

the Sovereign ; its numbers are not positively limited, but it has hitherto consisted of nine members, though for a short period, owing to an accidental circumstance, they were increased to ten. Of these, four are *ex officio* members,—the commandant, attorney general, colonial secretary, and collector of customs ; of the remaining five, the colonial treasurer is at present one, three are or have been respectable merchants, and the other is a barrister.

The division of the Executive and Legislative Council into two councils, the one executive, the other legislative, as lately established in the neighbouring colonies, has of course its advocates here. It is a matter, however, which has not hitherto excited any particular interest, and it may safely be left for future decision. Should a respectable and full House of Assembly, really representing the people, hereafter advocate such a measure, doubtless Her Majesty's Government would give it full consideration. The small amount of gentlemen of property, renders an extension of the Council by no means of easy accomplishment ; but an Execu-