

couraged 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 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 its happy Constitution

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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 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*

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 Judicature, such 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*, were read and unanimously approved of

Ordered, That M.^r Turbutt Wright, M.^r Hammond, M.^r Chase, M.^r J. Hall and M.^r Johnson be a Committee of Elections and Privileges

M.^r Beall, M.^r Tyler, M.^r Worthington, M.^r Johnson, M.^r Chamberlaine, M.^r Paca and M.^r Thomas, a Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice

M.^r Chamberlaine, M.^r Richardson, M.^r Deye, M.^r Contee, M.^r Sim, and M.^r Barnes a Committee of Accounts.

M.^r Worthington, M.^r Beall, M.^r T. Wright, M.^r Key, M.^r Bond and M.^r Sudler, a Committee to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit

Ordered, That a Message be prepared to the Upper House acquainting them therewith

Ordered, That M.^r Tyler, M.^r Thomas, M.^r Hawkins, M.^r Griffith, M.^r Ridgely, M.^r J. Hall, M.^r Ringgold and M.^r Wootton be a Committee to inspect into the several Public Offices and report to the House the State and Condition of them

The House appoint M.^r Thomas Brooke Hodgkin and M.^r John Courts Jones Committee Clerks.

Ordered, That they be qualified.