

“ people,) the wisdom of parliament will
 “ think it necessary to establish a council
 “ that shall be composed of persons of the
 “ greatest weight and dignity in the pro-
 “ vince, to be nominated by the crown,
 “ and who shall also be removeable at the
 “ pleasure of the crown. And it seems
 “ probable also that the number of coun-
 “ fellors so to be appointed will be made
 “ variable at the pleasure of the crown be-
 “ tween the numbers of *twelve* counsellors
 “ and *thirty-six*, or some other pretty distant
 “ limits; so that the king, in his royal
 “ wisdom, may, at any time, either add
 “ to, or take from, the said council a great
 “ number of members, whenever he shall
 “ think the members already belonging to
 “ it not sufficiently attentive to the mainte-
 “ nance of his royal prerogative. For this
 “ has been already done with respect to
 “ the new council established in the
 “ Massachuset’s Bay by the late judicious
 “ act