

U. H. J. 2 We find the same again Joyned in one Charter to the Lord Baltimore for the seating this province viz^t the Propogation of the Church and the Liberty of the Subject declared in the same Charter

3 We find that when his Majesty was pleased to take the Government of this Province into his Hands the first Law that was made here was declaratory of the rights and Liberties of the Church and the Subject also contained in one and the same act

And if we after all these and many more Examples of the like nature which in this Juncture have not time to Collect we should as we Earnestly endeavour to propogate & maintain our duty to God and the King and forget those as we represent we must believe we are wanting to ourselves since they have not in any thing we have seen been yet Separated we humbly desire they may be Joyned and not omitted in this and therefore we humbly desire that these our Reasons may be taken into Consideration and we pray to God to bless us and our Posterity as our consciences witness our Integrity in this matter

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly

p. 899 The said message being read as also the Clause in the Bill relating thereto his Excellency is pleased to start the question what is meant by those words according to the Statute Laws for that they are of a Large Extent therefore will want Explanation and it being debated for some time the messengers are sent for in who accordingly came

They are asked what is meant by those words (according to the Statutes of England) to which M^r Dent answered that he has no commission from the House to say any thing in that matter but (according to his own private sence) does say that he takes this to be the meaning viz^t that where the Laws of this province are silent Justice shall be administered according to the Laws of England pursuant to an Act of Assembly of this Province

His Excellency is pleased to signify to them that the Parliament of Ireland have thought fit to Enumerate by a Law what Statutes of England shall be in force in that Kingdom and that they would do well to acquaint the House and Consider of it whether such General Words may not rather be a Grievance to the people than otherwise they take Leave and Depart

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Thompson and nine other members the following message which was read viz^t