

facred, were, what they undoubtedly ought to be, open for the information and satisfaction of all persons concerned therein.

It appeared to him, His Excellency observed, that when, on any subject, there might happen to be a momentary difference of opinion between the Governor and his Council, it would be much better that their Reasonings should be put, at least for a time, on *special Files*, to be open only to the Governor and Members of the Council (or to such other particular Individuals as might obtain Special Permission from the Governor or from some Member of the Council for that purpose) to the end that the same might be reconsidered, whereby an *Union* of opinion might take place previous to the recording, than to record at once the *different Opinions* so entertained. For although His Excellency would in such cases always endeavour on his part, to consider the subject so fully before-hand, as not to be afraid of submitting his opinion thereon to the Judgment of the whole World; and although he would always be ready on his part to correct by a *future* document any mistake (all men being at times liable to error) that he might at any time discover in a *prior* one; yet, (admitting likewise that the same dispositions should equally prevail in