

“ 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-  
 “ sellors 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  
 “ Massachusets Bay by the late judicious  
 “ act