

From these facts I hope this Honourable House will see the impropriety, and I may say the danger of rendering the place of Councillor hereditary in that Province. The Country is yet too young, and the People is too much dispersed, to admit of that refinement; and the fortunes are too small to support an Establishment of that kind in a proper stile of Independance.

How far it may be proper and judicious, if his Majesty should so incline, to confer hereditary Honours on Gentlemen of the greatest property and influence in that Country, by way of attaching them more strongly to the Interests of Government, it would be improper for me in this place to discuss. But if such a plan is considered expedient, these hereditary Honours ought to be independent of the Place of Councillor. These Gentlemen may, at the same time, be admitted of the Council; and on the Demise of any of these Honourable Councillors, the Son who succeeds to his Father's hereditary Honours may, if his Majesty pleases, be named to succeed to the vacant seat at the Council Board; for the place of Councillor will ever be considered as Honourable in that country, unless it is degraded by the Insignificance and Inconsequence of the Members, which it is extremely probable will be the case, if the places are made hereditary.—For supposing that the Councillors to be appointed in consequence of this Bill should really be those who have the greatest influence and possess the greatest Fortunes in that Country, this Honourable House must perceive, from the very small value of the Landed Fortunes, that the only means of Accumulation in that Country must be by the operations of Trade and Commerce: And I think I may venture to assert, that it is more than probable in Twenty Years, nay, perhaps in Ten Years, a new set of men may come forward, who may have acquired and realized fortunes much superior to any now in that Country; and who, it is natural to suppose, will possess a proportional degree of Political Power and Influence.

I shall hope that these Arguments are sufficiently powerful to convince this Honourable House of the Impropriety of making