

By the House of Burgesses July 9<sup>th</sup> 1696

U. H. J.

It is Represented to us by the messengers last sent that his Excellency was pleased to Give caution to this House that the Clause in the Act of Religion should be explained what was meant by the Words Statutes and Laws of England and requested that the House should explain themselves so as to make the words answer the ends Intended for which they humbly thank his Excellency and pray that to the former Words in the Act these words may be annexed (in all matters and Cases where the Laws of this Province are silent) with which words we pray the said Bill may pass

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk assembly

By his Excellency the Governor and Council July 9<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Ordered that the several Lawyers in Town return under their hands unto his Excellency in Council (with all Imaginable Expedition) in writing whether in the new bill drawn up relating to Religion &c a Clause therein incerted touching the Liberty of the Subject does not thereby give right to any person in case of meum and tuum to remove his cause to Westminster and whether upon the Statute of Magna Charta a man cannot demand to carry his cause to the court of common Pleas at Westminster

Signed p Order Henry Denton Clk

To his Excellency the Governor

In Obedience to this Command I am humbly of Opinion that the said Clause in the said Bill does not give right to any Person to remove his Cause to Westminster Hall to the court of common pleas there, by Reason of the saving in the said Bill and the other Laws of this province direct how and where Appeals shall be made Conformable to his Majestys Instructions therein which is humbly submitted to your Excellency by

Your Obedient Servants

Geo. Plater William Dent  
Phill Clarke James Crauford  
W<sup>m</sup> Hemsley

I humbly conceive that as his Majesty hath full Power to erect courts so to limit the Jurisdiction of the same to any particular Persons or Places as he pleases and that he hath by his Excellencys commission and the Laws of this Province done the same here & ought not to be removed hence contrary to the same

Kenelm Cheseldyn Robert Smith  
Edward Boothby