

sum ever allowed to a Member of the other House, should not only not be *asked* for, but should not be received if offered. Twenty shillings per diem for fifty days, to provide for the attendance and expenses of the *Honorable Legislative Council*, the *elite* of our Provincial *Aristocracy*, is a sum too contemptible for bestowment, and too paltry for their acceptance. If the Council is formed, as it should be, of *men of wealth*, we should ever be cautious, lest any measures be adopted which could enable the Crown to place persons in that situation, who, lacking the qualification of wealth, and therefore not having so great an amount of interest at stake in the Province, would be a *time-serving, place-seeking and dependent* body, regardless of the people from whom they could expect no lucrative gift, and wholly subservient to the Crown, from whom they would expect everything. Now, if provision were made for the attendance and expenses of the Council, the necessity for its being composed of men of wealth would in a great measure cease; the Crown would be enabled to substitute the class of persons before alluded to; the Council would be *several removes nearer to the Executive*, the poize of interest would therefore be *against the popular branch*, and the constitutional equilibrium destroyed. Thus we perceive, if our reasoning be sound, that the abolition of pay for the lower, or the introduction of it for the upper House, would severally produce the like result, and therefore should be *equally resisted by those who wish well to the Province*. But there were also other causes, if any were wanting, which operated upon the House in bringing them to the above resolution of 1833. In the Council were *four Executive Officers*, who were receiving salaries from the Crown; and three of whom were also Members of the Executive Council. These four were the *Chief Justice*, with a salary of £900 per annum; the *Commissioner of Crown Lands*, with a salary of £2000; the *Auditor General* and a *Commissioner of Quit-rents*. However, had this Executive influence not been there, other and suffi-