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Justice ag^t his Lord^{ps} Just Rights, And so to Knit & Unite the several Branches of Power there, as to form one Grand & Regular Movement, all tending to the Honour & prosperity of his Lordship, & the Happiness & Welfare of the whole Province, without leaving it in the Power of any Individual amongst them, either from Motives of Interest, Avarice or Ambition, to disturb its operations. I have always considered his Lordships right of Nominating to the Council Board, not as a feather wherewith to Tickle the Vanity of such as he may be inclined to please, but as the chief Strength & Support not only of his Lordships rights, but of the whole frame of Government; 'tis by their advice Assemblys are called, prōgued & dissolved, & all the Subordinate parts of the Government are directed & put into Motion; It must therefore be of the last consequence to his Lord^p how the Vacancies that happen there, are filled up; If this point is disregarded, you may admitt a fool who will not only be troublesome & Impertinent but will Blabb every thing he knows; or if he has abilities, unless you are sure he is well affected to the Proprietor & Government, he will be the more Dangerous in proportion to those Abilities; for I am very well Satisfied that placing such a one there is so far from putting him out of the way, as is the pretended opinion of some there, that it is increasing his Power of doing Mischief, by letting him into all the Secrets of the Government, & giving him a share of Managem^t in that Power which is to controul & direct all the rest & so far corrupting & weakning the only check this Government has over the Madness of popular fury; a Third & very material consideration is, what attachments amongst themselves the person you propose to admit (whether he has abilities or no) either has at the time, or may in all likelihood fall into; because otherwise such a one may serve only to Strengthen an opposition to his Lordships Rights both private & Public & tho' capable of no more, yet by a single Vote either in opposition to the Just and wise Measures of a Governor or by falling in with the Measures of the Lower House, over turn the whole frame of the Constitution, & throw every thing into the hands of the People; And lastly, they ought to be such as can both in point of Health & distance constantly attend upon every Emergency; add to this, that your Council Act not only in a Consultive & Legislative, but likewise in a Judicial Capacity, & have the last decision of property in this Province of every thing that is brought before them; all which important Powers, very plainly Indicate not only the Propriety but Necessity of filling up Vacancies that may happen at this Board, with Men of Abilities, of strict & Impartial Justice, & of proper attachment to his Lordships Just rights & proroga-