

purchased great part of the Land they at first took up from ^{But even that they do} the Indians as well as from the Lord Proprietary, and have ever since continued in an amicable Course of Trade with them, except some partial Outrages and Skirmishes which never amounted to a general War, much less to a general Conquest, the *Indians* yet enjoying their Rights and Priviledges of Treaties and Trade with the *English*, of whom we yet frequently purchase their Rights of such Lands as we take up, as well as of the Lord Proprietary.

Resolved further, That this Province hath always, hitherto, ^{The Constitution as to the Law and Judicature.} had the Common Law, and such general Statutes of *England*, as are not restrained by Words of local Limitation in them, and such Acts of Assembly as were made in the Province, to suit it's particular Constitution as the Rule and Standard of it's Government and Judicature; such Statutes and Acts of Assembly being subject to the like Rules of Common Law or equitable Construction, as are used by the Judges in Construing Statutes in *England*; which happy Rules have by His Majesty and His Royal Ancestors, and also by his Lordship and his Noble Ancestors, or some of them, been hitherto approved, by having the Commissions of Judicature to include Directions of that Nature to the several Judicial Magistrates, unless those Words have at any time been casually or carelessly omitted by the Officers, in this Province, that drew such Commissions. That, therefore, whoever shall advise his Lordship, or his Successors, to Govern by any other Rules of Government, are evil Councillours, ill-wishers to his Lordship, and to our present happy Constitution, and intend thereby to infringe our *English Liberties*, and to frustrate in great Measure the Intent of the Crown by the Original Grant of this Province to the Lord Proprietary.

Resolved further, That the foregoing *Resolutions* of the House, ^{Asserted and Transmitted to Posterity.} are not occasioned by any apprehension that the Lord Proprietary has ever infringed, or ever had any Intention to infringe the Liberties or Priviledges of the People, or to Govern otherwise than according to the Usage and Custom of the Country since the first Settlement thereof, but meerly to assert their *Rights and Liberties*, and to Transmit their Sense thereof, and of the Nature of their Constitution to *Posterity*, without the least design of reflecting upon any Person whatsoever.

Ordered, That the Copy of the several Resolves of the 25th Instant be made out. Which was accordingly done, and sent to the Upper House by Col. L. and Mr. H. with the following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, October the 31st 1722.

May it please your Honours;

This House having made the several Resolves herewith sent, have thought fit to Communicate them to your Honours.

Sign'd per Order, M. J. Cl. Lo. Ho.

November the 2d 1722.

A Bill for *Limitation of Actions of Trespass and Ejectment*, was read the first and second Times by especial order, and pass *Nemine Contradicente*, which was so endors'd, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. T. and G.

Col. A. from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill for *Limitation of Actions of Trespass and Ejectments*, thus endors'd,

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