

my Integrity & His Idps Property together with the Rights of Government
been made a Sacrifice. Having given You my Sentiments on the Plan
or Scheme which You were pleased to recommend to my Perusal & told You
how far I think it would be advisable to pursue it in what respects
it would or shal be found impracticable. I shall proceed to consider what
You say concerning the Justices of the Provincial Court & to make a few
Remarks on that Part of Your Letter. That the Gentlemen who sit as
Judges on the Provincial Bench are not such as would make a Figure
in Westminster Hall is most certain yet I cannot think they are Men re-
markably deficient in Point of Abilities or Understanding, nor do I believe
they are disaffected to the Id Proprietary or his Government. Most of
them were appointed long before I came to the Province & as no Complaint
was ever made to Me concerning their Misbehaviour on the Bench or In-
fidelity on any Occasion I never conceived myself at Liberty to remove them,
being forbid as You know by the 37th Article of my Instructions to remove
or displace any without sufficient & good Cause. Was it possible to get
any Gentlemen who have made the Law their particular Study to act
as Provincial Magistrates doubtless it would be right to supersede all
that are at present on the Bench & I think none of them could then
take such a Step amiss, but as this is by no means the Case. No Person
in the Province having applied himself to that Study but with a View
to practise at the Bar; by which they generally amass considerable For-
tunes I presume there is not one among them of any Note that would de-
cline & relinquish his Business for less than four or five Hundred
Pounds per Year at least & all the Salary or Allowance which