

"You, A. B. do swear, that any matter or thing which shall come to your knowledge as a member of the council of safety, and which you shall know is by a majority of the council ordered to be kept secret, you will not divulge, unless in a convention of delegates, or to the members of the council of safety, or with the leave of the convention, or of a majority of the council of safety. So help you GOD." And that the clerk of the council of safety, or of either of the said branches thereof, shall before he enters on execution of his office, before some justice of the peace, take an oath in the same form, except, instead of the words "as a member of the council of safety," inserting, "as clerk of the council of safety," or "as clerk of the eastern or western shore branch of the council of safety," as the case may be.

*Resolved*, That the resolution made by the convention of this province, held at the city of Annapolis in December last, "That no person ought to kill any lamb dropt before the first day of May yearly, or other sheep after the first day of January then next, under four years of age," be repealed, so far as it relates to the killing of lamb; but it is earnestly recommended, that the continental resolve respecting the killing of sheep be most strictly observed.

*Resolved*, That in all suits and actions now depending or commenced within this province, where there is no real dispute, the suitors and attorneys proceed, with all convenient speed, to settle the same by judgment, reference, or other amicable way; and that all suits and actions now depending or commenced (where there are real disputes, and which cannot be settled in an amicable manner, or tried with justice to the parties) ought to stand and remain, during these times of public calamity, in their present state and condition, or be continued until otherwise ordered by act of assembly, or some future convention; save and except only that bail may surrender their principals in their own discharge, and for want of other bail, that the principal may be committed; and that hereafter proper provision ought to be made, by act assembly, for reinstating, re-establishing, and prosecuting the business of the courts, and for barring the act for the limitation of suits.

*Resolved*, That in all suits and actions now depending or commenced, the depositions of any witness or witnesses, taken before two justices of any county court, or one of the justices of the provincial court of this province, in presence of the adverse party to him that requires such depositions to be taken, if upon due notice he thinks fit to be present, or upon notice doth refuse to be present, (the notice being proved) ought to be received as good evidence in any of the courts of this province, as if such evidence were personally