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[Committee of Supply.—Item—Expenses of Raising Loan—Portion of Travelling Expenses of the Hon. Mr. Vogel, £1,000.]

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"Mr. Fox desired to make an explanation respecting this item, which he was sure would be satisfactory to the House. He would briefly state the circumstances of the case. His honorable colleague, Mr. Vogel, had gone to England on a great mission, and there was a distinct understanding between himself and his colleagues that the whole of his expenses out of pocket would be borne by the Government. The Colonial Treasurer took his family with him, and was detained longer in America than he expected. Having successfully performed his mission, with as little delay as possible, he returned to New Zealand, and laid a statement of expenses incurred before his colleagues, which amounted to £1,400 in excess of the ordinary allowance made to members of Cabinets who had gone on a similar mission to England. Of that sum Mr. Vogel said about £400 was expenses of a private nature, and which he could not in justice ask to be paid for. The £1,000 had been bona fide expenditure incurred in the carrying out of his mission, and not a single farthing of it had rested in his pocket. The sum of £400 was recouped to the Government by Mr. Vogel. In order to carry out the spirit and letter of the arrangement which had been made with Mr. Vogel, the Government agreed that the £1,000 should be paid by the Government. Under the law the Government might have paid the whole money and charged it on the loan, but Mr. Vogel very properly insisted that the House should be asked to vote the money. The Government had adopted that course, and placed the sum on the supplementary estimates. He wished to impress upon the House the fact that not one shilling of the money went into Mr. Vogel's pocket; that the honorable member had not received a single sixpence as compensation, bonus, or remuneration for his services, but the actual money bona fide expended by him on the mission in which he was engaged for the service of the colony. That being the case, the Government had not taken upon itself to pay the money without the authority of the House, and they now asked the Committee to vote the sum placed on the estimates."

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