

L. H. J. English Liberties, are not well-wishers to the Country, and mistake
 Liber No. 46 its happy Constitution.

[Qy. admitted] Resolved also, that if there be any Pretence of Conquest, it can only be supposed against the native Indian Infidels, which Supposition cannot be omitted, 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 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 its particular constitution, as the Rule and Standard of its Government and Indicature; 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 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.

Resolved, That the Subject matter of Governour Shirley's Letter, communicated to this House, be taken into Consideration to morrow morning.

M^r Brome, a returned member for Calvert County, appears in the House, M^r Wootton and M^r Mackall are sent to the Upper House to see him qualified: They return and acquaint M^r Speaker that they saw him qualified by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, signing the Oath of Abjuration and repeating and signing the Test. The Gentleman takes his Seat in the House.

Ordered, that M^r Worthington acquaint the Reverend M^r Gordon with the Request of this House to read divine Service at the Hour of Seven in the morning, and five in the Afternoon during this Session.

The Gentleman acquaints the House that the Rev^d M^r Gordon will comply with their Request.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon