

tail of the observations that were made, except where they require notice.

Mr. Chancellor Pitt having proposed that the number of members to be chosen for the House of Assembly in Upper Canada should not be less than sixteen—

Mr. Fox rose, and objected to the number. He contended, that after so much had been said about obtaining proper aristocracy for that colony, on the preceding days they were not now to lose sight of giving it a proper share of democracy likewise, which was allowed on all hands to be requisite. Sure he was that sixteen was a good number for an aristocracy, but by no means for a democracy. He was perfectly aware that it was idle to expect or to maintain that in a representative House the number of the elected ought to bear a strict analogy to the number of the electors. He knew there was no necessity for it; and that 558 members of that House were just as good a representative of the people of England, amounting to eight millions as any larger number whatever; but if they were legislating for a much more populous country (France, for instance,) he did not believe he should be told that 558 members were fit representatives for the people of France. *Mr. Fox* thought sixteen by no means enough to form any thing that could bear the name of a popular assembly; he should rather have imagined that one hundred would have been the number, if one hundred fit members of assembly could have been obtained in Upper Canada.

Mr. Pitt said, as there were not above ten thousand individuals in Upper Canada (including men, women, and children,) he thought sixteen, in the present state of the province, was about a reasonable proportion of those who were fit persons to be chosen members of the House of Assembly, and could spare enough time for due attendance. The blank was filled up with the word sixteen. It was here observed by *Mr. Pitt*, that the bill did not limit the number of members to sixteen, but only shewed that it ought not to be less than sixteen.

The number of the members of the House of Assembly in Lower Canada was moved to be filled up with the word thirty.

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