

L. H. J. parison of those tryable by the Common Law and particular Acts of Assembly) were Determined by them which Course has been Continued ever since the Restoration of the Government to the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord proprietary except in some particular Cases where the Circumstances of this Province Rendred the form of proceedings prescribed by Some Acts of parliament Impracticable and where there have [been] some Alterations made by Acts of Assembly the people Always Claiming and Insisting on the Rights and priviledges of English and Brittish Subjects and the Laws of their Mother Country as their Indubitable right and Agreeable to the Royall Charter from King Charles the first of pious memory to the Lord proprietary.

The Evidence to prove which are four Sorts

1<sup>st</sup> The Royall Charter

2<sup>d</sup> Acts of Assembly

3 Commissions and Instructions to Magistrates and other Officers.

4 Judiciall Proceedings Criminall and Civill

1 The Royall Charter recites that the Right Honble Cecilius Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> being Excited with a Laudable and pious Zeal for the propagation of the Christian Religion and an Enlargement of the Brittish Empire had humbly besought his Majestys Leave to transport at his Lordships Expence an Ample Colony of the English Nation into this province and mentions them as motives to his Majesty to Grant this Country to his Lordship His Majesty tho he grants his Lordship very great and Ample rights and priviledges reserves the supreme Dominion and Allegiance and Among others makes the following Conditions of the Charter viz. That all the Churches should be dedicated According to the Ecclesiasticall Law of England and that such Laws as should be made in Maryland should not be repugnant but Agreeable to the Laws of England as near as might be and to Remove all  
p. 63 [doubt ?] as wee Conceive touching the rights Libertys and priviledges of the people, The Charter Contains the following remarkable Clauses viz:

And we will also and of our more Speciall Grace Enjoyn Constitute Ordain and Command that the said Province shall be of our Allegiance and that all and singular the Subjects and Liege people of us our heirs and Successors transported or to be transported into the said province, and the Children of them and of such as shall Descend from them there already born or hereafter to be born, be and shall be Denizens and Lieges of us our heirs and Successors of our Kingdom of