

I have to observe, that these proposed corporations should have the rights of suing and being sued, and sufficient power for giving efficacy to all internal regulations, and by these means of promoting the welfare of the community, without any of those monopolies which exist in European Corporations.

The basis adopted for an equal representation of the people of the Province, was its population, ascertained by the militia rolls. This principle, liable from its own nature and the situation of the country to fluctuate, will in a more particular manner become unequal should Detroit be relinquished to the United States.

It therefore appears to me seasonable that I should request your Grace's directions on what established principle the extension of the number of representatives should hereafter take place. And it may be worthy of your consideration whether in the present peculiar instance, it may or may not be proper to give the right of electing members to the proposed cities of Niagara and Kingston which certainly will add to their respectability. Both should include a competent tract of ground, and for all purposes the former should include Queenston, where some projectors mean to build largely the ensuing year, and the town of Newark.

In respect to existing circumstances, it appears to me of consequence that Niagara should be incorporated as soon as possible, were it only to preserve its name in the King's Dominions. It is the policy of the United States solely to call themselves *Americans*, not only with the view to melt down in that general name every part of their confederation, but to enforce, when time shall suit, their principle that all colonies connected with European Governments and depending upon them, are foreign, and invaders, and that they themselves only are the natives.

Having no Chief Justice * and being at a distance from the

* In a prior despatch, dated 21st June, 1773, the Lieutenant-Governor, thus refers to the removal of Chief Justice Osgoode from Upper to Lower Canada: "I cannot but lament the very severe loss that His