

Catholic Clergy in the Province, or the Rule that is followed in England. I likewise beg Leave to submit to this Honourable House if it would not be proper to insert in the Clause concerning future Grants of Lands a Power to authorize His Majesty, with the Consent and Advice of the Legislature of the Province, to change the Tenure of the Lands granted and now held under the Feudal Tenure, when requested so to do, by Petitions from the Proprietors for that Purpose: I meant that Government should, upon Petition, accept of the Surrender of the old Feudal Grants, and regrant the same to the Proprietor again in Free and Common Soccage. This being optional, and not compulsory, cannot meet with any opposition; and in a short Time might be a happy Assistant in Anglifying the Colony, as it would by Degrees remove that detestable Badge, Vassalage.

I have now stated fully the Defects of the Bill as it at present stands. My Objections go principally against the following Clauses.

The establishing Two Independent Legislatures in the Province.

The making the Place of Councillor hereditary, and not limiting the Number of the Councillors.

The small Number of Representatives intended for the Assembly, and making the Duration of the Assembly septennial.

The continuing the Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, now in Force, or supposed to be in Force, in the Province generally.

The investing the Governor with the Power of dividing the Province into Districts, for the Purpose of Representation, and appointing the Returning Officer from Time to Time, and fixing the Places of Meeting of the Legislature.

The claiming of Tythes from the distant Protestant Settlers, and not settling the Rule.

The requiring Appeals from the Province to go before the King in Council, in their Progress to His Majesty in Parliament.

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