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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 Privileges of Treaties and Trade 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 the Province to suit it's particular Constitution, as the Rule and standard of it's Government and Iudicature; 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 Iudicature to include Directions of that Nature to the several Iudicial Magistrates; unless those Words have at any Time been casually or carelessly omitted by the officers in this Province, that drew such Commissions.

M^r John Courts and M^r William Wilkinson, two returned members for Charles County, appear in the House.

On motion of a member for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Tryal of all matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise; Leave is given, and Ordered, that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly

M^r Philip Hammond, from the Committee of Laws, delivers M^r Speaker the following Lists of Laws which are to expire at the End of this present Session, viz.

p. 551 An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Iustice of the Peace.

An Act reviving An Act entituled, An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances, in the Prosecution of Suits at Law, and for reviving and continuing the supplementary Act thereto.

An Act for the Advancement of Iustice.

An Act reviving an Act entituled, An Act for the better Relief of poor Debtors.

An Act to prevent the ill Practices of Sheriffs, in the collecting and Payment of the publick and County Levies.