my opinion; it is for your acceptance or disapproval — You will of course have these matters determined and regulated by persons who in convention will draft for you such fundamental laws for the security and management of your government, as in their judgement they may deem best suited to your case; and what I do is only a prelude among what other gentlemen may have to offer to the performance of this great task.

Having remarked that in my opinion this government in some particulars should take the form of some of the States in America, I would in continuation advise that the highest officer of our Commonwealth be denominated, governor — His duties, functions, powers of course to be determined by delegates in con= =vention assembled. I would further advise that there be a deputy or lieutenant governor, whose duties to be defined in con= =vention. I would further advise that you have an Assem= =bly to consist of Senate and House of representatives — the former to consist of two members, and the latter four. And in order that the officers of these respective houses should be chosen out of the inhabitants of different parts of the Colony, I would advise, for the time being, that the settlement be divided into two divisions to be denominated the districts of East Har= =per and West Harper, the respective limits and bearings of which to be defined by delegates in Convention; and I would further advise that said districts of East Harper and West Harper be, each, divided into two Sections and appropriate

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