

And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee, as a Committee of Courts of Justice, that they observe the nature of all the Commissions to the several Courts of Iudicature within this Province, and that they especially observe any Alterations that may at any Time happen, by accidental Omission, or otherwise, therein; and particularly relating to such Words therein, as require the several Iudges and Iustices 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 the House, of any Alteration 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 several 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 Form of the Oaths of Office, that have been, and now are usually taken by the several Magistrates; and that in case the following Clause be not inserted in the said Oaths, 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 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 others 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. 550

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 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, not of the Conquered, but of the Conqueror, it being a Colony of the English Nation, encouraged by the Crown to transplant themselves hither, for the sake of improving and enlarging it's 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 Majesty's Subjects by such their Endeavours and Success have forfeited any Part of their English Liberties, are not well Wishers to the Country, and mistake it's happy Constitution.

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