.

Since then we thought of having the Headquarters of the Housing Authority removed there and a workshop constructed. That matter has not yet been fully resolved. At present we are looking at "Clarendon", Black Rock, in the hope of having the Children's Home constructed there; so that with all of this criticism, even from people who belong to this Party, about the children at the Infirmary, I want to say that since I have been a Minister for the last three years, or thereabouts, we have actually constructed or renovated, two homes for children within the last 1 1/2 to 2 years.

Now that, in my opinion, is some sort of achievement. I am not taking credit for what has been done; the Government take full credit for it. But for anyone to sit and say, or to publish, that we are doing nothing about children and the people's children at the Almshouse and crying out on their behalf, when two houses have been constructed, or renovated, for

placing children to live under more amenable and comfortable conditions, is not good enough. I refer to Farrs in St. Peter and the St. John's Children Home at St. John. What is very alarming and disturbing is that people belonging to your own Party will get up and criticise the Government of which they are a part. I have to say that.

We are dealing now with this Children's Home. It is true that we are asking for money now to construct a house opposite or, more or less, side by side, the Medical Superintendent's home. We are thinking of having a house constructed there for his Assistant, and to utilise the 4 1/2 to 5 acres of land at "Fernihurst" for housing or some other purpose, because that land could be more beneficially utilised. I beg to move that this Resolution do now pass.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to second that.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Chairman, I understand from the Minister that they are thinking of constructing this building on lands presently occupied by the Medical Superintendent, that is, at a house called "Rosemonte". Now the Minister ought to have told us that the Medical Superintendent has taken very strong objection to Government attempting to, what he calls, "trespass" — (Mr. St. JOHN: Are you making a joke?) —

Hon. C. E. TALMA: On a point of order, Sir. Before the hon. member elaborates further, I should like to point out that that has been resolved. The siting of this particular house has been resolved with the Medical Superintendent, one of the Architects from the Ministry of Communications and Works and the Ministry, and I was actually present when it was resolved. I had a big hand in resolving it. If the hon. member cares to listen to that, he could probably save a lot of energy.

Mr. HINDS: All I am saying is that the Medical Superintendent has objected. The Minister now tells us that there was something to be resolved, and it has been resolved. That is all I had to say on the matter. Now the Minister tells us that this house is to be constructed for the Assistant Medical Superintendent. How many Assistant Medical Superintendents are there at the Mental Hospital? My information is that there are to be two in addition to the Medical Superintendent. The Minister told us quite rightly on a previous occasion that the Medical Superintendent is going on leave. I think he will leave tomorrow.

The situation at the Mental Hospital is that the Medical Superintendent will be going away tomorrow and will not be returning until the 1st December. During that period Dr. Davies has been recruited as an Assistant Medical Superintendent; but, while Dr. Davies is a newcomer, another situation has arisen at the Mental Hospital. The Senior Assistant Medical Superintendent has refused to act as Medical Superintendent during the absence of the Superintendent abroad, and we now find that Dr. Davies, who has now been recruited, is coming in as a newcomer to be in charge of the Senior Assistant Medical Superintendent.

Dr. Davies took up residence in the quarters formerly occupied by the Chief Male Nurse during the last month, and some very, very interesting things have been revealed. It has been discovered now that the Matron, who is occupying the other flat adjoining the one Dr. Davies is occupying, has been occupying that flat from 1960 or 1962. From the time she has been occupying that flat, she has been having the services of a domestic servant. She has been using this flat and having the services of this servant for merely $20.00 a month. It is stipulated that she should have been paying $36.00 a month. The situation that we find at the Mental Hospital now is that the Matron owes $16.00 per month for a period of about five or six years.

While Dr. Davies is occupying this other flat, I wonder whether the Minister would tell us if he is going to be charged more than the matron was charged during the 5 year period, or if he will be allowed to occupy this flat at $20.00 instead of $36.00 a month?

5.15 p.m.

Now I understand the Minister to say that the situation has been resolved as regards the siting of this new building, but has Government been charged for the drawing of plans for this new building? Is it not a case where the cost of plan drawing is in the region of the $10,660 that we are being asked to vote today? We feel that the Minister would be glad to explain to us what is going to be the situation with regard to the services of another Assistant Superintendent during the period as from tomorrow until 1st December when the Medical Superintendent is due to return. I feel that the Minister will also be glad to tell us who is the lucky person who tendered and how soon he expects work on this resolved site will commence.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, in so far as the arrangements for carrying on of the Mental Hospital are concerned, Dr. Davies will be acting as Medical Superintendent because Dr. Murray-Ainsley has recently retired — I think his contract is up — and he is just holding on to assist us until such time as the Medical Superintendent returns. It may well be that he did not want to have the responsibility but I could not explain that very fully. The arrangement is that Dr. Davies will be acting as Medical Superintendent in place of Dr. Dacre who is the substantive holder of the post, and Dr. Murray-Ainsley as Assistant Medical Superintendent.

In so far as the rates for rental of the flats are concerned, I am afraid I have very little to do with that. The Minister of Home Affairs has a Committee which deals with rental of flats, and I am not a member of the Committee; so whether it is $20 or $30 or whatever it is, I could not answer that just off-hand, but I will have that looked into. If the wrong rent was charged for 5 1/2 years, I do not see that the Government could recover the arrears, difference

or differential. If you have made a mistake, you should pay for the mistake; but if the rent paid was $20 for the last five years and they have only now discovered that it should have been $36 so that the new tenant would be paying $36, the only thing that could be done is to adjust it so that each would pay $36 as from some time this year. I could not go into that any more thoroughly.

The hon. member asked who was the lucky person who tendered for the contract. Tenders were put in in the normal way and the lowest tender came from architect Timothy Walker Construction and is for $40,660. The question of having to pay $10,000 for the plan does not arise. Plans will be drawn by the various people who tender and that is part and parcel of the contract; you do not have to pay $10,000 extra for the plan. I gave the reasons for the cost going up from $30,000 to roughly $40,000. First of all there was the devaluation of the pound and increase wages owing to the cost of living. These are the only reasons I have here.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister would explain to us why use has not been made in a case such as this of the Government Architect in the Public Works Department for the preparation of plans and the like so as to reduce the cost of this.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Communications and Works, as far as I know, prepares the regular sketch plan because there is a lady there who does the drafting, and she was the one who was at the site on the day in question and had the plan. The plan will be prepared by the Ministry of Communications and they will have to comply with the specifications of the plan as prepared; so I do not quite understand what the hon. member is asking.

On the question of giving the work out by tender, the policy is in certain cases for work to be given out by tender to get the work done more quickly and more expeditiously. If we were trying to get the Public Works to do it, the hon. member would ask; why not give it out by contract. Now we are giving it out, he has asked just the reverse.

Mr. HINDS: On a point of order, I never queried the Government's reason for giving it out on contract.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The question is .....

Mr. HINDS: I am sorry, Mr. Chairman, I really rose on a point of order as I thought the Minister had something more to say on the matter, and that is why I sat down. I wonder what part the Quantity Surveyor at the Ministry of Communications and Works played in this Estimate, because I must tell the Minister that I know he is being shunned, so to speak, and the reason why he is being shunned in the Ministry is because it has been found that he is too honest a man to be working with Communications and Works in Barbados.

Hon. C. E. TALMA: Mr. Chairman, I was at pains to give as much detail as I had before me, and I did actually mention that the Quantity Surveyor attached to the Ministry of Communications and Works estimated the project at $39,148. I said all that already. I am not sheltering. I have stated what the view, advice and estimate of the Quantity Surveyor is, and the services of the Quantity Surveyor are being utilised. He is a new man; so he has to get into various costings on the Island, and like that his services are being as fully utilised as possible; but you cannot bring a new man here and get him doing costings without knowing local conditions and the cost of local material and all that.

The question that the Resolution for the sum of $10,660 do now pass was put and resolved in the affirmative without division.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move that Your Honour do not report the passing of three Resolutions in Committee of Supply.

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

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative, the Committee dividing as follows:-

5.25 p.m.

AYES: Hon. J. C. TUDOR, Hon. C. E. TALMA, Hon. N. W. BOXILL. Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, Messrs. LOWE, SPRINGER, CORBIN, SARGEANT, WEEKES, HOPPIN and SMITH – 11.

NOES: Messrs. HINDS, J. M. G. M. ADAMS and CRAIG – 3.

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

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, I am taking objecton to the Report of the Committee with respect to the sum of $370,000. On the occasion when the farce was executed, I was standing on my feet addressing the Chair in respect of this Resolution. It happened, Sir, that the Leader of the House rose, I was still on my feet addressing the Chair, and the next thing that I was to witness whilst addressing the Chair on the Resolution was that the Chairman of Committees put the question. I was still on my feet. I did not even pause as if to give the Chairman to feel in any respect that I had concluded my address. I am to say that what took place in Committee when the Chairman of Committees acted in the way he did, drew from this side of the House a stern warning to the Chair that he is inviting violence in this Honourable Chamber. I am repeating it now to you, Sir, that the Chairman acted in a manner which could not in any way bring credit to the proceedings of this Honourable House. I would appreciate much, Mr. Speaker, if you would draw on the records of the House.....

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

Mr. HINDS: If you would draw on the records of the House, Sir, ...

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member has risen on a point of order.

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. member who has just sat down and the House to "May's" at page 475, the seventeenth Edition of "May's" as to when closure is movable.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. On a point of order!

Mr. YEARWOOD: "At the conclusion of a speech whilst a member is addressing the House....."

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, is the hon. member making a speech? I would like Your Honour to rule.

Mr. SMITH: Two hon. members are on their feet.

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes. I think I should get the situation straight. I announced that the Chairman of Committees had reported to me the passing of certain Resolutions in Committee. The situation will be regularised if a motion were made that these Resolutions be now read a first time and then any hon. member who is opposing that motion would, in my view, be entitled to give his reasons for opposing that motion. The hon. junior member for St. Peter rose, neither on a motion, nor on a point of order, if I understood him correctly. The hon. junior member for St. John has risen and he prefaced his remarks by saying: "On a point of order". I would counsel all hon. members that, unless and until a motion is made in respect of these Resolutions, they defer their reasons for supporting or opposing the passing of these Resolutions, or the reading of these Resolutions a first time, until such a motion is made.

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

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

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, acting on Your Honour's advice, as to what time that a motion could be opposed or ought to be opposed, I now take this opportunity to oppose the motion with respect to the Resolution for $370,000.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question that these Resolutions be now read a first time is a collective motion. The hon. member is entitled to say why he is not supporting this motion because of his views about one or other Resolution or because of something which occurred, without, of course, making a speech on the subject matter of that which was in Committee.

5.35 p.m.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday when the Resolution for $370,000 was being debated in Committee, I was on my feet addressing the Chair and, without giving any cause whatsoever for the Chairman to feel that I had concluded my address, the Chairman put the motion while I was still on my feet.

Mr. YEARWOOD: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. First, it is not true that I thought the member had concluded his speech. Secondly — *(ASIDES).*

Mr. SPEAKER: I agree it would not be a point of order to make a statement as to fact: contradicting or affirming. That would not be a point of order.

Mr. YEARWOOD: I have stated, Mr. Speaker, that a Motion for closure was being made. Rule 32, the Motion for closure, was being made, and it is backed by the Seventeenth Edition of May's Parliamentary practice that the Motion for closure can be made at the end of a speech. *(ASIDES).*

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER: Let me hear the point of order to which the hon. junior member for St. John has risen.

Mr. YEARWOOD: My point of order, Mr. Speaker, is that I am citing May's to prove that I was entitled at page 475, Seventeenth Edition of May's, which reads as follows:

> "Closure may be moved at the conclusion of a speech, or whilst a Member is addressing the House".

Mr. HINDS: Can an hon. member refer to May's on a point of Order, Sir?

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes, he may refer to May's on a point of order. I am endeavouring to hear the point which he is making.

Mr. HINDS: That is a point of information, Sir. Enquire from him, and I should be glad if you would, whether it arises out of anything I have said today.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am endeavouring to hear the point which he is making. As soon as he has completed his point, which I assume he will do concisely, I will be able to rule.

Mr. YEARWOOD: The point, Sir, that I am making is that I am referring to the Seventeenth Edition of May's.

Mr. HINDS: The hon. member says the point of order he is making —

Mr. SPEAKER: I take it he is referring to a point of order.

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Speaker, this is on page 475: "Closure may be moved at the conclusion of a speech, or whilst a member is addressing the House".

Mr. HINDS: We were addressing the Committee and not the House, Sir. That is the trouble with him

in here, Sir. We were addressing the Committee. The Chairman of Committees does not understand what is "House" from what is "Committee". That is the trouble, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: Now let the hon. junior member for St. Peter continue calmly and dispassionately to give his reasons for not supporting the Motion.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, you will no doubt appreciate the difficulties under which hon. members of this House have to labour.

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I would like to draw the attention of the House to Standing Order 35:

> "The Speaker in the House or the Chairman in Committee shall be responsible for the observance of the rules of order in the House and Committee respectively, and his decision upon any point of order shall not be open to appeal and shall not be reviewed by the House except upon a substantive motion."

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, at no stage during my speech did any hon. member from the opposite side — the Government benches — rise on any point of order. There was never a question of a point of order, and the Chairman of Committees is now reading from May's! *(ASIDES).*

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: On a point of order. Is it in order for any hon. member, even if he happens to be the Chairman of Committees, to be in effect censuring you, Sir? That is what the hon. member is doing. He is reading the Standing Order which, in effect, tells you what you should do — that you should rule the hon. junior member for St. Peter out of order. I rise on a point of order, and to suggest, Sir, that it is not in order for an hon. member to do that. He just does not understand the Queen's English. *(ASIDES).*

Mr. SPEAKER: I see two hon. members on their feet.

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: He has no manners, Mr. Speaker.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: On a point of order, Sir. Is it in order for a member who, obviously, has no manners to be accusing another member of not having manners? *(ASIDES).* He is off again. The easiest thing in the world is to irritate the hon. member. Is the hon. member addressing the Chair? I thought the hon. member was sitting down.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid I may have to stand again.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: On a point of order, Sir. Hon. members on this side of the House — let me say it bluntly — I feel that too often, practically 99 times out of 100 the junior member for St. Thomas sits there and makes a lot of irrelevant and rude remarks seated, and the Chair does not correct him.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. junior member for St. Peter may proceed; but may I just point out that I am not concerned with what took place in Committee, or the debate on the substative matters which were in Committee. The hon. member may now only address giving his reason for not supporting, or for opposing, this Resolution, but in so doing he must not seek to go into the *minutiae* and details of the Motion with which he dealt in the Committee of the whole House. Let the hon. member continue to give his reasons for not supporting, or for opposing the Motion that these Resolutions be now read a first time.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Am I to understand that Your Honour is ruling that in the House you cannot discuss the merits of a Bill or Resolution before the House. That is only a discussion by a Committee which makes a Report to the House; it is not binding. 5.45 p.m.

You can discuss the first reading, the second reading and I have seen the third reading discussed in this House before, and I suggest to Your Honour that you do not give a Ruling which gives the impression that you cannot begin from the beginning again in the House of a Committee's report, because it is only the report of a Committee. I do not know what the Clerk is telling you; he may be telling you that the buses are about to leave the stand, but the Clerk gives the impression sometimes to be giving unsolicited advice to the Chair and that is none of his function or duty. The Clerk has not got a greater friend in this House than myself, but there is a stage which you reach. (Hon. N. W. BOXILL: You like the Clerk like how a butcher likes a pig.) That pig-like interruption!

Mr. SPEAKER: I am afraid all I can hear is laughter on both sides.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: There is always a pig-like grunt coming from the hon. junior member for St. Thomas, and he does not seem to realise that we look upon it just as a pig-like grunt, the sort of thing you would expect of a pig. No manners.

Mr. HINDS: Mr. Speaker, are you afraid to call on the hon. junior member for St. Thomas to shut up in here?

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the hon. junior member for St. Peter has interrupted the Hon. and Learned Leader of the Opposition.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I am always willing to give way to any hon. member on this side of the House, but those of us on this side of the House strongly object, not to an occasional remark across the House, because that happens in every Parliament, but to the constant, unmannerly pig-like interruptions by the hon. junior member for St. Thomas. What would be all right in the gully in St. Thomas is not all right in the House of Assembly.

said, were not listened to let alone considered by the members of the Government. But we on this side have to object to certain things as regards the passing of this particular Resolution when we find, for instance, the point made by the hon. member and only by the hon. member about the institution of a Technical Institute and the making of a Technical Institute at the same time as you are voting this money for a Community College with purports, to judge from the words of the Leader of the House, to do exactly what a Technical Institute is supposed to do.

I want to make this point above all things. I want to issue a warning to the public to watch out and see how almost impossible it is to believe that this is not a device to get rid of Sixth Forms. I am told — and I wish the Hon. Leader of the House would contradict it in view of what he has said before about abolishing Sixth Forms — that already the Minister of Education has issued an edict that pupils of schools that do not have provision for Sixth Form cannot get into a School with a Sixth Form. In short, pupils in a private school, let us say, that has no provision for Sixth Form teaching, who make application to get into Harrison College or Lodge School — and the Lodge School has room even if Harrison College has not got — are not to be accepted. Now that is a flat contradiction. I hope the Leader of the House would not get annoyed if I got on a public platform and said bluntly and plainly that what he said about the Minister of Education having no intention to abolish Sixth Form is utterly untrue. (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Why do you not sit down?)

Mr. SPEAKER: I will remind hon. members on both sides — because it happens on both sides from time to time — of the behaviour of hon. members when not speaking.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The Hon. Leader of the House ought to thank me for not going to the extreme that I have occasionally been forced to go as regards his veracity. I will merely —

Mr. SPEAKER: That does not —

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, let the hon. member got to any extreme he likes. Who the devil he thinks he is?

Mr. SPEAKER: No, no, no.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: That is an offensive remark, and I ask Your Honour to cause the hon. member to withdraw it.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will ask neither hon. member to withdraw what either has said either about "the veracity", or "who the devil someone thinks he is?" I will ask neither hon. member to withdraw.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: When Your Honour does that, Your Honour gives the impression — an impression that I have endeavoured not to show on the floor of the House though I will show it outside. Why has Your Honour got to tell me — all I have said is "question the veracity". I have said here up to last Tuesday that I would not believe the Hon. Leader of the House. In a witness-box I would not believe him. I have never been asked to withdraw that. I have said it at least six times on the floor of this House. I would not believe him on oath. I have never been asked to withdraw that, and merely because I say "question the veracity" — maybe I have done wrong to use the language he would use. He does not use simple English when he could use a big word, and maybe my saying "veracity" — I should withdraw the word "veracity" and say "truth".

Mr. SPEAKER: I make the distinction between the case of an hon. member saying he would not believe another hon. member, because it is a matter for the first hon. member whether that hon. member regards himself as a doubting Thomas; but when an hon. member speaks of the veracity of another hon. member, then he is going very close to the borderline. I say I am not calling on either hon. member to withdraw, at this stage, either remark which has been made, but I trust the debate will continue.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I am sorry I misunderstood Your Honour. I thought Your Honour was calling on me to withdraw.

Mr. SPEAKER: No, no, no. *(ASIDES)* Hon. members who are not speaking, please do not speak, or be inaudible.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: If Your Honour would come down solidly on menmbers on the Government side who break the Standing Orders, then no Standing Ordes would ever be broken. I mean that, and I am going to emphasise it.

Mr. SPEAKER: Will the Hon. Leader of the Opposition continue to give his reasons for opposing the Motion that these Resolutions be now read a second time?

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I was saying, Mr. Speaker, that it was pointed out by the junior member for St. Peter that the statements made and reasons given for having a Community College conflicted with the actions of the Government when they let it be known that they are starting an Evening Institute to do the same thing that the Community College should be doing. I also added — Technical Institute —

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: On a point of order. The hon. member does not know what he is saying. Who is starting an Evening Institute anywhere?

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I corrected by saying "Technical Institute". It is so easy to get the Leader of the House irritated, and one understands his position. As Minister of Edcuation it never occurred to him, and now he has the unpleasant duty of pushing up somebody else's baby. (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: You do not know what you are saying.) I do not know what I am saying when I say "pushing up somebody else's baby". As I understand it, the hon. member could never produce a baby.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will ask hon. members and the hon. member who has just spoken to avoid any unbecoming, even if not strictly, unparliamentary language in the interest of equanimity of the meeting.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I will be only too glad to oblige you, but I am not aware, so far, that I have used any unbecoming language. I said the Hon. ex-Minister of Education has to take charge of the baby of the present Minister of Education, and present it to the House as something to be accepted. I did not imagine that the Hon. Ex-Minister of Education could produce a baby himself! That is all I said. *(ASIDES.)* Is the hon. member telling us that a male person can produce a baby?

Mr. SPEAKER: Well, I am afraid that we are not even now, as in my view, reverting to the subject matter of what, presumably, was in Committee of the whole House, because we are now dealing with other matters.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: If I may say so with great respect, Your Honour seems to be falling into the same error that the Chairman of Committees falls into so often: interrupting hon. members. Your Honour has been to the House of Commons.
6.15 p.m.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will make this observation. The Chair does not, in fact, it cannot interrupt. It may interpose or it may intervene, and maybe, Mr. Speaker of the House of Commons does not have situations such as the Speaker of this House has to cope with. Let the hon. member proceed.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I have seen near "come to blows" in the House of Commons; but that is by the way.

Mr. SPEAKER: Near "come to blows" might be indications of violence.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Well, last Tuesday there would have been if the House had not been adjourned.

Mr. SPEAKER: Let us proceed now in the atmosphere in which we concluded last Tuesday.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The Hon. Leader of the House ought to be glad that I have been, since I returned to the House, in a mood of wanting to see co-operation rather than the reverse. (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: It is a pity you do.)

Mr. SPEAKER: Hon. members who are not speaking, please be inaudible; and what I have just said applies to both sides.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: It is the easiest thing in the world to get the Leader of the House irritated. His colleague on his left cannot be irritated because he is sub-human, — is that an offensive word? — too stupid to understand what he is doing or what Ruling he gives.

Mr. SPEAKER: Let the hon. member proceed instead of referring to personalities.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I am proceeding, Sir. When the hon. member for St. John gets there and laughs, presumably at something I am saying, which is ridiculous, I have to comment on the fact that he just does not know the ordinary English language and just does not understand the Standing Orders he reads. That is the sort of thing that goes on all the time.

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, the hon. junior member for St. Joseph has referred to me, but all I want to say is that I am not yet doting; I am not yet bewitched.

Mr. SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Let the hon. member proceed.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The hon. members says he is not yet bewitched. He has not got cause to become bewitched. He was born bewitched.

Mr. SPEAKER: That does not arise. Will the hon. Leader of the Opposition proceed with his speech and give his reasons for not supporting this motion?

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I understand the hon. junior member for St. Joseph to say that I was born bewitched. I object to that and I am asking him to withdraw it.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I withdraw it because it is not that I intended it; it is a reflection on his parents.

Mr. SPEAKER: Has the Hon. Leader of the Opposition withdrawn the words to which exception has been taken?

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Whevever any hon. member objects to any word I have used, I will withdraw it as long as the Chair asks me to withdraw it.

Mr. SPEAKER: In this particular case the hon. member has withdrawn that and I would ask .....

Mr. YEARWOOD: Mr. Speaker, I am also taking objection to the statement that it was a reflection on my parents, and I am also asking him to withdraw that.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, some of us are born wise, some of us acquire wisdom and some of us remain fools all our lives. The hon. member may choose.

Mr. SPEAKER: Behaviour of hon. members on both sides of the House when not speaking. I do not regard the last remark to which exception has been taken as unparliamentary, but I regard it as in bad taste and I trust that no similar remarks will be made, and that we will proceed with the people's business.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: All I said was that I withdrew it out of respect for his parents, because it

would look as if his parents had produced a bewitched child.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member having withdrawn it, will the hon. member proceed? The behaviour of members not speaking.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I do not know if the hon. member objects to my last remark because it is obvious that that is of general application. Some of us are born wise, some of us achieve wisdom, and some of us never get wise but remain fools all our lives. That is a general application but I do not want to pursue it. It shows what the House has degenerated to have a Chairman of Committees like the hon. junior member for St. John who does not understand simple English. Charge me with immodesty if you like, but don't you think it is insulting to me with my Parliamentary experience to be corrected by the hon. junior member for St. John? It is an insult every time the hon. member tells me I am doing something wrong. It is like the average Barbadian who has never gone abroad or learnt anything correcting a Professor of French in a University of Paris, telling him his French is wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I think the University of Paris is rather far from the Resolution about the Community College.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I was saying, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. Leader of the House did not hear correctly what I said about the Evening Institute. I said "Technical Institute". After all practically every school boy in this Island who has been thinking is talking about this Community College and of the implications of it. I merely make the point that we have got to remember what is said on the floor of this House and look out to see whether in effect promises made here are going to be really carried out, or whether it is not as the junior member for St. Peter said in Committee, a child of the present Minister of Education which he has forced on his colleagues in Cabinet and which for one reason or another the Prime Minister has accepted, and which has not the ghost of a chance of eventual success. Of course everybody realises that it is only the use of the majority vote by the Government that this has got through.

If the hon. member would interrupt with a louder voice, I might be able to reply to him, but I did not hear what he said. I do not know whether I should really warn him not to lose his temper so easily. Some times we cause him to lose his temper just to see him lose it. (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Not to see me lose it because I did not curse my mother when she was dying).

I have already reminded hon. members that I have made notes both on the first Tuesday and the last Tuesday which I shall not repeat again. The Hon. Leader of the House is very ingenious in making statements which are not a specific "yes" or "no" so that he can defend himself if things go this way or that way; but what he did say was that at no time has the Minister of Education said he is going to abolish Sixth Forms. When the hon. member says that, he means no time in public, but that is not the same thing as saying that he has no intention of abolishing Sixth Forms, because he has. (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: He has never said that he would). Exactly! He has never said that he would because he does not want to be pinned down to a statement he made by being told afterwards that he said on such-and-such a day in January, 1968 such-and-such a thing, and now look what he is doing!

6.25 p.m.

He has already begun by refusing to allow a private school to send pupils to a Sixth Form which exists now — the Lodge School. What is that but beginning to abolish Sixth Forms? There is room for Sixth Form pupils. What has happened with the girls even at St. Michael's Girls' School — well, they have started at Queen's College. The girls there are going to Harrison College because it has a Sixth Form, but he is stopping that already, for private school pupils. If that is not the beginning of the abolition of Sixth Forms, I would like to know what is. I remind hon. members that they can throw bricks at whichever colleague they choose to pick out, but I am reminding hon. members that Barbados is a small place and there is no such thing as a Cabinet secret. (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: You ought to be ashamed to say that because you were the Head of a Cabinet).

Mr. SPEAKER: The behaviour of hon. members when not speaking. Hon. members when not speaking please speak inaudibly.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I have never, in all my Parliamentary life in this House, heard it said that when the Labour Government was in power, any of the secrets of what you could call the Cabinet, although it did not have the formal position of a Cabinet, ever leaked out. I have never heard it said: "Watch out for Mr. So-and-so, Mr. "A", Mr. "B" or Mr. "C"; he tells secrets out". I have never heard that; so when the hon. member said that I should be ashamed ..... *(ASIDES)*.

Mr. SPEAKER: The behaviour of hon. members...

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The behaviour of the Hon. Leader of the House is past forgiveness, although Mr. Speaker seems to be willing to forgive him. It is difficult, Sir. I am not criticising Your Honour.

Mr. SPEAKER: There is not one of the 21 members of this House whom I have not forgiven. I do not include Mr. Deputy Speaker or the Chairman of Committees

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I am not criticising Your Honour. It is most difficult to keep the hon. member in order. You only have to irritate him a little bit, and off he goes.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that the question be now put.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to second that.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Oh! We will see. I have not got to that stage yet, but doubtless his colleagues on his left will remind him of the Standing Order which says that if it is an abuse of the Rules of the House or an infringement of the rights of the minority; because he gets annoyed and he is angry — just now he almost began to pull off his jacket — because he gets angry you must not let the Opposition talk. What is he? — Hitler? (Mr. St. JOHN: I want to speak). How long have we been discussing this in the House? It is not as if points have been repeated and repeated. This is nothing but a dictatorial method of trying to shut the mouths of the Opposition. And he is the Leader of the House, the Leader of a democratic Assembly!

Mr. SPEAKER: I will say this in respect of Rule 32 — Closure of Debate. It is in order for an hon. member when another hon. member is on his feet, to move that the question be now put. It is for the Chair to decide whether the putting of the motion, that is, at the particular time, is an abuse of the Rules of the House or an infringement of the rights of the minority. I do not rule that the motion as now put is an abuse of the Rules of the House, but in view of the fact that I had an intimation that the hon. senior member for Christ Church is seeking to speak on this motion that these Resolutions be now read a second time, I do not want there to be even any apparent infringement of the rights of the minority. That is in view of the intimation which I have received.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, we thank you for that intimation, but I will also add that it is not because one member of the Opposition has said that he would like to speak, that you have ruled. It is either an attempt to shut the mouths of the Opposition, and other members beside the hon. senior member for Christ Church might want to speak. If this is not a blatant case where anger has caused the Hon. Leader of the House to try to keep the mouths of the Opposition shut when the hon. member realises that we have been doing our best in spite of the laughter which may arise, to co-operate with the Government — but the hon. member after all of these years does not know me (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Know you?) *(ASIDES.)* If the hon. member knew me, he would know that the alternative to my attitude in the House of Assembly would be to get at every street corner and tell the public of Barbados who the Leader of the House is, and what his activities are, his disposition and his outlook on life. Do you want me to say more?

Mr. SPEAKER: Will the hon. member proceed to give his reasons for not supporting the motion?

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Here am I doing my utmost. I have seen the hon. member treated in the same way as if he were not the Leader of the House. and then he talks about non-cooperation! It is not true of some other hon. member that, I almost said "bird", but that would be uncomplimentary. He is more four-footed than two-footed. (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Why does he say that?) *(ASIDES)* Why does the hon. member interrupt? I am not even referring to him now. I am not interfering with him now. Just now I could have mentioned his proclivities if I wanted to interfere with him.

Mr. SPEAKER: Let the Hon. Leader of the House observe Standing Order in relation to members not speaking, and let the Hon. Leader of the Opposition. proceed with his substantive speech irrespective of personalties.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I thank you very much, Sir. *(ASIDES)* I wish that the Hon. Leader of the House would not interrupt me, because he may tempt me to do what Heaven knows I might regret doing. (Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Do it.)

Mr. SPEAKER: Will the Hon. Leader of the Opposition proceed? *(ASIDES.)*

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: I believe that that expression is often used by the hon. member in other circumstances: "Do, let's do". I wish that the hon. member would not interrupt me any more.

Mr. SPEAKER: May I remind hon. members now on that side of the House of the behaviour of hon. members not speaking? It makes it difficult for me to hear the Hon. Leader of the Opposition.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, this is the last point — and I will deal with it shortly because I dealt with it at great length in Committee, but I must make it in the House; it is to deplore the fact that a public advertisement was made of the proposed staff and their emoluments before coming to the House. I make it again because nothing in this world, absolutely nothing in this world connected with a Parliament, connected with a democratic Parliament, could be worse than that, that in gifts of money — the House of Assembly should be the last persons to hear of what the Government proposes to spend. It is doubtful, I have not given enough consideration of the matter, although off-hand I would say that the act does not go so far as being unconstitutional, but is certainly a complete denial, a completely contemptuous treatment of the House of Assembly, that the Government is issuing a statement to the public of sums of money which they will pay out before the House of Assembly has a chance of saying whether they will agree to those sums or not.

6.35 p.m.

The House was never given an opportunity of saying: "You are paying, say $1,500 to a cleaner or a gardener; why not make it $1,450?" The House was not given an opportunity to say: "We do not agree to that particular sum, and we want to reduce it by $50 or 5¢". There was absolute contempt of the House, and that comes as near as possible to being unconstitutional inasmuch as — I modify those last words, because something against the Constitution has to be against the Constitution. It means it is utterly contemptuous of the House to say: "You have to grant money, but we will tell the public beforehand what we, having the majority vote, are going to pay, no matter what the Opposition say".

If we go down the slippery path of neglecting the rights of the Opposition, or the rights of the House as a whole — some back bencher on the other side may not agree; he is not bound by a Cabinet decision. Back Benchers in all Parliaments sometimes vote with the Opposition because they conscientiously do not agree with something sent down by the Government. But the House as a whole are to be ignored; "it is immaterial what views you have; this is what we are paying people, whatever you may say". Let us have an end of this. Let us put an end to this slippery drift down to totalitarianism. There is plenty of it already existing — plenty of a pig-like opposition to anything that other people may feel or do which is not liked by a particular member.

Mr. Speaker, I have said enough, and I only remind hon. members of what was said by the junior member for St. Peter when this matter was in Committee, and what others of us on this side of the House have said. This side of the House is opposed to the passing of this particular Resolution as it is.

Mr. St. JOHN: Mr. Speaker, I am now in a position where, unless I hear certain explanations from the other side, I cannot give support to this Resolution since it contains provisions for the establishment of and the provision of money for the Community College, which has now turned out to be an Institute of a totally different conception from the impression given to us by the Hon. Leader of the House.

Mr. Speaker, the hon. junior member for St. Peter has asked in Committee stage, and we have had no explanations, whether it is not a fact that it is proposed by the Government to build a new Technical Institute, or whether they have applied to the Ministry of Overseas Development for a sum of $100,000, and what would be the relationship between that body and the Community College. What is more, we have information at our disposal that a Report on Technical Education and Technology, a subject which, it is proposed, will be taught at Community College — there has been a Report by a man called Mr. J. Gailer, and neither the previous Minister of Education, nor this Minister of Education has seen fit to publish his recommendations. I go further and state that none of his recommendations has been implemented; so it is not surprising to us on this side of the House that the Hon. Leader of the House, since this disclosure by the junior member for St. Peter, has shown as much nervousness as a tempermental racehorse.

We go further, Sir. It is obvious that the Community College, the money for which we are dealing with, is intended to replace, at an early date, Departments which are now carried on by other schools in this country for whom this Legislature votes money. Whatever the hon. Chairman of Committees may say, he, although legally speaking, in his capacity as a member of the Governing Body of the Lodge School, and Your Honour, too, in your capacity as a member of the Governing Body of the Lodge School, will now be subject to directives from the Minister of Education.

Now, that is legal nonsense. The constitution of a Governing Body of a Secondary Aided School in Barbados is not the same thing as a Statutory Board. The Minister cannot give them directives. All the Ministers can do is to say: "If you do not comply with our policy, we will revoke the grant". The money will already be voted by this House, and the Ministers cannot divert it to other purposes.

This is an important point, and I wish the Leader of the House will say something on it. You come here and say these are the aims and objects of this Institution. It is a new Institution. We ask for you $365,000. Surely, in seeking to enlist the support of members on this side, we are entitled to the honest, upright presentation as to what are the true aims and objectives of the Government in relation to it. Surely, in our duty to the taxpayers, we would want to know that we are not voting $370,000 for an Institution which, although it has Technology, is going to replace the Technical Institute. Is is going to do that? What about the Trade Schools that you were talking about? At the same time they are going to beg the British Ministry of Overseas Development for $100,000 to build a new Technical Institute!

This year, Sir, 500 boys sat an examination to get 100 places at the Technical Institute, in this country where there is a great need for people in Technical Fields of education. Why do not they tell us what happened to the Gailer Report? Why do not they come here and tell us what is the relationship between the Technology Division and — (ASIDES).

Sir, this is a very serious matter. The people in this country have been accustomed to exercising a certain freedom of choice within the Regulations that have been made to ensure equality and opportunity, and to ensure that people get places according to their merit. They have a certain freedom of choice as to which school they should go to.

If the Minister wants to assume directional powers, we have to see in here that, before he can carry out these directional powers, he comes here and gets the necessary legislative power.
6.45 p.m.

He has no authority at all to tell any Governing Body not to take a pupil from any school, and I challenge any member on the other side to get up here and say what is the legislative authority for any Minister of Education to say that the Governing Body of Foundation School, Harrison College or any of the schools must not take a pupil from another school. He is trying to fool people and masquerade as having all these powers, and Parliament has voted money for these schools and the Accountant General has got to pay it out on a requisition. The Minister cannot stop it; so do not let him go around here saying that he is directing people that they must not take them.

The other point, Sir, is that when one looks at this money, another serious problem has arisen. It

is cutting across all concepts of planning in this country. Do you know, Mr. Speaker, that if I am a pupil of Foundation School and I finish my G.C.E. and want to go to Lodge School because I live in St. Philip, the Minister wants to say I cannot go to Lodge School although it may be next door to me, but I must come down to the Community College? I know that the Chairman of Committees does not agree with that. We have had nothing here but an attempt to present this Resolution, and aims and objects before the House in one manner, and the Government is speaking in two or three voices on this. The Leader of the House is telling us one thing here, and the Minister of Education is telling us something different outside through the Press. Of course, Sir, we had an instance earlier today when we had one Minister having to complain about being stabbed in the back by another Party member of another Place. It seems to me a characteristic of people in the Other Place who did not face the electorate like me or you to stab other people in the back. That is the Government we have. I cannot vote for this because I know we have not been told the truth in this matter. Only time will show us the truth, and when we find out the truth and see whether it accords with our concept, then we will vote for it.

The question that the Resolution be now read a second time was put and resolved in the affirmative, the House dividing as follows:–

AYES: Mr. YEARWOOD, Hon. J. C. TUDOR, Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, Hon. N. W. BOXILL, Mr. LOWE, Mr. CORBIN, Mr. SPRINGER, Mr. SARGEANT, Mr. WEEKES and Mr. HOPPIN – 10.

NOES: Mr. LYNCH, Mr. ST. JOHN, Mr. HINDS, Mr. J. M. G. M. ADAMS, Mr. CRAIG and Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS – 6.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this Resolution be now agreed to.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to second that.

The question was put and resolved in the affirmative, the House dividing as follows:–

AYES: Mr. YEARWOOD, Hon. J. C. TUDOR, Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON, Hon. N. W. BOXILL, Mr. LOWE, Mr. CORBIN, Mr. SPRINGER, Mr. WEEKES, Mr. SARGEANT and Mr. HOPPIN – 10.

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ADJOURNMENT

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, this concludes Government Business for today's sitting.

I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next .....

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: On a point of order, the Order Paper is there.

Mr. SPEAKER: In what Order does the Leader of the House want Government Business?

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: Mr. Speaker, I am saying that the Order Paper is there, and we can go on with Private Members' Business.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Oh nonsense!

Mr. SPEAKER: Please. The Standing Orders have not been suspended, and we approach not the bewitching, but the witching hour of 7 0'clock.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, 13th August, 1968, at 12 noon.

Hon. G. G. FERGUSSON: I beg to second that.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: On the motion for the adjournment, I am pointing out that this attitude of the Government of treating the Opposition as if they do not exist is completely and utterly wrong. I hope no hon. member on the other side gets up and says I am out of order in speaking on the motion for the adjournment. They will learn in time if the way, the truth and the right path is pointed out to some of them. If we have an opportunity of getting rid of some of the business of the House at a comparatively early hour, what is to prevent the Leader of the House from moving the suspension of such-and-such an Order to go on with Private Members' Business? None of us on this side could possibly object to that because it is in our favour to go on with Private Members' Business; but if you use the weight of numbers, the weight of numbers is going to kill you eventually. I do not mind these things happening. I am writing them down and totalling them up. When the public of Barbados realises the sort of Government that takes place in this Island, our task in the next election will be an easy one.

Mr. Speaker, apparently neither the Speaker nor the Chairman of Committees can control the hon. junior member for St. Thomas.

Mr. SPEAKER: He is not the only member who....

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: If a beginning is made with him, the others will behave. If the hon. junior member for St. Thomas is told that if he continues his obstreperous, pig-like behaviour in this House, he will be asked to leave the House .....object to that if you like.

Hon. J. C. TUDOR: Of course I must object.

Sir GRANTLEY ADAMS: The Leader of the House sets himself up to be a dictator to the Chair as to

what the Chair should do nor not do. If the hon. member does not object and the Chair does not object, who is the Leader of the House to be making objections and talking from his seat?

Hon. N. W. BOXILL: Mr. Speaker .....

The question that this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, 13th August, 1968, at 12 o'clock noon, was put and resolved in the affirmative without division, and Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House accordingly.

6.55 p.m.