

following Clause be not incerted in the said Oath it be Reported to the House such Clause being agreeable to the Oath taken by the Judges in England viz. L. H. J.

To do equal 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 the making and giving such Copies be the undoubted Duty of the Clerk of this House, and within the Purview of his Oath

Resolved also that this Province is not under the Circumstances of a conquered Country, that if it were the present Christian Inhabitants thereof would be in the Circumstances of the Conquerors not of the Conquered, 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 tis unanimously Resolved that whoever shall advance that his Majestys Subjects by such their Endeavours and Success have forfeited any part of their English Liberties are not well wishers to the Country and mistake its happy Constitution p. 322

Resolved also that if there be any pretence of Conquest it can be only supposed against the Native Indian Infidels, 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 partial Outrages and Skirmishes which never amounted to a General War much less to a General Conquest the Indians yet enjoying their Rights and Priviledges of Treaties and Peace with the English of whom we yet frequently purchase their Rights of such Lands as we take up as well as of the Lord Proprietary

Resolved further that this Province hath always hitherto had the common Law and such General Statutes of England as are securitative of the Rights and Liberties of the Subject and such Acts of Assembly as were made in this Province to suit its particular Constitution as the Rule & Standard of its Judicature and Government; 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 Royal Ancestors, and also by his Lordship and his noble Ancestors, or some of them been hitherto approved, by having the Commissions of Judicature to include Directions of that Nature