

In cases where it is proper to submit the subject to
the council, as ^{has always been} done in all controverted cases,
it is proper that correct information should
be obtained of the character & pretensions of
the party who remonstrates against the recom-
mendation of the court. This cannot be done
so effectually in any mode, as by the sense of
the officers & men of the regt. & country, to whom
the ~~views~~ ^{pretensions} of the parties are best known. If the
council is a constitutional mode of appointment
it is right that the council should possess adequate
information to enable it to make a proper
choice. I am persuaded that the gov^{rs} idea
went no further ~~than this~~, and that no senti-
ment stronger, than that such representations
would be rec^d. & duly attended to. escaped him.

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