

the English Statutes are made to operate in that part of his Ma^{ty}s plantations called Jamaica, which proceeding does not at all seem to Support some late Resolutions addressed to me Setting forth among other things, that such Generall Statutes of England as are not restrain'd by words of Locall Limitation, are in force in Maryland, another part of his plantations. Were they in force, what needs to make Laws to Establish them, as in the Case before you of Jamaica? The disallowance of which Act, with the reasons given for it Shews plainly that it is not thought proper to Suffer them to be introduced, As not Competent but Mischeivous in many Cases And the Attempting to make the Act shows as plainly, that they are not Lookd on as Laws of that Countrey, without a Law of their own to inforce them

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I must take notice indeed at the same time that this Act was represented to his Majesty as not proper for his allowance, it was recomended to him that if any of the particular Statutes of England should be look'd on as necessary & Convenient for them, and his Ma^{ty} should think them reasonable that he would be pleas'd to allow them to be introduced by a Law of their own making: and in this particular I esteem myself very fortunate it being so agreeable to that part of my Instruction set forth in your Address, Gentlemen of the Lower House, where I recomend, that when any of the English Statute Laws are found convenient, and well Adapted to your Circumstances you ought especially to Enact them de novo, or such part of them, as you think proper for you; and happy would it be for you all to Conduct yourselves accordingly.

What Laws Rules Customs, and Usages, are undoubted Certain, constantly adhered to, and known among you, farr be it from me to attempt to Alter, but for the Common Good, at your own request in Generall Assembly Legally Convened; any more, than I will Submit any alteracōns to be made by the opinions or Resolutions of others.

In all your Debates let me recomend to you Gentlemen of both Houses, Temper, moderation, and Good will towards one another of which I perceive from your Late Journalls, Some thing was wanting in the dispute relating to the Allowances due to the Council of State A Body of men Chose out of the ablest and worthiest among you to Serve the publick, and as such have found their Reward from their Country long before, and since the Act of Assembly, by which the twelve pence p^hh^d was raised towards the maintaining the Dignity and Station of my Lievtenant Governo^r and for such other uses as to me should seem meet, at the making of which Act it was not so much as Surmis'd that their Support should come from me and had it been Expressed, I would