

have very little to do in these Upper Districts where there are no Towns, and *where a stranger must at all times be a desirable sight.*

In the Year 1788, Lord Dorchester in consequence of an Ordinance of the Legislative Council divided these Upper Settlements into four Districts or Counties; and for the Convenience of the People established a Court of Common Pleas in each District, and appointed Judges, Justices of the Peace, and Sheriffs for each; and these People since that Time have had their Courts regularly. How far it may be proper to appoint a Chief Justice, having Jurisdiction over these Districts to act as a Criminal Judge when necessary, and, with a Lieutenant Governor, to carry into effect the Powers and Orders of Government, to form a Court of Errors or Appeal, to revise the Proceedings of the Courts of Common Pleas, I shall not presume to say, but such an Establishment cannot be any Impediment to the union of the Country under one Legislature; and I beg leave humbly to suggest for the consideration of this Honourable House, whether a large Society from the Variety of contending interests which it includes, may not be more easily managed and governed, than when it is divided into smaller and more compact Bodies.

Sir, by the Bill now under the Consideration of this Honourable House it is proposed that the Office of Member of the Legislative Council, may at his Majesty's Pleasure, be made hereditary: that is, to form a kind of Nobility or Aristocratic Body in that Province. This, Sir, is going farther than the People have desired, as this Honourable House will see by their Petitions for they have therein only requested, that the Councillors should hold their places during their life and residence in the Province. This they considered, was all that was necessary for them to ask, or that was proper or expedient, for the present, to grant them. The Idea of hereditary Councillors like many other Speculative opinions, has more of Plausibility in it, than of real advantage. It is an experiment extremely dangerous in any infant or young Colony, but it must appear absolutely ridiculous