

1 to Henry Lee. The important task, Jefferson wrote, was
2 not to find out new principles or new arguments never
3 before thought of, not merely to say things which had
4 never been said before, but to place before mankind the
5 common sense of the subject in terms so plain and firm
6 as to command their consent.

7 So while you strengthen the Legislative Branch
8 by giving it appropriate terms, so also it seems to me
9 that as a believer in a strong Governor, that you should
10 strengthen the position of the Governor.

11 There is one particular proposition that I
12 touched upon when I appeared before the Committee this
13 morning that I would like to touch upon again. We had
14 not only the traditional checks and balances, but we had
15 checks and balances within the Executive Branch of our
16 government under the old Constitution. This gave the
17 Governor a good alibi. He could say, well, I didn't appoint
18 him and I am not responsible for him. He was either elected
19 by the people or he was elected by a joint session of the
20 Legislature.

21 It seems to me a Governor has a right or should