

Proposed by a Member and Resolved by the house that the Members that are appointed as Members of the Committee of Grievances have likewise the Character of a Committee for Courts of Justice and that that Character and the Duty of such Committee be annexed to the said Committee of Grievances as a standing part of their Duty —
And that it be an Instruction to the said Committee as a Committee of Courts of Justice that they observe the Nature of all the Commissions of the several Courts of Judicature within this Province and that they especially observe any Alteration that may at any time happen by Accidental Omission or otherwise therein and particularly relating to such Words therein as require the several Judges and Justices to here by and determine according to the Laws Statutes Ordinances and reasonable Customs of England and of this Province or to such other words as have relation thereto and that they shall judicially make a report to the house of any Alteration that shall at any time happen in such Commissions and likewise to have regard as near as may be to observe wherein they differ from the forms of the several sorts of Commissions to the Judges and Justices in England — Likewise resolved that it be an Instruction to the said Committee to direct the forms of the Oaths of Office that have been and now are usually taken by the several Magistrates and that in case the following Clause be not inserted in the said Oath it be reported to the house such Clause being agreeable to the Oath taken by the Judges in England and resolved to be necessary here viz
" to Doe Equal Law and Right to all the Kings Subjects rich and poor and not to
" Delay any person of Common Right for the Letters of the King the Lord Proprietary or of any other or for any other Cause but if any such Letters come to them they shall proceed to do the Law the same Letters notwithstanding —

And that a Copy of these resolves be made and given to the said Committee when they first go out every Session and that making and giving such Copies be the undoubted Duty of the Clerk of this house and within the period of his Oath —

Resolved also that this Province is not under the Circumstances of a conquered Country, that if it were the present Christian Inhabitants thereof would be in the Circumstances not of the Conquered but of the Conquerors, it being a Colony of the English Nation Encouraged 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 great Measure obtained and is Unanimously Resolved that whoever shall advance that his Majesty's Subjects by such their Endeavours and Success have forfeited any part of their English Liberties are Ill wishers to the Country and Mistake its happy Constitution —

Resolved also that if there be any pretence of Conquest it can be only supposed against the Native Indians Infidels which Supposition cannot be admitted because the said 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 the Privileges of Treasies and trade with the English of whom we 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 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 it, for the Constitution as the rule and Standard of its Government and Judicature, such that