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Usually Governor wholly subservient to councils; Not only the administration, but also the judiciary dominated by governing clique; Legislative Assembly offered only means of constitutional

redress of wrongs -

It was rendered impotent through lack of control

of purse -

Governor joined with placemen in both Councils to

thwart Assembly;

In last resort, Governor and Councils could, by

abuse of power, secure the election of a

"bread and butter" Assembly - see exhibit

In the Assembly, on the public platform and through the

press the Reformers strove unceasingly to

remedy abuses;

When these means failed, they despatched petitions to

the Colonial Office and to the King -

even sent delegates to London to make known

situation;

"A Spurt of Civil War":

Only when all hope of redress disappeared was there any question of resort to armed force -