

The following Resolves, Ordered to be entered as the Resolves of this House L. H. J.
Liber No. 46

Resolved by the House, That the Members who are appointed as Members of the Committee of Aggrievances, have likewise the Character of a Committee for Courts of Justice, and that that Character, and the Duty of such Committee, be annexed to the said Committee of Aggrievances as a standing Part of their Duty. 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 Judicature 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 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 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. p. 449

Likewise Resolved, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, 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 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 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 Session, 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 in 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