

port their Petitions now on the Table of this Honourable House. They conceived some Information on that Subject might be wanted here, and they thought it incumbent on them to point out the Manner which, from the local Knowledge of the Country, appeared to them most proper for constituting that Branch of the Legislature.

In that Plan, Sir, they have stated it as their Opinion, that the number of Representatives ought not to be fewer than 60 Members. Sir, I must again request this Honourable House not to lose sight of the amazing progress of Population in that Country; and when that it is considered, I am confident that 60 or 70 Members will not be regarded, even at present; as too great a number for that Branch of the Legislature; more particularly, if this Honourable House will attend to the natural Situation of Public Bodies of that kind;—that, at Times, some of the Members may be excused from attending their Duty in the Legislature, in Consequence of their being employed in the Service of Government; that others, again, may be excused from the pressing nature of their Private Affairs; and some, perhaps, on Account of Sickness. Therefore, from these and other natural Incidents, it is not likely that more than Two Thirds of the Number elected, will ever meet, at One Time, in the Legislature; which even supposing the number of Members proposed in the Plan of the Committees should be adopted, is perhaps, too small a number to impress on the minds of the Public that Respect for their Deliberations, and Confidence in the Wisdom and Necessity of their Acts, which is so necessary to the Tranquility and Stability of the Government.

Sir, it is proposed, by the 14th Clause of the Bill, to give to the Governor the Power “to Divide the Province into Counties, Districts, or Circles, and Towns, and Townships, and to appoint the Limits thereof, and to declare and appoint the number of Representatives to be chosen by each of such Districts, &c.” I do not mean to doubt the Prudence or good Intentions of the Person who may be Governor of the Province at the Time when