

- L. H J. solved that whoever shall Advance that his Majesty's Subjects by such their endeavours and Success have forfeited any part of their English Liberties are ill wishers to the Country and Mistake its happy Constitucon

Resolved Also that if there be any pretence of Conquest it can be only Supposed against the Native Indian Infidells which Supposition cannot be admitted because the Christian Inhabitants purchased great part of the Land they at first took up from the Indians as well as from the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> and have ever Since Continued in An Amicable Course of Trade with them Except some Partiall Outrages and Skirmishes which

- p. 51 never amounted to a Generall Warr much less to a generall Conquest, The Indians yet Injoying their rights and priviledges of Treaties and Trade with the English of whom we frequently purchase their rights of such Lands as we take up as well as of the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup>.

Resolved further That this province hath allwaies hitherto had the Common Law and such General Statutes of England as are not restrained by words of Locall Limitation in them and such Acts of Assembly as were made in the Province to Suite its particular Constitucon as the rule and Standard of 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 Royall Ancesters And Aso by his L<sup>pp</sup> and his Noble Ancesters or Some of them been hitherto Approved by having the Comissions of Judicature to include Directions of that Nature to the Severall Judiciall Magistrates unless those Words have at any Time been Casually or Carelessly omitted by the Officers in this Province that drew such Comissions That therefore whoever shall Advise his Lordship or his Successors to Govern by any other rules of Government are evill Counsellors ill wishers to his L<sup>pp</sup> and to Our present happy Constitucon and intend thereby to infringe our English Liberties and to frustrate in great Measure the Intent of the Crown by the Originall grant of this Province to the Lord Proprietary

Resolved further that the foregoing resolutions of the House are not occasioned by any Apprehension that the L<sup>d</sup> Prop<sup>ry</sup> 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 useage 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 Constitucon to Posterity without the least Designe of reflecting upon any person Whatsoever.