

are charged. It would also be directly injurious to them, and therefore to the society at the head of which they are placed, thus to give an habitual and offensive prominence to the remuneration they were receiving, and in the same degree to direct public attention from the services by which that pecuniary reward was earned. The security which the Governor and his principal Officers would derive from the grant of a Civil List would strengthen the connexion subsisting between Canada and the other members of the British Empire. It would be a distinct recognition of the principle, that the administration of the affairs of the Province by a Governor and Officers appointed by the King, is a substantial and essential part of the Provincial Constitution. To debate from year to year, whether grants shall or shall not be made for the support of such functionaries, might almost seem to involve a tacit assumption, that the existence of such offices was itself a question open to annual revision.

In so remote a part of His Majesty's Dominions it is especially necessary that the royal authority, as represented by His Majesty's Officers, should be most distinctly admitted as one of the component and inseparable principles of the social system.

Nor are the motives by which the independence of the Judges has been recommended by the King and admitted by the Assembly, inapplicable to the case of the principal Officers of the Local Government.— They have frequently unpopular duties to perform; they are not seldom called to oppose the passions and emotions of the day, and for the permanent well-being