

Then question being moved what Laws the Province shall be Governed by it was said by some that they might do well to Agree upon some Lawes all we could bring from England Agree.

The President denying any such Power to be in the Hands Captain Cornwallys, propounded the Laws of England. The President did not deny that his Commission gave him Power in Civil Causes to proceed by the Laws of England and in Criminall Causes likewise not extending to Life or member but in those he was limited to the Laws of this Province, there could be no punishment inflicted on any crimes nor offend by the Refusal of these Laws.

Whereupon the Commission was produced & Examined and upon the reading of it it appeared that there was no Power in the Province to punish any Offence deserving Loss of life or member for want of Laws.

To this they answered such enormous offences would hardly be committed without Punishment and then it might be punished by martiall Law.

Between the hours of two and three
in the afternoon of the same day
Assembled

The President
Captain Cornwallys
Captain Evelyn
Mr Sawyer
Mr Greene
Richard Gannett
Serjeant Vaughan
James Baldridge

Captain Steele
Mr Philpott
Mr Langford
Francis Ralbutt
Edmond Parrot
Justinian Snow
Mr Clarke
Edmond Steele