

“ and *Ireland*, and be in all Things held, treated, reputed, and esteemed, as the liege faithful
 “ People of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, born within our Kingdom of *England*, and likewise
 “ any Lands, Tenements, Revenues, Services, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, within
 “ our Kingdom of *England*, and other our Dominions, may inherit, or otherwise purchase,
 “ receive, take, have, hold, buy and possess, and them may occupy and enjoy, give, sell, alien,
 “ and bequeath, as likewise, all Liberties, Franchises, and Privileges, of this our Kingdom of
 “ *England*, freely, quietly, and peaceably, have and possess, occupy and enjoy, as our liege
 “ People, born, or to be born, within our said Kingdom of *England*, without the Let, Molesta-
 “ tion, Vexation, Trouble, or Grievance, of Us, our Heirs, and Successors; any Statute,
 “ Act, Ordinance, or Provision, to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

“ And further, our Pleasure is, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We
 “ do covenant and grant, to and with the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, that
 “ We, our Heirs and Successors, shall, at no Time hereafter, set or make, or cause to be set,
 “ any Imposition, Custom, or other Taxation, Rate or Contribution whatsoever, in or upon the
 “ Dwellers and Inhabitants of the foresaid Province, for their Lands, Tenements, Goods, or
 “ Chattels, within the said Province, or in or upon any Goods or Merchandizes, within the said
 “ Province, or to be laden and unladen within any the Ports or Harbours of the said Province:
 “ And our Pleasure is, and for Us, our Heirs and Successors, We charge and command, that
 “ this our Declaration shall be henceforward, from Time to Time, received and allowed in all
 “ our Courts, and before all the Judges of Us, our Heirs and Successors, for a sufficient and
 “ lawful Discharge, Payment and Acquittance: Commanding all and singular our Officers and
 “ Ministers of Us, our Heirs and Successors, and enjoining them, upon Pain of our high Dis-
 “ pleasure, that they do not presume, at any Time, to attempt any Thing to the contrary of the
 “ Premises, or that they do in any Sort withstand the same; but that they be at all Times aiding
 “ and assisting, as is fitting, unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, and his Heirs, and to the Inha-
 “ bitants and Merchants of *Maryland* aforesaid, their Servants, Ministers, Factors and Assigns,
 “ in the full Use and Fruition of the Benefit of this our Charter.”

IV. RESOLVED, That it is the Unanimous Opinion of this House, That the said Charter is
 Declaratory of the Constitutional Rights and Privileges of the Freemen of this Province.

V. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That TRIALS BY JURIES, is the grand Bulwark of
 LIBERTY, the undoubted Birthright of every ENGLISHMAN, and consequently of every BRI-
 TISH SUBJECT in AMERICA: And that the Erecting other Jurisdictions for the Trial of Mat-
 ters of Fact, is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and renders the Subject insecure in his LIBERTY and
 PROPERTY.

VI. RESOLVED, That it is the Unanimous Opinion of this House, That it cannot, with any
 Truth or Propriety, be said, That the Freemen of this Province of *Maryland*, are Represented in
 the *British* Parliament.

VII. RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That his Majesty's liege People of this ancient Province,
 have always enjoyed the Right of being Governed by Laws, to which they themselves have con-
 sented, in the Articles of Taxes, and internal Polity; and that the same hath never been forfeit-
 ed, or any other way yielded up, but hath been constantly recognized by the King and People of
Great-Britain.

VIII. RESOLVED, That it is the Unanimous Opinion of this House, That the Representa-
 tives of the Freemen of this Province, in their Legislative Capacity, together with the other Part
 of the Legislature, have the sole Right to lay Taxes and Impositions on the Inhabitants of this
 Province, or their Property and Effects: And that the Laying, Imposing, Levying, or Collecting,
 any Tax on, or from the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, under Colour of any other Authority, is
 UNCONSTITUTIONAL, and a direct VIOLATION of the RIGHTS of the FREEMEN
 of this Province.

ON Motion, ORDERED, That Mr. *James Hollyday*, Mr. *Hammond*, and Mr. *Johnson*, do pre-
 pare and bring in a Bill to continue all such Acts of Assembly of this Province, as would expire
 with this Session of Assembly.

James Hollyday, Esq; brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entituled, *An Act to con-
 tinue all such Acts of Assembly of this Province, as would expire with this Session of Assembly*; which was
 Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass; and was sent to the Up-
 per House, by Mr. *Sullivan*, and Mr. *Mackall*.

The following Message, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, September 28, 1765.

May it please your HONOURS,

IT not having been usual for Ordinances to be returned from your House to ours, after Assented
 to by you, we herewith return the Ordinance you sent us, that the Proceedings thereon may
 be as usual.

Signed per Order,

M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House, with the Ordinance, by Mr. *Baker*, and Mr. *Gibson*.

Mr.