

COLONIAL LEGISLATURE. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, April 18, 1853. DEBATE ON THE SALARIES BILL.

[The Debate on this Bill—the several questions arising out of which occupied so much of the time and space of the Assembly—was not so much a matter of great length, that the Reporter, in order to secure publication of the whole, has been obliged to omit a great deal of the substance of the debate.] Mr. CLARK moved the resumption of the consideration of the Salaries Bill.

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principle of the Bill is to adhere to, there must be a cutting down of the emoluments of the office. The official duties of the Attorney General are not so great as those of the Treasurer or of the Colonial Secretary; they do not equal a fourth part of either. On the contrary, they are more than double those of the other two offices. He besides holds other offices of emolument, and has not only to attend to the duties of his office, but also to take care of the business of a private barrister. £300 a year is, therefore, a very small salary for a man who is to perform in his capacity of Attorney General.

With respect to the Prothonotary, I think it would be better to give him £400 a year, and to leave the £40 to be contingent on the amount of duties he may have to perform, to be either in the nature of a gratuity, or as a remuneration for the performance of extra duties. And I would recommend that the salary of the Prothonotary should be fixed, if the expiration of that period, it be found that any mistake had been made, with respect to the duties to be discharged, by any one of the three officers, and the amount of salary it will be easy to rectify it.

Mr. FRASER. I must say I have been much amused by the manoeuvring of some hon. members with respect to the different proposals. The motion of the Hon. Mr. WHELAN for the consideration of this Bill was first entered upon in the House of the whole House. The hon. member for the Crown Law-Officers, Mr. COLE (Hon. Mr. COLE) had first proposed that the salary of the Attorney General should be £400 a year, and that of the Prothonotary should be £300 a year, and that of the Clerk of the Crown and Prothonotary should be £200 a year.

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Mr. CLARK. I consent to take £150, because, if I do not, the amount may be still further reduced; for it has been said by some hon. members that it would be better to give £100 than to give £150. I consent to cut down the emoluments of so good and efficient an officer as Mr. Hodgson, if I could do so. Mr. PORR. I cannot see that circumstances in the law, member (Mr. Clark) under the present arrangement, would be any disadvantage to his own free will, and surrenders at discretion. The true average of the Prothonotary's salary is £170, and the true average of a Salary of £130 will be an act of positive injustice to a most deserving officer. If his salary were £130, he would be entitled to his duties, he will have only £100 a year left for himself.

Mr. CLARK. There is no way to discharge the official merits of Mr. Hodgson. We all admit his abilities and efficiency; and, in the present state of the law, it is impossible which he would, otherwise, be entitled, as Clerk of the Crown, which will continue to be the duty of the Prothonotary, as he is, as Prothonotary, thereby securing to him, on the whole an income of £400 a year—we shall deal much more liberally with him than we have done with the Attorney General.

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his doing so should not be duly commented upon. But besides expressing a great deal of concern on the language and motion of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Whelan), I will tell him that I had been in the habit of seeing a great many of the public, and instead of affording a favor to the public, it would be an additional burden. He had seen a great many of the public, and instead of affording a favor to the public, it would be an additional burden.

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