

The eligibility to be restricted to the subjects of His Majesty having attained the age of at least thirty years; residents of the Province, and having resided therein at least fifteen years, and possessing an annual freehold income arising from property situated within the Province, of at least one hundred pounds for those elected for the Country, and of at least two hundred pounds for those for the Cities of Quebec and Montreal.

The duration of the Body limited to six years; the renewal to be made by one sixth part every year, it being to be determined during the first five years by lot which of the Members chosen at the General Election shall have to retire. When there shall happen to be any vacancies, those who succeed to them to be Members only for the period which would have remained to their predecessors.

The number of the Members to be equal to that of the Counties, Cities, and divisions thereof, or other circles, sending Members to the House of Assembly, with the exception of Boroughs whose population does not amount to 2000 souls, who would only have to vote in the Counties of which they make part. So that the number of Councillors would be nearly half of that of the Members of the Assembly.

The Speaker or Chairman of the Body to be chosen by the Members, subject to the approbation of His Majesty.

The Judges to be ineligible, as well as the Clergy.

The Members of the present Legislative Council not to belong to the New Council, except they are re-elected: at all events should His Majesty's Government insist upon retaining them, they should only be considered as supernumerary Members, and would have to justify their qualifications in landed property and resign their places of profit, in conformity with the present Report.

The Legislative Council not to be subject to dissolution.

The Members not to accept, otherwise than by Bill, places of profit or honor during good pleasure, excepting those of Justice of the Peace, and in the Militia, nor become accountable for public money, nor receive any directly or indirectly from the Executive Government, under whatever denomination, without subjecting themselves to a re-election.

The individuals who offer themselves as Candidates, shall make oath as to their qualifications; if the Candidates are not present, three Electors must make affirmation as to that qualification to the best of their knowledge. The Members elected, shall, before they take their seats, take the same oath, and shall be bound to renew it at all times upon order of the Body.

When it happens that Members are elected at the same time both for the Legislative Council and for the Assembly, they shall make choice of either one or the other of the Houses, within a prescribed time.

Your Committee cannot close their Report without expressing their regret, that the special statement of the views of His Majesty's Government on this important matter, promised by the Right Honorable Lord Viscount Goderich, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch of the 7th of July, 1831, has not yet reached Your Honorable House, so that they might be aided in their endeavours to remedy an acknowledged evil.

The whole nevertheless humbly submitted.

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