

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 not restrained by Words of local Limitation in them and such Acts of Assembly as were made in the Province to suit its particular Constitution as the will and standard of its Government and Judicature, 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 Judicial Magistrates, unless those words have at any time been casually or carelessly omitted by the Officers, in this Province, that drew such Commissions. That, therefore whoever shall advise his Lordship, or his Successors, to Govern by any other Rules of Government, are evil Councillours, ill wishers to his Lordship, and to our present happy Constitution, and intend thereby to infringe our English Liberties, and to frustrate in great Measure, the Intent of the Crown—by the Original Grant of this Province to the Lord Proprietary.

Resolved further that the foregoing Resolutions of the House are not occasioned by any Apprehension that the Lord Proprietary has ever infringed, or ever had any Intention to infringe the Liberties or Privileges of the People, or to Govern otherwise than according to the Usage and Custom of the Country since the first Settlement thereof, but merely to assert their *Rights* and *Liberties*, and to transmit their Sense thereof, and of the Nature of their Constitution to Posterity, without the least design of reflecting upon any person whatsoever.

Ordered That the Copy of the Several Resolves of the 25 Instant be made out—which was accord-