

in a certain degree, be left to his Discretion ; but the same Necessity cannot be alledged for giving him the Power to fix the *Place* of meeting every Time the Legislature is to be Assembled. This is a power, which though intended to answer the best, may be perverted to the very worst of purposes, in such an extensive and thinly inhabited Country. The Public Expences of the Province may be greatly increased by this ambulating Legislature ; and this power may be greatly exercised to the general Inconvenience and Distress of the Members of the Council and Assembly. They may be called from one end of the Province, to the other, and ordered to meet in Places hurtful to their Feelings, injurious to their Health, and where it may be impossible for them to communicate with their Constituents, or to procure the necessary information on such Objects as may be submitted to their Deliberation. I hope, therefore this Honourable House will strike out that Part of the Clause, by which the Governor is to be empowered to change the *Place* of Meeting, which ought certainly to be at the Seat of Government. If any exception is necessary the Legislature with the concurrence of the Governor may settle it.

Sir, it may perhaps be expected, from the 14th Clause of our Petitions, that in Consequence of our being allowed Representatives in the Legislature, the Province shall immediately raise the necessary funds for defraying the Expences of the Civil Government.

I acknowledge that it is the Intention of my Constituents that the Province should support these Expences. I will say farther, it is a Shame the Province has not paid these Expences many Years past. But there are Situations, when the Impossibility of doing what is right and proper obliges an Individual, or a Public, to stifle that keen Sense of Shame, and to expose their Inability to perform those Duties which of Right ought to be expected from them.

Sir, that Province has been so long oppressed by an arbitrary System of Government, and the Tyranny of uncertain and unknown Laws ; the Country has been so much neglected, and every Object of Industry and Improvement