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“To obtain over the internal affairs of this Province, and over the management and settlement of the wild lands thereof, (for the advantage and benefit of all classes of His Majesty’s Subjects therein, without distinction) that wholesome and necessary control which springs from the principles of the Constitution itself, and of right belongs to the Legislature, and more particularly to this House, as the Representatives of the people.

Benefits of these reforms.

“Which reforms are specially calculated to promote the happiness of His Majesty’s Subjects in this Province—to draw more close the ties which attach the Colony to the British Empire, and can in no way prejudice or injure the interests of any of the Sister Provinces.”

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To examine into every one of these “Reforms” would extend this Report to a most inconvenient length, and your Committee have therefore judged it better to confine their attention to the two leading topics of the Executive and Legislative Councils, because in them is to be found ample reason why, in the opinion of your Committee, the people of this Province ought not, through their Representatives, and would not, in their individual capacity, co-operate in furthering the views expressed in this Resolution.

Composition of the Legislative Council considered.

Union of the three Estates the best feature of the British Constitution.

The question regarding the Executive Council it is perhaps unnecessary to discuss. Never was the public opinion more clearly, more emphatically expressed, than on that very subject, at the late general Election. A large majority of your Honorable House was, as your Committee firmly believe, returned as advocating principles and opinions diametrically opposed to those contained in this second Resolution. Your Committee, however, cannot let pass the opportunity of expressing their opinion, that the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, is entrusted with the exercise of the Royal Prerogative within the

Nomination of the Legislative Council by the Crown no new theory.