

opinion, they were not fit to be introduced where they had no original existence; where there was no particular reason for introducing them, arising from the nature of the country, its extent, its state of improvement, or its peculiar customs; where instead of attracting respect, they might excite envy; and as but few could enjoy them, those who did not might be induced to form an unfavorable comparison between their own situation and that of their neighbors, among whom no such distinctions were known. Even whilst he felt himself perfectly desirous of establishing a permanent provision for the clergy, he could not think of making for them a provision so considerable as was unknown in any country of Europe, where the species of religion to be provided for prevailed. It was upon these grounds which he had stated, that he felt himself justified in seconding the motion of his honourable friend (Mr. Hussey.)

*Mr. Chancellor Pitt* said that, although he did not feel himself inclined to oppose the motion, he could not avoid expressing his regret, that the clauses which were objected against had not attracted the attention of gentlemen on an earlier day: at any rate, it was not owing to any fault of his that the bill had not been fully discussed in the former stages of it; but considering it, as he did, to be of very great importance to form a system for the government of a colony, which both in point of duty and interest they were bound to do, he professed himself to be extremely anxious to court all opportunity of receiving every species of observation and information which could be obtained upon the subject; and therefore he acquiesced in the commitment of the bill. As to the first objection of the right honourable gentleman against the manner of forming the Assemblies, he must confess it was certainly his wish that the Assemblies in both provinces might prove numerous enough to answer all the purposes of a popular assembly, as far as the circumstances of the two provinces were properly qualified for that situation. But he doubted very much, according to the present state of the colony, and the population in that province, whether the assemblies could