

governments, will be men, if not sought for, that will seek to be elected into their assemblies, thence they will derive consequence and importance; and among their neighbours they will be esteemed, according to their weight and influence in the assembly; They will soon become powerful speakers, and able debaters, therefore formidable to the Governor... and for his own peace and quiet of Government, he must buy them off as fast as they arise, and one sale will only increase the quantity at market, of popular talents greedily for a future purchaser. Really my Lord I should think the minister sufficiently tortured by the demands of popular members in England, not to wish to put his friend S^r. Guy upon the bed of thorns in America. In the present state of Canada, if a man of uncommon talents and ability arises, he can only exert himself in useful projects of Agriculture, or commerce, which must tend to increase the wealth, and population of the Country; or if he should become troublesome, and turbulent you have only to make him a Justice of Peace, and his clamor is silenced at once. In this state there is no temptation, nor food to nurture such talents; but let an assembly be once formed and you plant sedition in a hot bed, and the ill weed will soon ~~spread~~ spread its baneful influence through that extensive region. Even your Lordship may live to deprecate its consequences. unacquainted with American matters, if your Lordship will for a moment permit conjecture,

I would venture to assert that this desire of an assembly in Canada arises from the New Englandmen settled among them. Born in sedition, ~~and~~ nursed by faction, and habituated to the turbulence of their own Government, they wish to make themselves of importance among the peaceable Canadians, by the introduction of a novelty, in which they are so superior to them. Their art may perhaps have gone farther, they may have seduced the unsuspecting goodness, and integrity of S^r. Guy's heart, and made him even a lover and promoter of the scheme. I will not suppose the decernment of the Cabinet equally imposed upon: for I would flatter myself the measure is yet only in contemplation, and these arguments feeble as they are, and such others as I may produce, will have their effects. The Government of Canada in the supposed arrangement will be the British constitution in miniature, the King, Lords and commons in this farce of government, will be played by Governor, Council, and house of representatives. A semblance is perhaps the only specious argument in its favor. This constitution the best of all possible ones for Englishmen might do very well for a new state.. I will not suppose certain theorists the factors of this measure, have such things in view; I only suppose them mistaken in their design of better governing that province. In every society the government ought to be as simple, and as extensive as