

ances; and for this purpose his Majesty consents that such provisions or regulations may be made by this House, respecting all future grants of land to be made by his Majesty within the said provinces, as this House shall think fit."

Mr. Chancellor Pitt then moved, "That the act of the 14th of his Majesty, respecting the said province, be read;" and the title being read, *pro forma*, he observed that the purport of his motion was to repeal part of the above act, and to introduce new regulations for the future government of the province. Feeling the importance of the subject, he should have been desirous of stating fully to the House the grounds and the principles on which he meant to proceed in forming a constitution for a valuable appendage to the British dominion, which he trusted would contribute to its future prosperity; but as it was not likely that any opposition would arise against bringing in a bill for this purpose, and as explanation would come with more propriety when the bill was before the House, he should state only in a few words the outlines of a plan, unless questions were asked, or explanations demanded, in the first instance. The bill which he meant to propose was founded, in the first place, on the recommendation contained in his Majesty's message to divide the province into two governments. This division, it was hoped, would put an end to the competition between the old French inhabitants and the new settlers from Britain or British colonies, which had occasioned the disputes and uncertainty respecting law, and other disputes of less importance, by which the province had been so long distracted. This division, it was hoped, could be made in such a manner as to give each a great majority in their own particular part, although it could not be expected to draw a line of complete separation. Any inconveniences to be apprehended from ancient Canadians being included in the one, or British settlers in the other, would be cured by the establishment of a local legislator in each.

It was for this purpose that he should first propose, in imitation of the constitution of the mother-country, a Council and House of Assembly for each; the Assembly to be