

L. H. J. Likewise Resolved that it be an Instruction to the said Committee to inspect the form of the oaths of office that have been and now are usually taken by the severall magistrates; and that in Case the following clause be not inserted in the said oath it be Reported to the House; Such Clause being agreeable to the Oath taken by the Judges in England and resolved to be necessary here Viz.

“ To do equall Law and right to all the King’s Subjects rich & poor and not to delay any pson of Comon Right for the Letters of the King the Lord Proprietarys or of any other; [or] for any other Cause. But if any such Letters come to them they shall proceed to do the Law, the Same Letters Notwithstanding.”

p. 204 And that Copy of these Resolves be made and given to the said Committee, when they first go out, every Sessions; and that making and giving such Copies, be the undoubted Duty of the Clerke of this House and within the purview of his oath

Resolved also, that this province is not under the Circumstance of a Conquered Country; that if it were, the present Christian Inhabitants thereof would be in the Circumstance, not of the Conquered but of the Conquerors, It being a Colony of the English nation Encouraged by the Crown to Transplant themselves hither for the sake of Improving and enlarging its Dominions which by the Blessing of God upon their Endeavours, at their own Expence and Labour has been in Great measure obtain’d. And ’tis unanimously Resolved, That whoever shall advance that his Ma<sup>ty</sup>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 Constitution

Resolved also that if there be any pretence of Conquest it can be only Suppos’d 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 Proprietary; and have ever Since Continued in an Amicable Course of Trade with them Except some partiall Outrages and Skirmishes, which never amounted to Generall Warr, much less to a Generall Conquest, The Indians yet Enjoying their Rights and priviledges of Treaties and Trade with the English of whom we yet frequently purchase their Rights of such Lands we take up as well as of the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup>

Resolved further that the province hath allways hitherto had the Common Law, and such Generall Statutes of England as are not restrain’d by words of Locall Limitation in them, and such Acts of Assembly as were made in the Prov-