

“most moderate Members of that Majority, and  
“should contain within itself so large a proportion  
“of persons of opposite sentiments, that the refusal of even a very few of the prevailing party to  
“concur in any measure proposed to it should  
“render it impossible for that measure to pass. It  
“is only by a Body answering this description  
“that a really effectual control can be preserved over  
“the representative branch of the Legislature :  
“if the Council should be directly opposed to the  
“Assembly, there must be a collision, which could  
“only end in the overthrow of the weaker authority ;  
“if it were a mere echo of the Lower House, the  
“object of the Institution would not be attained ;  
“but if it could be made generally to agree with  
“the more popular Body, while yet it had a character of greater Headiness and moderation it might  
“exercise most beneficially a check, which from  
“being only occasionally called into operation would,  
“when really wanted, be the more powerful.

“A plan for the creation of a Body of this sort  
“is submitted in a separate paper, but it is of course  
“proposed not for adoption without much further  
“enquiry, but as being calculated to enable the  
“Governor, or the Commissioners in the Colony,  
“to ascertain how such a scheme would probably  
“be received.

“To an alteration of the composition of the Legislative Council founded upon these principles there  
“would seem to be no valid objection.”

Supposing the question respecting the changes