

L. H. J. missions to the severall Courts of Judicature within this Province and that they especially observe any Alterations that may at any time happen by accidentall Omission or otherwise therein and Particularly relating to such words therein as require the severall Judges and Justices to hear try and Determine according to the Laws Statutes Ordinances and reasonable Customs of England and of this Province or to such other words as have relation thereto and that they shall immediately make report to House of any Alterations that shall at any time happen in such Commission; and likewise to have regard as near as may be to observe wherein they differ from the forms of the severall sorts of Commissions to the Judges and Justices in England.

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Likewise Resolved That it be an Instruction to the said Committee to inspect the forms 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 Kings Subjects rich and Poor and not to delay any Person of common Right for the Letters of the King the Lord Proprietary 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.

And that a 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 Clerk of this House and within the Purveiw 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 obtained.

And it is Unanimously resolved 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 Constitution

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Resolved also that if there be any Pretence of Conquest it can only be 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 Proprietary and have ever since continued in an amicable course of Trade with them except some