

But I will venture to go one step further, and to affirm, that the number of the members of this legislative council ought to be increased to thirty-one. For, if it should be possible to find eight persons more in the province, over and above the twenty-three counsellors already appointed, that are fit to be members of this council, I presume it will hardly be denied that it will be beneficial to the province that these eight persons should be added to the council; since it is obvious that a council consisting of thirty-one members is more likely to act with freedom and independency, and to know the state and condition of the province, and consequently is a fitter substitute for a general assembly of the people, than one that consists of fewer members, the individual members of both being supposed to possess the same degrees of merit and ability. It is therefore only necessary to shew that eight, or more, persons may be found in the province who may be reckoned worthy to be members of this council, and who are by no means inferiour to some of the persons already admitted into it. Now this, I presume, may be safely affirmed of the following persons, who are none of them as yet members of the council. In the first place, there are two, or more, new judges, who are now going into the province; who, if they are fit for the great offices they are to fill (as I do not doubt they are, and know one of them to be in an eminent degree,) must also be singularly fit to be members

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