

necessary in the progress of regulation, often involve the Objects in greater perplexities and confusion; and it is of the utmost Importance to the Tranquility of the Province, that the new Constitution should be clear, distinct, pointed, and intelligible.

The Bill now under the Deliberations of this Honourable House proposes, in the second and subsequent enacted Clauses, to separate or divide the Province into Two Governments, or otherwise to erect Two distinct Provinces in that Country, independent of each other. I cannot conceive what Reasons have induced the Proposition of this violent Measure. I have not heard that it has been the object of general Wish of the Loyalists, who are settled in the upper Parts of the Province; and I can assure this Honourable House, that it has not been desired by the Inhabitants of the lower Parts of the Country. I am confident this Honourable House will perceive the Danger of adopting a Plan which may have the most fatal Consequences, while the apparent Advantages which it offers to View are few, and of no great Moment.

Sir, the Loyalists who have settled in the upper Parts of the Province have had Reason to complain of the present System of Civil Government, as well as the Subscribers to the Petitions now on the Table of this Honourable House. They have been Fellow Sufferers with us, and have felt all that Anxiety for the Preservation of their Property, which the Operation of unknown Laws must ever occasion; a Situation of all others the most disagreeable and distressing, and which may have engaged some of these People, who could not perceive any other Way to get out of such Misery, to countenance the Plans of a few Individuals, who were more intent to support their own Schemes than to promote the true Interest of Government, in the general Tranquility and Prosperity of that extensive Country. But, Sir, even supposing that this Division has been proposed, in Consequence of the general Wish and Desire of the Loyalists, I hope this Honourable House will consider, on an Object of such vast

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