

L. H. J.
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of the members, with the speaker, are met, according to the order for sitting, shall be fined according to the discretion of the speaker, not exceeding five shillings for any offence, unless upon such excuse as the speaker shall admit of

7.th All misdemeanors which shall happen in the house, shall be censured and fined in the house

8.th That no bill shall be read at anytime during this session till all the members in town shall be called in, except on some excuse to be admitted by the speaker

9.th That if any member of this house do depart, without leave from the honorable speaker, and the house, such member shall forfeit all his preceding allowances due to him for his attendance that session.

The following resolves viz.^t

Resolved by the house, That the members who shall be 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 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; and also to enquire and report whether it appears that the several magistrates in this province have been duly qualified, agreeable to law

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 its dominions; which by the blessing of God upon their endeavours, at their own expence and labour, has been in a great measure obtained: And 'tis unanimously resolved, that whosoever 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