

ensure that success, which is now lost, for want of concert and arrangement. As I fear I am trespassing upon your Lordship's time, I will briefly touch upon the changes which I would recommend in the judicial system of the Colonies. In those in which the Governor is sole Chancellor, he must depend upon some lawyer to dictate his decrees. In others, in which the Governor and Council exercise the function of Chancellor, the Chief Justice, who is President of the Council, is the mouth of the Court, and pronounces the decrees.

Why have so much unnecessary machinery, and keep the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Collector of the Customs (who are usually members of Council) from employment in their respective offices, to attend as Judges in Chancery?

I would recommend that the Chief Justice be sole Chancellor. The Prothonotary of his Court, and the Registrar of the Court of Chancery, might act as Masters in Chancery (a function now exercised at the Bermudas, and I believe in some other Colonies, by members of Council). These two officers might also discharge the duty of Examiners in Chancery. The Chief Justice ought, of course, to be a member of both the legislative and the privy Council. He cannot properly be Judge of the Court of Admiralty, because a prohibition goes from his Court to the Admiralty. The Attorney General will very properly be the Judge of the Admiralty, (which, if I mistake not, used to be the case in Virginia, when one of our Colonies,) and the Advocate General will in that Court protect the interest of the King *jure coronæ*, while the