

by us or any of our colonies, would be any improvement of our constitution, but the reverse. An aristocratical principle being one part of our mixed Government, he thought it proper there should be such a council in Canada as was provided for by the bill, and which might answer to that part of the British constitution which composed the other House of Parliament: With respect to the Protestant clergy, he wished to make an adequate provision for them, so that they might be supported in as respectable a situation as possible. The giving them a certain portion of land was the most eligible mode of supporting the clergy which had occurred to his mind; and as to the proportion of one-seventh, whether it was or was not too much, if it turned out to be too much in the future, *the state of the land appropriated to the clergy like every thing else provided by the bill, was subject to revision.* At present he imagined that no man could think that one-seventh part was unreasonable: and it was to be recollected that one-seventh had almost grown into an established custom where land had been given in commutation for tithes. One-tenth of the produce which took place in England must be confessed to be far greater provision than one-seventh of land. As to the division of the province, it was in a great measure the fundamental part of the bill; and he had no scruple to declare, that he considered it as the most material and essential part of it. He agreed with the right honourable gentleman in thinking it extremely desirable that the inhabitants of Canada should be united, and led universally to prefer the English constitution and the English laws. Dividing the province he considered to be the most likely means to effect this purpose, since by so doing, the French subjects would be sensible that the British government had no intention of forcing the English laws upon them, and therefore they would, with more facility, look at the operation and effect of those laws, compare them with the operation and effect of their own, and probably in time adopt them from conviction. This he thought was more likely to prove the case, than if the

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