

discontents between us and the People there but in regard
 the chiefest Pretended Exceptions against those Laws were
 as we are informed Contained in the Act of Recognition of
 Our Charter of our said Province from the late King of England
 and in that other for the Oath of Fidelity to us wherein
 it seems the words (Absolute Lord and Proprietary) in
 title is the same that is given us by the same Charter
 and the words (Royal Jurisdiction) are stumbled at by
 some there who seem to doubt that the former Words should
 infer a Slavery in the People there toward the latter
 words exceed the Power intended to us by the said Charter
 we thought fit hereby to declare that as the former words
 import no such Odious and sinister interpretation so
 we call God to witness we neither had nor have any in-
 tention to enslave the People thereby then or any other
 way whatsoever but indeed the Laws themselves do suf-
 ficiently Clear our intentions herein to all well meaning
 men if they be well Considered for the Act of Recognition
 and also the Oath of Fidelity have both Relation to
 our said Charter which provides that all Laws shall be
 made by us and our heirs there with the Consents of
 the Freemen of our said Province or their deputies or the
 Major part of them and by several other acts Contained
 in the said Body of Laws there is Provision made for
 Freedom of Conscience for Freedom of Cases / but such
 as shall be laid with the Assemblys Consent for Freedom
 from martial Law but only in time of Camp or Garrison
 & within such Camp or Garrison for Freedom of being
 Compelled in any kind to contribute to any war out
 of our said Province without the Consent of the Assembly