

XI. That all offices of trust be executed by the Principal in the appointment, unless from leave of absence from the Governour, with the advice and consent of the said Council; which leave of absence shall not extend to more than twelve months, nor be renewed by the Governour but with the approbation and consent of the Legislative Council.

XII. Your Petitioners sensibly feel, that, were the most wise and fit laws established among the people, yet their welfare, their security, and their comfort, must intirely depend on a just and impartial execution of such laws. Whatever constitution the subjects of the Crown in the province may obtain, the equal and true administration of justice must be the basis of their happiness; nor is it but with the utmost fervency that your Petitioners implore that the seats of justice may be filled by men of jurisprudent learning, and whose abilities, at the same time they are adequate to their employments, may be so rewarded, as to be confined to the functions of administering justice: and that their appointments may be made to them, to hold
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