

tive Council might be formed of the official members of the Legislative Council, joined to an equal number of members of the House of Assembly—the continuance of the latter in the Council being dependent on their retaining their seats in the Lower House. One improvement might, however, be immediately made. The first member of Council named in the Governor's commission, becomes of right its President. He is the officer commanding the garrison, *pro. tem.*, let his rank be what it may, and however frequent may be the changes in that post, from occasional absence on leave, or other causes.

This arrangement is in every respect inconvenient. The respectability of the Board is somewhat diminished by the repeated change of its President; legislative duties are foreign to the early habits and pursuits of many officers; they are consequently too often neglected; the senior member present presides for the day, and uniformity of system is not strictly preserved, from want of a regular head to enforce it. To obviate this, a staff-officer, of the rank